

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: Department of History; Public History Minor

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Specifics (see instructions):

See the attached document.

We propose a change to the requirements for the minor in public history.

Originally, we required students to take HIST 411, Practices in Public History. This is a topics course that changes in focus depending on the instructor's interests and area of specialization. We now offer several public history specialty courses in addition to HIST 411. These are listed in the attached document, and include courses in material culture, preservation, and digital public history. Rather than requiring students to take HIST 411, we would prefer to provide them with several choices for fulfilling the three-credit requirement for a public history specialty course. Students can also choose to take additional public history specialty courses to fulfill the requirement for six elective credits in History.

Adopting these more flexible requirements will also enhance opportunities for UMBC students at the Universities at Shady Grove to pursue the history minor. We would like these changes to happen as soon as possible, so we are asking for them to become effective in the Spring 2018 semester.

Rationale (see instructions):

These changes in the public history minor provide students with more choices as they design a minor that fulfills their interests and goals.