Master of Arts in History
Public History Concentration

Western Carolina University
College of Arts and Sciences
Putting History to Work

Graduate students pursuing a Master of Arts in history may choose to concentrate on public history. Reflecting the broad nature of the field, our public history program familiarizes students with museum work, historic preservation, oral and local history, and the growing field of digital history.

Recent graduates from our program have found jobs at Old Salem Museum and Gardens, Tryon Palace, and the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, among other institutions and agencies.

Hands-On Learning

Our program includes a 150-hour public history internship. Students have interned at institutions across the region and state, including the Thomas Wolfe Memorial, Cowpens National Battlefield, the Tribal Historic Preservation Office of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Through their internships, students gain practical experience and make important connections with professionals in the field.

Financial Assistance with Professional Development

Our graduate assistantships offer both financial aid and numerous opportunities for professional development. Students work with faculty on oral history projects, at the WCU Mountain Heritage Center, and in our new 3-D Lab, where they create digital images of material culture for WCU’s growing digital humanities collections.

For More Information

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