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General Syllabus

HIST 45033 Introduction to Public History

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite: History major in junior standing or consent of instructor.

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Introduces methods and practices of public history.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Differentiate between public and academic history.
2. Describe the methodologies used by public historians.
3. Describe the purposes of public history.
4. Create exhibits based on historical events that conform to the expectations of the discipline of public history.
5. Create living history displays.
6. Conduct oral interviews.
7. Create museum displays.
8. Practice archival management.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will create several different presentations on different topics. These presentations will be designed for general audiences of different ages.

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills

Students will synthesize material from various sources to complete projects.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Definition of public history
- B. Differences between public and academic history
- C. Audiences for historical presentations
- D. Creating historical exhibits
- E. Conducting living history presentations
- F. Creating museum displays
- G. Archival management
- H. Conducting oral interviews
- I. Utilizing academic research in public history