

MASTER OF ARTS IN PUBLIC HISTORY

Mission Statement

The Department of History provides public history graduate students with the theoretical tools, applied historical methods, and real-world experiences to create historical interpretations that serve the public interest.

Student Learning Outcomes

UWF Public History M.A. graduates should be able to do the following:

Content

- Identify and evaluate core concepts, principles, processes, and methodologies of the discipline of history.
- Identify and evaluate core concepts, principles, processes, and methodologies of the discipline of Public History.

Critical Thinking

- Identify, evaluate, and synthesize primary and secondary sources to craft sound historical interpretations that address questions of contemporary relevance.
- Use applied historical methods to evaluate public history products and programming.

Communication

- Craft professional historical interpretations for multiple audiences.

Integrity/Values

- Articulate and apply professional ethical practices as defined by the American Historical Association's Statement on Standards of Professional Conduct and the National Council on Public History's Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct.

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

We assess the Academic Learning Plan SLOs through the evaluation of a comprehensive professional portfolio that is submitted as the final requirement of students' Capstone Internship. This portfolio includes artifacts of the student's work in coursework and applied settings. The portfolio is evaluated by a committee of two full-time departmental faculty members. Portfolios receive one of three evaluations: *exceeds*, *meets*, or *does not meet expectations* for entry-level employment in a Public History-related field.

Job Prospects for Public History Graduates

Students with an M.A. in Public History have strong skills in critical thinking, analysis, research, and the communication of complex ideas. They are well prepared for careers in: archives, museums and other cultural institutions, cultural resource management, historic preservation, non-profit administration, policy and business analysis, writing and editing, politics and government administration, government civil service and contracting, consulting, law and legal research, media careers, and careers in K-16 education.

Find out more about the Master's Program in Public History

<https://uwf.edu/cassh/departments/history/graduate-programs/public-history/>

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