

Bachelor of Science (BS)

Historic Preservation

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
- Hancock Shaker Village
- Cane River Creole National Historical Park
- 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 Interactive History Park
- George Rogers Clark National Historical Park
- The Library of Congress
- Old Sturbridge 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
- Alabama State Historic Preservation Office
- 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, Terracon (Denver).
- 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
- Registrar, Museum of Osteopathic Medicine
- Interpreter, Lincoln Home National Historic Park

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This is a guide based on the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

Historic Preservation Requirements – 66 Hours Required

- ___ GH315 Historiography (3)
- ___ HP007 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)
- ___ HP552 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

- ___ HP500 Historic Preservation Internship I (3)
- ___ HP501 Historic Preservation Internship II (6)
- ___ 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)
- ___ CM126 Computer Assisted Drafting (3)
- ___ DS104 Intro to Interior Design (3)
- ___ MG301 Principles of Management (3)
- ___ MK301 Principles of Marketing (3)
- ___ PG284 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
- ___ LI341 Victorian Studies (3)
- ___ TH395 Period & Style (3)
- ___ US530 African-American Experience (3)
- ___ UI337 Issues in Modern Architecture (3)
- ___ UI339 North American Indian (3)
- ___ UI340 Housing Perspectives (3)
- ___ UI401 American Cultural Landscapes (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

▶	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	1	HP200	3
	EN100	3	US107	3
	HP100	3	General Education	3
	US105	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
Total	13	Total	15	

SECOND YEAR	Group A Interdiscip Skills	3	Group A Interdiscip Skills	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	Elective	3
Total	15	Total	15	

(summer field school is an option; meets HP Elective requirement)

THIRD YEAR	EH/GH/US/WH200-599	3	HP405 or elective	3
	GH315	3	HP450	3
	HP410 or 420	3	HP Elective	3
	Group B Cult. Perspective	3	Group B Cult. Perspective	3
	Elective	2	Elective	3
Total	14	Total	15	
Summer Internship		HP500/501/502 – 9 hours		

FOURTH YEAR	EH/GH/US/WH200-599	3	EH/GH/US/WH200-599	3
	HP410/HP420 or Elective	3	HP007	0
	HP585	3	HP588	3
	Elective	3	HP Elective	3
			Elective	3
Total	12	Total	12	

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.