

PUBLIC HISTORY PROGRAM WITH DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY (MA/MLIS)

The Loyola Department of History and the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) of Dominican University (<https://www.dom.edu/academics/majors-programs/mlis-and-ma-public-history/>) in River Forest, IL, cooperate to offer a joint program leading to two separate degrees: Master of Arts in Public History and Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS). The joint program allows students to complete work on the two degrees in a shorter time than if each degree were pursued separately.

Academic Areas of Focus

The joining of two applied degree programs, public history and library and information science, provides interested students with the opportunity to combine historical training with a more focused educational background in archives and library and information science. The Loyola University Chicago degree grounds graduates in the use of public history methods and theories and strengthens their ability to share historical interpretation with a broad range of public audiences.

Rrelated Programs

Master's

- History (MA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/graduate-school/arts-sciences/history/history-ma/>)
- Public History (MA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/graduate-school/arts-sciences/history/public-history-ma/>)

Doctoral

- History (PhD) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/graduate-school/arts-sciences/history/history-phd/>)

Curriculum

The Master of Arts in Public History/Master of Library and Information Science with Dominican University requires 24 credit hours (including an internship) taken in Loyola University Chicago's history department, a public history portfolio, comprehensive examination, and 30 credit hours from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University. Information about the MLIS course requirements can be found on the Dominican University website.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
HIST 400	Contemporary Approaches to History	3
<i>Three Public History Courses</i>		9
HIST 479	Public History Media	
HIST 480	Public History: Method & Theory	
HIST 483	Oral History: Method and Practice ¹	
HIST 582	Public History Internship	3
<i>One 500-level Research Seminar or HIST 599 Directed Research</i>		3
<i>Two Minor Field Courses</i>		6
HIST 400-level course		

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Total Hours

24

¹ Or another approved Public History course.

Comprehensive Field Examination

Toward the end of their graduate program, public history students must pass a two-hour oral examination in the field of public history before a two-person faculty committee, one of whom must be the Public History Program Director. The examination covers the field of public history and reflects the readings and assignments included in each of the public history courses as well as a review of the student's portfolio. There is no examination in the minor field, but students must maintain at least a B average (3.0) in the two minor field courses.

Public History Portfolio

The portfolio, which represents the capstone of the program, documents the achievements of master's students and thereby identifies their strengths, weaknesses, and abilities as professional historians. Students begin compiling their portfolio during the first semester in the program. The portfolio will be evaluated by the two-person faculty examination committee. The portfolio will be submitted to the examination committee a minimum of two days prior to the oral exam.

Suggested Sequence of Courses

Students often take courses at Loyola University Chicago and Dominican University at the same time. The sample program reflects that course of action.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Fall		
HIST 400	Contemporary Approaches to History	3
HIST 480	Public History: Method & Theory	3
Hours		6
Spring		
HIST 483	Oral History: Method and Practice ¹	3
HIST 400-level course		3
Hours		6
Year 2		
Fall		
HIST 479	Public History Media	3
HIST 400-level course		3
Hours		6
Spring		
HIST 582	Public History Internship	3
HIST 500-level course		3
Hours		6
Total Hours		24

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Graduate & Professional Standards and Regulations

Students in graduate and professional programs can find their Academic Policies in Graduate and Professional Academic Standards and Regulations (<https://catalog.luc.edu/academic-standards-regulations/graduate-professional/>) under their school. Any additional University Policies supersede school policies.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the MA in Public History and MLIS in Library and Information Science at Dominican University, graduates will be able to:

- Apply the necessary skills to produce original scholarship on a chosen historical topic using primary sources while evaluating the validity of context and biases of primary and secondary sources.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the field of public history and its approach to understanding and presenting the past as well as illustrate facility with a variety of public history subfields.