

# ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC HISTORY (MA)

Department Website (<http://as.nyu.edu/history/>)

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## Program Description

For four decades, NYU has prepared students for successful careers as archivists, museum curators, documentary editors, cultural resource managers, historical interpreters, and media specialists. The program's Director, Professor Ellen Noonan, brings nearly 20 years of experience working in the field of public history and insures that the program is responsive to the needs of the ever evolving fields of archives and public history. Our courses emphasize a solid grounding in historical scholarship, intense engagement with digital technologies, and project-based learning. And there's no better place to study archives and public history than New York City. Course instructors are working professionals in the field, and students can choose to intern at one or more of the city's wide range of archival and public history institutions.

Students can pursue an MA or (if they already hold an MA in a humanities or related field) Advanced Certificate, electing to pursue a concentration in either Archives or Public History. We also offer a dual degree program in Library Science with Long Island University.

As part of their core coursework, students undertake independent research (capstone projects) using the unique resources of New York City as their public history and archives laboratory. In addition, internships are integrated with coursework, contributing to a professionalized and constructive learning environment.

## Admissions

All applicants to the Graduate School of Arts and Science (GSAS) are required to submit the general application requirements (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc.html>), which include:

- Academic Transcripts (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/academic-transcripts.html>)
- Test Scores (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/test-scores.html>) (if required)
- Applicant Statements (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/statements.html>)
- Résumé or Curriculum Vitae
- Letters of Recommendation (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/letters-of-recommendation.html>), and
- A non-refundable application fee (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/admissions/arc.html#fee>).

See History (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/admissions/arc/programs/history.html>) for admission requirements and instructions specific to this program.

## Program Requirements

The program requires the completion of 32 credits, and students choose one of the following concentrations:

## Archives

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
HIST-GA 1010	Introduction to Archives	4
HIST-GA 1011	Digital Archives	4
HIST-GA 2011	Internship Seminar	2
HIST-GA 3023	Independent Readings in Public History and Archives	2
HIST-GA 2031	Advanced Archival Description	4
HIST-GA 3013	Research in Public History and Archives	4
<b>Electives</b>		
HIST-GA ---	Elective Course	4
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<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>32</b>

## Public History

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
HIST-GA 1750	Introduction to Public History	4
HIST-GA 2033	Creating Digital History	4
HIST-GA 1757	Approaches to Public History	4
HIST-GA 2011	Internship Seminar	2
HIST-GA 3023	Independent Readings in Public History and Archives	2
HIST-GA 3013	Research in Public History and Archives	4
<b>Electives</b>		
HIST-GA ---	Elective Course	4
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<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>32</b>

## Additional Program Requirements

### Capstone Project

Students in this program are required to complete a capstone project.

## Sample Plan of Study

### Archives

Course	Title	Credits
<b>1st Semester/Term</b>		
HIST-GA 1010	Introduction to Archives	4
General Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>2nd Semester/Term</b>		
HIST-GA 1011	Digital Archives	4
HIST-GA 2011	Internship Seminar	2
HIST-GA 3023	Independent Readings in Public History and Archives	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>3rd Semester/Term</b>		
HIST-GA 2031	Advanced Archival Description	4
General Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8</b>

**4th Semester/Term**

HIST-GA 3013	Research in Public History and Archives	4
General Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8</b>
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## Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will have achieved:

1. Analytical and critical mastery of key scholarly literature on the history, theory, and practice of archives or public history.
2. Proficiency with digital methods as used in the practice of archives or public history.
3. Familiarity with professional norms, tasks, roles, and relationships in archives or public history work settings.
4. Capacity to intellectually conceptualize, plan, and carry out an original project or article-length research paper in archives or public history.

## Policies

### NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

### Graduate School of Arts and Science Policies

Academic Policies for the Graduate School of Arts and Science can be found on the Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/graduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).