

PUBLIC HISTORY MINOR

College of Arts and Sciences

Program Website (<https://history.cornell.edu/undergraduate/#public-history-minor>)

Program Description

Public history is any form of historical engagement that moves beyond the traditional classroom and scholarly publication, including monuments, museums, oral history, historical preservation, walking tours, as well as historically-engaged performance and documentary film. The Public History minor provides students opportunities to think critically about diverse modes of historical learning and storytelling and the many ways historical knowledge circulates in public life: Whose histories are privileged and silenced? What strategies can we use to uncover and share knowledge of the past? How does history shape experiences of identity and community? And how can public and community-engaged history help us to better understand society and politics today? Courses in the Public History minor also emphasize applied forms of historical engagement—archival research, community-based oral history projects, and curation.

Minor Requirements

Five (5) courses from a list of courses (<https://history.cornell.edu/public-history-initiative-undergrad-minor-course-lists/>) totaling at least 15 credits, including:

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		
HIST 2792	Monuments, Museums, and Memory: An Introduction to Public History	
HIST 2482	Recovering the Black Past	
History Courses		
At least 2 courses from the list of approved history courses (courses in or cross-listed with history). Core courses can be used to count towards the two history course requirements. https://history.cornell.edu/public-history-initiative-undergrad-minor-course-lists (https://history.cornell.edu/public-history-initiative-undergrad-minor-course-lists/)		

Note:

- Students may petition the Public History minor committee to have a course that does not appear on the list count towards the minor. To learn more about the petition process, visit the Public History Initiative website (<https://phi.history.cornell.edu/academic-programs/undergraduate-minor/>).
- All classes must be taken for letter grades, unless classes are only offered as S/U.
- First-year writing seminars do not count for the minor. AP, Transfer, and Study Abroad courses are not eligible.