Historic Preservation

Bachelor of Science (BS)

Southeast has the only undergraduate historic preservation program in Missouri certified by the National Council for Preservation Education, and is one of only nine bachelor’s degree programs nationwide. Program faculty have demonstrated expertise in museums, historic sites, archives, public programming, architectural history, the National Register of Historic Places and the preservation of the built environment.

The program is designed to not only provide students with depth and breadth in the field of historic preservation, but to also give them a broad-based understanding of the larger field of public history. In addition to core classes in the preservation of the built environment, students take breadth requirement courses in various aspects of public history, such as museums, historic sites and archives. As part of these breadth requirements, a practicum course involves students in a semester-long project, such as developing an exhibit at a local museum, processing an archival collection or developing an interpretative plan for a historic site.

Becoming Career Ready...

/ Exceptionally well qualified faculty members work closely with students in small-class settings, challenging students to develop expertise in conducting local history research for museums, historic sites and preservation organizations.

/ Historic Preservation graduates work in local and national government settings and for private and non-profit entities. Examples of job titles include archivist, architectural historian, curator, national resource manager and exhibits specialist.

/ Students in the major learn to analyze and document the built environment.

/ 100% of Southeast programs offer real-world experience. Historic Preservation student prepare draft nominations for the National Register of Historic Places, conduct historic resource surveys for the Cape Girardeau Historic Preservation Commission, and enhance their skills and knowledge through completion of a professional internship.

/ Students have the opportunity to participate in a two-week summer field school studying French Colonial architecture and historic site administration in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri.

/ The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests and skills to jobs and opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities and more.

Special Options with Historic Preservation

Southeast Missouri State University offers an accelerated master’s degree for current Southeast historic preservation students. For more information, please see the MA: Public History degree map.

Southeast also offers a Master of Arts in Public History.

Transfer and Dual Credit Students

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.

Internship Opportunities of Recent Graduates

- Luther Center in Wittenberg, Germany
- Shropshire Archives, Shrewsbury, England
- Shiloh National Military Park
- Eisenhower National Historic Site
- South Dakota State Historical Society
- Minnesota Historical Society
- Marine Corps University Research Center
- Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation
- San Francisco History Center
- Holocaust Museum
- Truman Presidential Library
- Smithsonian Museum
- Gettysburg National Military Park
- Conner Prairie
- George Rogers Clark National Historical Park
- The Library of Congress
- Old Slurbridge Village
- Missouri Department of Transportation
- Mt. Hood National Forest
- Tennessee Historical Commission
- Oneida Community Mansion House, Oneida, NY
- St. Louis Science Center
- Missouri Civil War Museum
- Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum
- Fort Donelson National Battlefield
- Jewish Museum: Milwaukee
- National Archives, St. Louis

Graduate Schools and Programs of Recent Graduates

- University of Pennsylvania
- Cornell University
- University of Kansas
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Ball State University
- University of Kentucky
- Middle Tennessee State University
- St. Louis University
- Savannah College of Art and Design

Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates

- Architectural Historian, Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc.
- Archivist, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Conner Prairie Interactive History Park
- Curator, Blount Mansion, Knoxville, TN
- Curatorial Coordinator, Indianapolis Museum of Art
- Exhibits Specialist, Architect of the Capitol
- Kansas City Museums
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CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

Historic Preservation Requirements – 66 Hours Required

- GH315 Historiography (3)
- HP207 Professional Portfolio Review (0)
- HP100 Introduction to Historic Preservation (3)
- HP200 Introduction to Techniques of Local History (3)
- HP450 Problems in Historic Preservation (3)
- HP585 History of American Architecture (3)
- HP588 Legal and Economic Principles of Historic Preservation (3)
- US105 American History I (3)
- US107 American History II (3)

Public History Breadth Requirement:
- Choose 6 hours from:
  - HP405 Archives and Special Collections Studies (3)
  - HP410 Museum Studies (3)
  - HP420 Historic Site Administration (3)

History Breadth Requirement:
- 9 hours of EH, GH, US, WH 200-500 level or approved departmental UI courses, of which 3 hours MUST be 400-500 level.

HP Electives: Choose 6 hours
- AN382 Archeology: Method and Theory (3)
- HP520 Historic Preservation Field School (3)
- HP580 History of American Building Materials and Techniques (3)
- HP589 Historic Preservation-Based Economic Revitalization (3)

Students may also choose an HP topics course or an additional HP Breadth Requirement course.

Internship: 9 hours from:
- HP500 Historic Preservation Internship I (3)
- HP501 Historic Preservation Internship II (3)
- HP502 Historic Preservation Internship III (9)

Additional Interdisciplinary Requirements
Group A Interdisciplinary Skills: 6 hours
- AG440 Precision Agriculture (GPS/GIS) (3)
- CM100 Introduction to Drafting (3)
- CM128 Computer Assisted Drafting (3)
- DS104 Intro to Interior Design (3)
- MG301 Principles of Management (3)
- MK301 Principles of Marketing (3)
- PG294 Photography Fundamentals (3)
- TH101 Acting for Non-Majors (3)
- UI351 Public Opinion Management (3)
- UI400 Business and Ethics (3)
- UI425 Persuasion (3)

Group B Cultural Perspectives: 6 hours
- AH511 American Art (3)
- DS206 History of Interiors II (3)
- FA517 History of Costume (3)
- IU306 Perspectives on Urban Design
- TH395 Period & Style (3)
- UI313 African-American Experience (3)
- UI337 Issues in Modern Architecture (3)
- UI339 North American Indian (3)
- UI340 Housing Perspectives (3)
- UI341 Victorian Studies (3)
- UI401 American Cultural Landscape (3)
- UI446 Civil Rights Movement (3)

General Education Requirements – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program
- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

Sample Four-Year Plan

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THIRD YEAR

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- General Education 3
- Elective 3
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- Total 12

FOURTH YEAR

- Elective 3
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- Total 12

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003).

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

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