

# Internship in Public History

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This course is designed to afford students the opportunity to practice public, or applied, history in the community setting. Many students would like to make use of their humanities degree in ways that might differ from "the normal," such as teaching, further education, law school, etc. Working within the historical and preservation community is an excellent way to take advantage of the broad range of research and writing skills a humanities education provides. In addition, many of our local museums and historical societies are crying out for help at the professional and semi-professional level. Like early American craftsmanship, the best way to enter this community of agencies is through an apprenticeship or internship. This course will provide some of those craft opportunities.

## **Who Is Eligible?**

Admission to the internship program is by permission only. Students who have successfully completed HIS 4065, Introduction to Public History, are eligible to apply. Students with a comparable course at another institution or some public history background may also apply.

## **What Institutions are Available?**

Although the number of institutions participating in the internship program each semester may vary, every effort will be made to match a student with an appropriate institution. Past participants include: Broward County Historical Commission, Palm Beach County Historical Commission, Palm Beach County Planning Department, Palm Beach County Historical Society, Boca Raton Historical Society, The International Museum of Cartoon Art, Boynton Beach Historical Society, The Seminole Tribe of Florida, Lake Worth Historical Society, and the House of Refuge.

The variety of institutions participating will give students a chance to choose between governmental planning agencies, historical agencies, small house museums, and larger state or international museums. The choice of location for an internship will be made in consultation with the internship supervisor and will take into consideration the needs of the applying institutions, the interests of the students and the availability of the student to travel.

## **Credits**

Students may enroll in the internship for one to three credits in a given semester. Students may repeat the course for a total of six credits. For each credit successfully earned the student will work approximately 30 hours in the participating institution. In addition the student will keep a journal of all activities, engage in necessary preparatory reading, and meet regularly with the Internship supervisor. At the end of the semester both the student and institution supervisor will submit a written evaluation of the internship.

For More Information

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