

HISTORY

PhD IN HISTORY • MA IN HISTORY • MA IN PUBLIC HISTORY
MA IN PUBLIC HISTORY AND LIBRARY SCIENCE

The Department of History possesses strengths in Public History and US and European Social and Cultural History with specialties in Urban history, Digital history, Women's and Gender history, and Transnational history. As one of the first departments in the nation to offer doctorate and master's degrees in Public History, we strive to meet the needs of today's students. Graduates are prepared for careers in teaching and Public History, but they also have transferable skills that make them excellent candidates for careers in business, government, and cultural institutions.

PHD IN HISTORY

PHD DEGREE IN HISTORY. Students specialize in:

- Urban history
- Digital history
- Women's and Gender history
- Transnational history

The doctoral program is designed to prepare students in a broad major field while at the same time giving them the expertise to focus on specialized topics of research.

JOINT AMERICAN HISTORY/PUBLIC HISTORY PhD SPECIALIZATION. Structured around these two major fields, the program is designed to prepare students for positions calling for a doctorate, such as teaching Public History, curating or administering at cultural government institutions, or serving as a principal at a consulting firm.

MA IN HISTORY

The Department of History offers three specialized MA programs.

MA DEGREE IN HISTORY. Students can specialize in:

- Urban history
- Digital history
- Women's and Gender history
- Transnational history

MA DEGREE IN PUBLIC HISTORY. This degree includes an internship and focuses on the management, preservation, and interpretation of historical records and artifacts.

MA DEGREE IN PUBLIC HISTORY AND LIBRARY SCIENCE. Students receive MA in Public History and MLIS.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The degree offers part- and full-time enrollment
Average time to completion for PhD: 6 years (full time), no part-time program available
Average time to completion for MA: 2 years (full time), 3 years (part time)
Online options are not available.

INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Internships and research opportunities are included as part of the curriculum
Students can take advantage of opportunities for internships (some paid, some unpaid). Our program has affiliations with the Newberry Library, the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, Chicago History Museum, and other institutions.

ACADEMIC & STUDENT LIFE

Student organizations such as the History Graduate Student Association (HGSA) as well as service opportunities are associated with the program.

HGSA promotes the interest of history graduate students inside as well as outside of the department. It organizes workshops, hosts an annual conference, provides conference funding, and sponsors social events.

EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

Our graduates depart from Loyola for careers in teaching, museums, archives, and libraries, but they also have transferable skills that make them excellent candidates for careers in business, government, educational, and cultural institutions. Learn more at [LUC.edu/history/alumni/](https://luc.edu/history/alumni/).

- Recent graduates are now employed at institutions such as the University of Illinois Springfield, Salve Regina University, Savannah State University, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Chicago Cubs and Wrigley Field Archives, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, Chicago Public Library, and the National Park Service.
- Students can work with the program's Career Development Advisor, whose role is to advise students on their dossiers and read their application materials.
- The History Department also maintains a professional development resource website for history graduate students.
- Career services are available—learn more at [LUC.edu/career](https://luc.edu/career).

PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

The Department of History offers a niche graduate program in Public History and US and European Social and Cultural History with specialties in Urban history, Digital history, Women's and Gender history, and Transnational history designed to place students on successful career paths.

FACULTY

History faculty members are both passionate about their teaching and dedicated to their research. Faculty members receive recognition for working at notable organizations like Chicago Metro History Education Center, Chicago History Museum, Illinois State Historical Society, American Historical Association (AHA) and the National Council on Public History (NCPH). Areas of faculty interest include Urban History (U.S. and Transnational), Modern and Early Modern Europe, Material Culture, Cultural History, History of Capitalism, Native American History, Modern Latin America, Middle Ages, Women's & Gender History, and Environmental History.

PREREQUISITES

Students who are applying to the PhD program are required to have earned a BA in History or American Studies.

FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov.

The Graduate School has limited funds available for financial assistance. Financial aid from Loyola's Financial Aid Office will not impact your ability to apply for financial aid through the Graduate School. To learn more about these financial aid opportunities, visit [LUC.edu/finaid/graduateschool](https://luc.edu/finaid/graduateschool).

LEARN MORE

APPLY

gpem.LUC.edu/apply

For all application requirements and deadlines, please visit LUC.edu/gpem/info.

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