

Public History Graduate Internship
The University of Texas at El Paso
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Course Overview:

History 5390 is a public history internship course designed to familiarize students with the practice of public history through hands-on experience. Interns will perform at least 6 hours of work per week and submit the writing assignments described below.

This course provides students the opportunity to see how the theories and issues in the field of public history actually function. A well-done and well-documented internship can be an asset as students move ahead in their careers as scholars, historians, and public historians. Prior to beginning the internship, students must make arrangements with the internship site that include a schedule and specific work expectations. In order to pass the internship, students must fulfill the course objectives, receive a favorable review from their internship site supervisor, and submit all required assignments. Public History Internships are open to all graduate students in History and, upon approval, to graduate students in fields related to history.

This course can be applied towards the Graduate Certificate in Public & Oral History. Find more information [here](#).

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, students will:

- Understand how his or her academic training as a historian can be applied in professional workplaces and in advancing the work of public history institutions and organizations.
- Gain professional-level workplace experience that has utilized the intern's historical training.
- Appreciate the nature of the professional work environment at public history institutions.
- Be familiar with operations of a public history institution, including such things as the institution's mission, vision, leadership structure, staffing, finances, and programming.
- Successfully fulfill the organizational responsibilities as defined by the internship application.

- Have received information and mentorship regarding professional careers, professional organizations, and future employment.

Evaluation:

Conduct ten oral histories with Major General Edward Greer.

Edit transcripts.

Write a five page reflection paper on what you learned about oral history.