

PUBLIC HISTORY, EMPHASIS

The Public History Area of Emphasis is an option for undergraduate students majoring in history to build foundational skills through practical training and to engage with the past beyond traditional academic settings. This Emphasis is in response to student interest and national trends in the field. Many history students enrolled in HST 210 have expressed enthusiasm for learning about the variety of career paths available to history majors outside of classroom teaching. Several remarked that they “had no idea there were other possibilities” for applying a history degree in professional and community contexts.

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- Archives and Records Management
 - Digital History and Public Engagement
- Community and Oral History
- Genealogy

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The proposed Public History Minor is designed to provide undergraduate students with foundational skills and practical training to engage with the past beyond traditional academic settings. While this minor is new, it emerges in direct response to student interest and national trends in the field. Many students enrolled in HST 210 have expressed enthusiasm for learning about the variety of career paths available to history majors outside of classroom teaching. Several remarked that they “had no idea there were other possibilities” for applying a history degree in professional and community contexts.

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Course Requirements

 - General Education Course

 - Milestone course: a key success marker for your major. See your advisor to discuss the importance of this course in your plan of study.

The Core Curriculum is designed to foster critical thinking skills and introduce students to basic domains of thinking that transcend disciplines. The Core applies to all majors. Information on specific classes in the Core can be found at <https://www.marshall.edu/gened/>.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Curriculum		
<i>Core 1: Critical Thinking</i>		
FYS 100	First Yr Sem Critical Thinking	3
MTH 121 	Concepts and Applications (CT)	3
HST 101 	Great Civs to 1300 (CT)	3
<i>Core 2</i>		
ENG 101  	Beginning Composition	3
ENG 201  	Advanced Composition	3
CMM 103 	Fund Speech-Communication	3
		
MTH 121 	Concepts and Applications (CT)	3
	Core II Physical/Natural Science	4
	Core II Humanities	3
HST 101 	Great Civs to 1300 (CT) (Core II Social Science)	3
	Core II Fine Arts	3
<i>Additional University Requirements</i>		
	Writing Intensive	3
	Writing Intensive	3
HST 103 	The World Since 1850 (CT) (Multicultural or International)	3
HST 400 	Senior Seminar (Capstone)	3
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College-Specific

Global Languages and Cultures

Option 1: Successful completion of a 6-hour sequence ending with: FRN 102 Elementary French II, GER 102 Elementary German II, GRK 202 Ancient Greek First Year, JPN 102 Intermediate Japanese II, LAT 102 First Year Latin, SPN 102 Introductory Spanish II AND 6 hours of courses with Multicultural, International, or GLC attribute.

Option 2: Successful completion of 12-hour sequence ending with: 12

FRN 204	Intermediate French IV	
GER 204	Intermediate German II	
GRK 302	Intermediate Ancient Greek 2	
JPN 204	Intermediate Japanese IV	
SPN 204	Intermediate Spanish IV	

Option 2 for Latin: Successful completion of a 12-hour sequence that includes 6 hours from the following advanced courses: 12

LAT 201	Love & Hate in Roman Republic	
LAT 202	Ghosts & Monsters in Anc. Rome	
LAT 203	Julius Caesar: Man and Legend	3
LAT 204	Roman Festival and Spectacle	3

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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COLA Humanities		3
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HST COLA Social Science		3
COLA Social Science (not HST)		3
COLA Social Science (not HST)		3
COLA Physical/Natural Science		4

Major-Specific

HST 100	History Methods Lab	1
HST 101 	 Great Civs to 1300 (CT)	3
HST 102 	 World & West 1300-1850 (CT)	3
HST 103 	 The World Since 1850 (CT)	3
HST 230 	 American History to 1877 (CT)	3
HST 231 	 American Hist From 1877 (CT)	3
HST 300	History Research Option	0
HST 400 	Senior Seminar	3


History 200 Elective

Select one of the following: 3

HST 208 	The Developing World (CT)	
HST 218	Ancient Egypt	
HST 210 	History in Action ¹	
HST 219 	Ancient History	
HST 220 	European Hist Medieval	
HST 223 	Rise & Fall Nazi Germany	
HST 250 	Women in US History	
HST 260 	Rise of Islam 570-1750	
HST 265 	Modern East Asia	

United States History 300/400 Elective

Select one of the following: 3

HST 303	American Military History	
HST 312 	African-American History	
HST 330	Football and American Culture	
HST 333	American Colonial History	
HST 342	American Legal History	
HST 343	The US in the 1970s	
HST 344	The United States in the 1980s	

HST 360 	Sports and Civil Rights	
HST 365 	The Civil Rights Movement	
HST 366	Conspiracies in US History	
HST 405	Amer Diplomacy 1900-Pres	
HST 407	History of Sexuality	
HST 409	American Revolution	
HST 414	Am Civil War & Reconstruct	
HST 433	In Our Time-Am Since 1945	
HST 434 	The Vietnam War	
HST 440	West Virginia History	
HST 452	History of Sports in America	

European History 300/400 Elective

Select one the following: 3

HST 304 	Spanish History Since 1475	
HST 306	The Holocaust	
HST 392	Food and the City Since 1800	
HST 406	Tudor & Stuart England	
HST 421	Renaissance & Reformation	
HST 425	European Hist 1814-1914	
HST 428 	Age of Revolutions in Europe	
HST 430 	Soviet Russia and Beyond	
HST 448	British History in Film	
HST 462	The Viking World	
HST 465	Medieval Britain	

World History 300/400 Elective

Select one of the following: 3


HST 305	Drug Wars	
HST 307 	The Global Cold War	
HST 311	World War I	
HST 361 	The Modern Middle East	
HST 380	Asia to 1600	
HST 390	Food in World History	
HST 392	Food and the City Since 1800	
HST 427	The World at War	
HST 435 	Modern Japan	
HST 436	Modern China	
HST 445	Arab-Israeli Conflict	
HST 447	Film and Empire	
HST 467	Fashion and Textile History	

300/400 History Elective 3

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Free Elective 2

Public History Area of Emphasis (courses total 15 hours)

HST 210 	History in Action	3
HST 437	Seminar in Public History	3
HST 475	History Internship	3

Public History Area of Emphasis Electives


Select from the following to total 6 hours: 6


ANT 201 	Cultural Anthropology (CT)	
ANT 322	Archaeology	
ART 101	Visual Culture and Research	

ART 329	Cinematic Non-Fiction
DH 201 	Intro to Digital Humanities
ENG 314	Intro to Professional Writing
ENG 408	Writing in the Digital World
GEO 110	Basic GIS
GEO 113	Web GIS
GEO 223	Mapping Our World
HST 218	Ancient Egypt
HST 314	LGBTQ+ History of the US
HST 344	The United States in the 1980s
HST 401	History of Appalachia
HST 414	Am Civil War & Reconstruct
HST 456	Intro to Genealogy
HST 467	Fashion and Textile History
HST 470	The Civil War in Myth & Memory
HST 473	Tracks through Time
JMC 241	Media Design
JMC 260	Digital Imaging for JMC
JMC 265	Introduction to Podcasting
MKT 345	Hospitality & Tour Marketing
MKT 400	Social Media Marketing







¹ HST 210 is a required class for the Public History area of emphasis.

Semester Plan








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First Year



Course	Credit Hours
First Semester	
CMM 103 	Fund Speech-Communication 3
	
ENG 101  	Beginning Composition 3
FYS 100	First Yr Sem Critical Thinking 3
Core II Fine Arts	3
HST 101  	Great Civs to 1300 (CT) 3
UNI 100	Freshman First Class 1
Credit Hours 16	



Second Semester

ENG 201  	Advanced Composition 3
MTH 121 	Concepts and Applications (CT) 3
Core II Physical/Natural Science	4
HST 100	History Methods Lab 1
HST 102  	World & West 1300-1850 (CT) 3
HST 230  	American History to 1877 (CT) 3
Credit Hours 17	


Second Year

First Semester

Core II Humanities	3
HST 231  	American Hist From 1877 (CT) 3

Foreign Language 101	3
HST 103  	The World Since 1850 (CT) 3
COLA Physical/Natural Science	4
Credit Hours 16	

Second Semester

300-400 European History	3
Foreign Language 102	3
HST 210 	History in Action ¹ 3
Free Elective	3
Free Elective	2
Credit Hours 14	

Third Year

First Semester


Writing Intensive	3
Foreign Language 203 or MC, I or GLC Course	3
Public History Area of Emphasis Elective	3
COLA Social Science (not HST)	3
COLA Humanities	3
Credit Hours 15	

Second Semester

Writing Intensive	3
Foreign Language 204 or MC, I or GLC Course	3
COLA Humanities	3
COLA Social Science (not HST)	3
HST 475	History Internship ¹ 3
Credit Hours 15	

Fourth Year

First Semester

HST 400 	Senior Seminar 3
300/400 World History Elective	3
COLA Humanities	3
HST 437	Seminar in Public History ¹ 3
Free Elective	3
Credit Hours 15	

Second Semester

Public History Area of Emphasis Elective	3
300/400 History Elective	3
300/400 Elective	3
300/400 Elective	3
Credit Hours 12	
Total Credit Hours 120	

¹ Public History Area of Emphasis Requirement