

UMBC'S MINOR IN PUBLIC HISTORY

UMBC's Public History minor at the Universities of Shady Grove explores history at work in the present-day world. Students work with community partners and historical institutions on meaningful real-world projects. Through these collaborative efforts, students are able to problem-solve, employ critical thinking, and develop strong organizational, communicative, and strategic planning skills. In addition, students explore the ways in which past histories and the future needs of individuals, communities, and organizations intersect within the context of today's realities.

The Public History minor introduces students to professional practices such as historic preservation, cultural resources management, oral history, museum studies, and digital history. An applied, site-based internship helps students develop marketable skills and launch their own professional careers, providing training that encourages success within a variety of career paths.

COMPLETING THE MINOR:

Required Core Courses (12 credits)

- HIST 201 Introduction to the Study of History
- HIST 300 Introduction to Public History
- HIST 391 Internship in History
- HIST 411 Public History Practices

Elective Courses (6 credits)

- Beyond the required core courses, students will take 6 additional elective credits. At least three of these elective credits must be in 300- or 400-level classes. While students may take any history class to fulfill elective requirements, alternatively, there are several pre-approved courses in American Studies or Geography & Environmental Systems.

Questions about the Public History Minor?

Contact Dr. Melissa Blair, Public History Lecturer, at mblair@umbc.edu or 301-738-6283.

"I like maps and geography, so I drew the floor plan for this building, the Pleasant View Historical Site Schoolhouse."

—Nick George, History Alumnus



Nick George, UMBC-Shady Grove History Alumnus, and Mr. Gerard Green, Jr., LCPC, President of the Board of Trustees, Pleasant View Historical Site, on-site at the Pleasant View Historical Site Schoolhouse in Darnestown, Maryland.