

Graduate Studies Programs

Dual Degree in History and Archives Management

About the Program

The Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) and the History department offer a dual degree program in History and Archives Management leading to both a Master of Science in Library and Information Science and a Master of Arts in History. The program prepares students for the increasing number of archival positions that require both technical training and historical knowledge. By focusing on the demands of the rapidly developing Archives profession, the program trains students to work with archival and manuscript material in a variety of settings by combining course curriculum, theoretical background, and hands-on experience.

Degree Requirements

The Dual Degree program in History and Archives Management consists of a total of 57 credit hours. Students take 15 credit hours of required library and information science courses and 18 credits hours of required core archives courses. In the History department, students complete eight credit hours of required courses, 12 credit hours of History seminar electives at the 400 level or above and a four credit thesis. Only one application is necessary to apply to both programs.

Educational Promise

Simmons College is located in the heart of Boston, a world-class city renowned for unlimited educational, career, and social opportunities. Simmons was ranked among the top programs in Archives and Preservation in the 2008 U.S. News & World Report and a “Best College” in its category in the 2007 U.S. News & World Report rankings of “America’s Top Colleges.” Simmons also is named in the 2007 Princeton Review “Best 361 Colleges,” an honor held by only 15% of the four-year undergraduate colleges in America. Simmons College will focus on your career and life goals. We pledge to uphold an educational contract that places students first. You won’t get lost at Simmons - instead, you’ll work closely and collaboratively with faculty who are leading experts in their fields and who know your name. We’ll make sure you’re an important part of a stimulating community that inspires dialogue, action, and professional growth.

“From the department chair to the adjunct professors, I was never in doubt that they cared deeply about my education and my engagement with course material, as well as my personal well-being. The balance of support, guidance, and intellectual challenge kept me engaged and often excited - I looked forward to classes and strove to push myself and to deepen my understanding of history.”

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Coursework

GSLIS Core Requirements (15 credits)

LIS 407	Reference/Information Services
LIS 415	Information Organization
LIS 403	Evaluation of Information Services
LIS 404	Principles of Management
LIS 488	Technology for Information Professionals

Archives Core Requirements (12 credits)

LIS 438	Introduction to Archival Methods <i>Internship required</i>
LIS 440	Archival Access and Use
LIS 456	Managing Records in Electronic Environments
LIS 532B	Archives Field Experience <i>130 hour internship plus three in-class meetings</i>

Dual Degree Requirements (4 credits)

HIST 527	Archives, History, and Collective Memory <i>(same as LIS 443 – May be taken as Archives elective instead)</i>
OR	
HIST 568	Sites of History: Research Seminar in Public History

Preservation (3 credits)

Choose one course:

LIS 439	Preservation Management
LIS 444	Archiving and Preserving Digital Media
LIS 531W	Digital Stewardship

Archives (3 credits)

Choose one course:

LIS 471	Photographic Archives
LIS 441	Appraisal of Archives and Manuscripts
LIS 442	Establishing Archives and Manuscript Programs
LIS 443	Archives, History, and Collective Memory <i>(same as HIST 527 – May be taken as History elective instead)</i>
LIS 433	Oral History
LIS 531V	Concepts in Cultural Heritage Informatics
LIS 469	XML eXtensible Markup Language

Required History Courses (8 credits)

HIST 597	Historical Methods and Research
HIST 455	Thesis

Elective History Seminars - partial list* (16-20 credits)

HIST 527	Archives, History, and Collective Memory
HIST 560	The History of Women and Gender
HIST 561	Cross-Cultural Encounters
HIST 562	Reforms and Revolutions in Asia
HIST 565	Narratives of 9/11
HIST 568	Sites of History: Research Seminar in Public History
HIST 571	Early American History
HIST 573	Nineteenth-Century U.S. History
HIST 574	Modern U. S. History
HIST 575	Cold World Culture
HIST 577	Topics in Modern European History

*This coursework is subject to change. Other electives are available on a semester-by-semester basis. A list of current electives for each semester is available from the program director.

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