The Capital Region

Located in Albany, New York and within short travel distance of New York City and Boston, the graduate program is part of a rich regional network of research and internship possibilities.

On campus, the University libraries provide access to more than 2.5 million volumes and have remarkably vast and original Special Collections.

The University's location in the state capital affords ready access to the New York State Library, containing over three million items, and to the New York State Archives, containing more than twenty-five thousand cubic feet of records.

The Albany area is the home of major state agencies such as the State Archives, the State Museum and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. It also has many public and private museums, historical societies and archives, and fifteen other colleges and universities.

Where have our graduates worked?
- Albany Institute of History and Art
- Historic Cherry Hill
- Lakes to Locks Passage
- Museum Association of New York
- National Park Service
- New York State Archives
- New York State Museum
- Schuyler Mansion Historic Site
- And elsewhere throughout NY and the US
35 years of excellence...

Founded in 1983, the graduate program in public history at the University at Albany is a 36-credit program, usually completed in three semesters plus a summer internship.

In addition to traditional public history courses in archival practices, historical site administration, material studies, historic preservation, local & community history, and museum studies, the program offers training in digital history, documentary filmmaking, oral/video history, and audio

Program Strengths

- Archival Practices
- Historical Administration
- Local/Community History
- Material History
- Museum Studies
- Oral History
- Public Policy
- Digital Media
- Film/Video
- Historic Preservation

The Internship Experience

Our location in the state capital of New York -- the nation's largest governmental center outside of Washington, D.C. -- offers a range of opportunities, from at agencies including the New York State Archives, New York State Museum, and the New York Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The Capital Region also contains many public and private museums, historical societies and archives.

Degrees offered:

- M.A. in History, concentration Public History (36 credits)
- M.A. in History, certificate in Public History (54 credits)
- M.A. History/M.S. Information Science (62-65 credits)

Preparation for Employment

Depending on courses chosen, students prepare for employment with historical societies, museums, archives, and similar agencies; with agencies involved in public policy planning, or with organizations that rely on digital technologies and traditional and new media to research, preserve, and communicate about the past.

Application Deadlines

August 1 (Fall semester)
December 1 (Spring semester)

For general information about graduate study at the University at Albany, http://www.albany.edu/graduate/

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