

Public History Track for Monmouth College History Majors

Monmouth College offers courses vary rarely ever given to undergraduates! Our Public History track will make your resume stand out for prospective employers and fine graduate schools—and we have the alums with spectacular careers to prove it! If you love history, but you do not want to teach history in a classroom, Public History may be for you.

Public historians work in museums and historic sites, make documentary films, conduct oral histories, and offer their expertise to those interested in tracing their genealogy. Archivists prepare documents for use by scholars and non-scholars, and librarians organize history presentations and other programs for their constituents.

If you are interested in Public History, see Dr. Fred Witzig or Dr. Stacy Cordery in Wallace Hall, or Prof. Lynn Daw in Hewes Library for more information. And get started on these courses, which you can take as you complete your four-year plan in History:

Recommended Public History Courses:

- **HIST 190 : Intro to Archives** (½ credit)
- **HIST 290 Archive Practicum** (½ credit)
- **HIST 390 Archives/Museum Independent Study** (½ or 1 credit)
- **HIST195: Archeology Lab**, 1 credit (more if you think you may want to pursue a career in Native American history)
- **HIST310: Family History** (½ credit)
- **ENGL490: Library Science** (½ credit)
- **HIST193, Introduction to Public History**, ½ credit

Public History students are strongly encouraged to take **ARMT237: Arts Management, Marketing, and Public Relations** and **BUSI105: Introduction to Commerce**; they also have the option of minoring in Arts Management.

History Courses: If you have an idea of what type of historic site or museum interests you, choose history courses in that era and/or location. For instance, if you are interested in WWII, take several 20th century U.S. history courses. If you would like to work at a Civil War site, include Civil War courses.