HIST 3325: Introduction to Public History

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 30 credit hours.

The course exposes students to how Americans think about the past, as well as its commemoration and public presentation. Special focus will be placed on the ways in which historians transfer their writing, research, and analytical skills to professions outside of academia. Major subfields and professions within public history are examined as are the current issues and controversies within the field.

HIST 3326: Historic Preservation

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 30 credit hours.

Examines the history, theories, and methods of historic preservation. Students are exposed to such activities as renovation approaches for historic architecture, neighborhood and downtown revitalization, and heritage tourism, as well as the social and ethical issues swirling around preservation. Students are also introduced to the "tools" of preservation, including tax incentives, historic inventories, HABS/HAER, the National Register of Historic Places, and the National Trust's Teaching with Historic Places.

HIST 3327: Architectural History

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 30 credit hours.

The course introduces students to vernacular and high-style architecture and its relationship to social, political, and economic forces. The focus will be on the forms, spaces, and stylistic traits of historic architecture, how architecture has evolved through the years, how technological evolutions and innovations have influenced architecture, and what the built environment reveals about public and private life. The geographic focus of the course can change, depending upon the instructor and the needs of the department.