



Graduate Course Syllabus

HIS 661: Public History Strategic Management

Center: Online

Course Prerequisites

HIS-501 and HIS-502

Course Description

A public historian can expect to be responsible for a myriad of projects and tasks that require a marriage of historical knowledge and business acumen. In this course, students will augment their existing framework to include the skill sets of project management, budgeting and finance, legal competencies, and other pragmatic considerations that are essential for the public historian. Attention will be given to issues of intellectual property, fundraising and donations, interpersonal skills and people management, artifact care, and motivating volunteer organizations.

Course Outcomes

- Craft effective messages that communicate expectations or recommendations for action based on analysis and research
- Construct a functional budget for a public history outreach initiative, applying sound principles of business
- Create a persuasive proposal that focuses on an applied public history setting, effectively addresses needs, and incorporates necessary skills for management and planning
- Recommend effective solutions using appropriate principles within the public history profession to resolve issues of people management and effectively build community
- Apply appropriate ethical guidelines of the public history profession in resolving real-world conflict situations

Required Materials

Using your learning resources is critical to your success in this course. Please purchase directly through the [SNHU Online Bookstore](#) rather than any other vendor. Purchasing directly from the bookstore ensures that you will obtain the correct materials and that the IT Service Desk, your advisor, and the instructor can provide you with support if you have problems.

The Jossey-Bass Handbook of Nonprofit Leadership and Management

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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

As indicated in our core values, SNHU is committed to “embrace diversity where we encourage and respect diverse identities, ideas, and perspectives by honoring difference, amplifying belonging, engaging civilly, and breaking down barriers to bring our mission to life.”

This may or will be reflected in SNHU’s curriculum as we embrace and practice diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) to provide the most transformative experience for our students, faculty, and staff. Because topics pertaining to DEI can be sensitive, please remember that embodying and practicing diversity, equity, and inclusion is one of our core values that you will encounter throughout the academic experience. In higher education, we are expected to think and engage critically. Use a growth mindset to embrace the diverse readings, course assignments, and experiences of your peers and faculty.

For more information about DEI at SNHU, please visit our website at the [Office of Diversity and Inclusion](#).

Instructor Availability and Response Time

Your class interaction with the instructor and your classmates will take place on a regular, ongoing basis. Your instructor will be actively engaged within the course throughout the week. You will normally communicate with your instructor in the weekly discussions or the General Questions discussion topic so that your questions and the instructor’s answers benefit the entire class. You should feel free, however, to communicate with your instructor via SNHU email at any time, particularly when you want to discuss something of a personal or sensitive nature. Your instructor will generally provide a response within 24 hours. Instructors will post grades and feedback (as applicable) within seven days of an assignment’s due date, or within seven days of a late submission.

Grade Distribution

Assignment Category	Number of Graded Items	Point Value per Item	Total Points
Discussions	10	20	200
Short Papers	4	45	180
Case Study Analyses	2	50	100
Peer Review	1	20	20
Final Project			
Milestone One	1	50	50
Milestone Two	1	100	100
Final Submission	1	350	350
			Total Course Points: 1,000

This course may also contain practice activities. The purpose of these non-graded activities is to assist you in mastering the learning outcomes in the graded activity items listed above.

University Grading System: Graduate

Grade	Numerical Equivalent	Points
A	93–100	4.00

Grade	Numerical Equivalent	Points
A-	90–92	3.67
B+	87–89	3.33
B	83–86	3.00
B-	80–82	2.67
C+	77–79	2.33
C	73–76	2.00
F	0–72	0.00
I	Incomplete	
IF	Incomplete/Failure *	
W	Withdrawn	

* Please refer to the [policy page](#) for information on the incomplete grade process.

Grading Guides

Specific activity directions, grading guides, posting requirements, and additional deadlines can be found in the Assignment Guidelines and Rubrics section of the course.

Weekly Assignment Schedule

All reading and assignment information can be found within each module of the course. Assignments and discussion posts during the first week of each term are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. Assignments and discussion posts for the remainder of the term are due by 11:59 p.m. of the student's local time zone.

In addition to the textbook readings that are listed, there may be additional required resources within each module.

Module	Topics and Assignments
1	<p>Introduction to Public History Strategic Management</p> <p><i>The Jossey-Bass Handbook of Nonprofit Leadership and Management</i>, skim Chapter 1, read Chapters 2, 8, and 9</p> <p>1-1 Discussion: Business Skills in Public History</p> <p>1-2 Final Project Review</p> <p>1-3 Short Paper: Challenges in Public History</p>
2	<p>Leadership in Public History</p> <p><i>The Jossey-Bass Handbook of Nonprofit Leadership and Management</i>, Chapters 3, 5, and 6</p> <p>2-1 Discussion: Leadership Traits</p> <p>2-2 Final Project Milestone One: Executive Summary</p>
3	<p>Ethics and Accountability in Public History</p> <p><i>The Jossey-Bass Handbook of Nonprofit Leadership and Management</i>, Chapters 4 and 7</p> <p>3-1 Discussion: Codes of Ethics</p> <p>3-2 Case Study Analysis: Library of Congress/SWOT Analysis</p>

Module	Topics and Assignments
4	Outreach, Collaboration, and Evaluation <i>The Jossey-Bass Handbook of Nonprofit Leadership and Management</i> , Chapters 15 and 16 4-1 Discussion: Outreach Programs 4-2 Short Paper: Outreach Methods
5	Finance and Budgeting <i>The Jossey-Bass Handbook of Nonprofit Leadership and Management</i> , Chapters 10 and 17 5-1 Discussion: Financial Success 5-2 Short Paper: After-School Budget
6	Fundraising and Development <i>The Jossey-Bass Handbook of Nonprofit Leadership and Management</i> , Chapters 18 and 19 6-1 Discussion: Real-World Development Scenarios 6-2 Short Paper: Grant Opportunities
7	People Management <i>The Jossey-Bass Handbook of Nonprofit Leadership and Management</i> , Chapters 22, 23, and 24 7-1 Discussion: Managing Staff 7-2 Final Project Milestone Two: Project Budget
8	Intellectual Property and Copyright Law 8-1 Discussion: U.S. Copyright Law 8-2 Case Study Analysis: Fair Use Doctrine
9	Communications and Marketing <i>The Jossey-Bass Handbook of Nonprofit Leadership and Management</i> , Chapters 13, 14, and Conclusion 9-1 Discussion: Social Media as a Marketing Tool 9-2 Final Project Submission: Grant Proposal
10	Facilities Management 10-1 Discussion: Facility Design 10-2 Peer Review: Facility Design

Attendance Policy

Online students are required to submit a graded assignment/discussion during the first week of class. If a student does not submit a graded assignment/discussion during the first week of class, the student is automatically dropped from the course for non-participation. Review the [full attendance policy](#).

Late Assignments Policy

Meeting assigned due dates is critical for demonstrating progress and ensuring appropriate time for instructor feedback on assignments. Students are expected to submit their assignments on or before the due date. Review the [full late assignment policy](#).

SNHU Student Handbook

Review the [student handbook](#).

ADA/504 Compliance Statement

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is dedicated to providing equal access to individuals with disabilities in

accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, as amended by the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) of 2008.

SNHU prohibits unlawful discrimination on the basis of disability and takes action to prevent such discrimination by providing reasonable accommodations to eligible individuals with disabilities. The university has adopted this policy to provide for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints regarding any action prohibited by Section 504, the ADA, or the ADAAA.

For questions about **support services, documentation guidelines, general disability issues, or pregnancy accommodations**, please visit the [Online Accessibility Center](#) (OAC).

As a student, you must complete an interactive intake process, with supporting documentation, in order to be granted accommodations. Once reasonable accommodations are approved by the OAC, you will receive an accommodations letter. You are then responsible for sharing the letter with your instructor. Accommodations are not retroactive.

If you feel you've been subject to discrimination on the basis of disability, by any party, you may file a complaint or grievance. For more information on the ADA/504 Grievance Policy, go to the [Disability and Accessibility Services](#) website.

Academic Integrity Policy

Southern New Hampshire University requires all students to adhere to high standards of integrity in their academic work. Activities such as plagiarism and cheating are not condoned by the university. Review the [full academic integrity policy](#).

Copyright Policy

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SNHU Withdrawal Policy

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