PUBLIC HISTORY

Master of Arts

Central to Bringing the Past to Life.

Use your Central MA in Public History to share your love of history beyond the traditional classroom. Build upon traditional graduate-level academic coursework, job-specific skills, and field-based experience with collaborative inquiry, community outreach, and a commitment to environmental sustainability. Prepare for a career in museums, government agencies, non-profits, heritage sites, historical societies, and even corporations.

Program Options

- **Museum Studies:** Work with local and state history museums. Learn about exhibit curatorship, interpretation, programming, and administration.
- **Historic Preservation:** Learn how and why to document, designate, and steward historic resources across a diverse landscape as part of place-based development.
- **Digital History and Communication:** Master a variety of digital media tools to communicate content and market to the public on social and other media.
- **Archives/Collections Management:** Develop the skills cultural institutions need to catalogue, care for, and archive historical documents and artifacts.

Program Features

- Starts every January and August
- 33-credit program
- Attend full- or part-time
- Classes offered evenings on-campus
- Nontraditional learning environment includes study in the classroom, field, and specialized seminars
- Financial aid is available
- No GMAT/GRE required

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What You'll Gain

- Knowledge of best public history practices and current techniques
- Ability to effectively work and communicate with non-academic and client-based audiences
- Experience conducting original research and interpreting primary sources within historical context
- Skills to evaluate the history in almost any field
- Exposure to the profession through work and networking opportunities to build your career

> **Central faculty afford professional growth through both methodology and fieldwork opportunities. When I enrolled in the Public History MA program, professors facilitated coursework and community projects that spoke to my niche interests. Within two years, I was employed at the Library of Congress, coordinating pedagogically minded, preservation-based veterans' oral history projects inspired by my Central collaborations.**
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> *— Owen Rogers, MA '12*

RECENT GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT

- 9/11 Museum
- American Institute of Indian Studies
- Barnes Museum
- Barnum Museum
- Cincinnati Museum Center
- Connecticut Historical Society
- Connecticut Humanities Council
- Crosskey Architects
- Discovering Amistad
- Federal Emergency Management Administration
- Harriet Beecher Stowe Center
- Heritage Consultants
- Library of Congress
- Long Island Museum
- Mark Twain House
- National Park Service
- New England Air Museum
- Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine
- Preservation Connecticut
- Waterbury Development Corporation

Applying for Admission

For consideration, applicants must submit the following:

1. A completed online application with supplemental materials (ccsu.edu/apply):
   - Two letters of recommendation that speak to your ability to conduct graduate-level work
   - Two essays describing:
     - Scholarly monograph written by a historian that influenced the way you think about the past (500 words)
     - Your career aspirations and opportunities that inspired you to persue a career in this field (250 words)
2. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (GPA of 3.00 or higher)
   - Bachelor's in History or related field preferred

Official transcripts may be sent directly to the Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office:

By Mail: Central Connecticut State University
Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office
1615 Stanley Street
Central Welcome Center
New Britain, CT 06050

By Email: graduateadmissions@ccsu.edu

PROGRAM WEBSITE

ABOUT CENTRAL:
Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university. Our campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut. Central is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

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