

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
PROGRAM APPROVAL FORM



Undergraduate Graduate New Program Program Change

College: CAHS

Department: History

Program Title: History Major with Public History track

Program Type: Major Minor Concentration Certificate

Total Credit Hours: 36

Effective Date: Fall 2017

Is the new program or change in existing program part of an accreditation requirement? *If so, please explain.* Yes No

Does this course involve academic units external to the originating college? *If so, deans of all colleges involved must sign this form.* Yes No

Attach a detailed description of proposed program to include the following: background information, academic justification, student need and demand, listing of courses with credit hour requirements or deletions, facility requirements, and any other pertinent information.

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History Major with Public History Track

JUSTIFICATION: The History Department proposes to create a public history track within the department major. Public History provides the opportunity for employment of historians and the historical method outside of academia: in government, private corporations, the media, historical societies and museums, even in private practice. A track in public history will diversify student education within the history major and create more opportunities for our students after they graduate. The plan also is part of the Department's adaptation to the increasingly vocational concerns of today's students, and a means to attract more history majors. The track would allow students to get training in a range of historical skills and applications.

The History Department will continue to offer classes to support the Public History interdisciplinary minor for non-history majors.

However, the public history track within the major departs from the existing Public History minor. The department believes a track will better serve its students than a minor. Currently at UAH they can choose two history pathways (a history major and the public history minor). With the new track, they can take public history classes, but also diversify their education by choosing a non-history minor (or second major). Once the track is in place, History will no longer allow its students to take the public history minor.

CHANGES: The new history major with a public history track differs from the current major in the following points:

- It has a 2.5 GPA requirement rather than a 2.0 GPA requirement.
- It has 36 semester hours rather than 30 semester hours.
- It lacks the 6 semester hours electives in history.
- It adds 12 semester hours in listed public history classes.

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CURRENT HISTORY MAJOR:

- 30 semester hours beyond HY 103 and HY 104
 - 6 semester hours: HY 221 and HY 222
 - 6 semester hours: HY 290 and HY 490
 - 6 semester hours in US history beyond HY 221 and HY 222
 - 6 semester hours in Non-US History beyond HY 103 and HY 104
 - 6 semester hours electives in history
 - Three history courses (9 semester hours) at the 400 level
 - Must have a 2.0 GPA in major, minor, and overall.

NEW HISTORY MAJOR:

- The current requirements PLUS two new requirements:
 - No more than two classes from the following count toward the degree: HY 310 (Intro to Public History), HY 311 (Historic Archaeology), HY 312-(Cultural Resource Management), HY 410 (Public History), HY 492 (Public Memory and Interpretation), HY 493

(Fundamentals of Archives), HY 494 (Developing Digital Archives),
HY 495 (Public History Internship)

- Students in the History Major are not permitted to take the Public History minor.

HISTORY MAJOR WITH PUBLIC HISTORY TRACK:

- 36 semester hours beyond HY 103 and HY 104
 - 6 semester hours: HY 221 and HY 222
 - 6 semester hours: HY 290 and HY 490
 - 6 semester hours in US history beyond HY 221 and HY 222
 - 6 semester hours in Non-US History beyond HY 103 and HY 104
 - At least three history courses (9 semester hours) at the 400 level
 - an overall GPA of 2.5 or greater is required to enter the history major with public history track and once in the track, a 2.5 GPA in both history courses and overall must be maintained
 - 12 semester hours in public history from the following:
 - HY 310 (Intro to Public History), HY 311 (Historic Archaeology), HY 312-(Cultural Resource Management), HY 410 (Public History), HY 492 (Public Memory and Interpretation), HY 493 (Fundamentals of Archives), HY 494 (Developing Digital Archives), HY 495 (Public History Internship)
 - Students in the History Major with Public History Track are not permitted to take the Public History minor.