

Public History: Internship (A006784)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 7.0

Study time 210 h

Course offerings in academic year 2027-2028

A (Year)

Dutch

Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2027-2028

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LW03

lecturer-in-charge

Danniau, Fien

LW03

staff member

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Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

History, history and society, history ethics, public history, historical practices, historical media, heritage.

Position of the course

The course unit is part of the Public History maior and is the optional practical component to the Public History. Students are confronted with historical practices in society and play an active role as a (public) historian.

The content-theoretical framework for this internship is offered in the course Public History, which must be taken as a requirement for taking this course unit.

Contents

Students take a 150 hours internship in an institution or organisation in the broad cultural and heritage field (archive, museums, heritage organisations, television, ...) under an assigned mentor individual guidance.

- 1 They observe the organisation's working practices;
- 2 contribute to the creation of a public history product or activity;
- 3 reflect on the practical experience.

Students submit a list of their top three preferred internship placements, based on the internship vacancy database at www.ipg.ugent.be. The selection of the internship placement is made on the basis of the student's own interests and/or their dissertation research. The educational supervisor assigns the internship placement.

The exact details of the placement are determined in consultation with the mentor, as is the specific period. It is possible to schedule the placement according to the personal timetable: first or second semester, or spread out over the academic year; one day a week or concentrated into a short period...

Students may seek and propose their own placement, provided that professional supervision is guaranteed.

Initial competences

Bachelor in history

Final competences

- 1 Have the ability to adjust to specialist interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary professional situations.
- 2 Depending upon the situation, have the ability to communicate, cooperate and act in an inspiring, advisory or authoritative manner.
- 3 Have the ability to reflect on one's own competences, thinking and doing.
- 4 Demonstrate public engagement.
- 5 Have the ability to integrate cultural sensitivity and historical consciousness into a scientific work.
- 6 Have the ability to form nuanced and value conscious opinions on historical questions.
- 7 Have a reflective and critical attitude that demonstrates historical scientific curiosity, pluralism and a positive attitude towards lifelong learning.
- 8 Have the ability to substantiate and present one's own historical research to both experts and laypersons.
- 9 Have the ability to critically assess social issues and contemporary views and contextualize them historically in scientific work.
- 10 Have the ability to undertake independent historical research, and the ability to fit into a group conducting historical scientific research.
- 11 Acting with systematic scientific integrity
- 12 Be able to communicate historical content to specific audiences with custom media.
- 13 Have the ability to employ historical scientific methodology in research or professional activities.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Independent work, Work placement

Extra information on the teaching methods

150-160 hours of participative internship
 40 hours for the writing of an extensive report
 10 hours meetings and contact with peers and/or supervisor

Study material

Type: Internship

Name: The intern is responsible for their own transportation costs to the internship location. For the NMBS, a campus discount is applicable with administrative intervention by the internship supervisor.

Indicative price: € 100

Optional: no

References

www.ipg.ugent.be

Course content-related study coaching

Tutor at internship, professor's office hours, teaching assistant

Assessment moments

continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Professional practice, Participation, Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

1 Assessment by the mentor of (1) historical and (2) social and communication skills (30%)

- 2 Portfolio on the work produced and a personal reflection (30%)
 - 3 Written reflection in the form of an internship paper in which the functioning of the internship placement is critically examined from a public history perspective. Links are drawn with the course content on Public History, literature and the student's own observations. (40%)
- The internship concludes with a mandatory evaluation meeting with the educational supervisor.

Calculation of the examination mark

Continuous assessment (100%).

Facilities for Working Students

- 1 The internship is scheduled in consultation with the tutor
 - 2 Optional feedback by email or appointment after working hours
- For more information regarding flexible study: <http://www.flw.ugent.be/flexibelstuden>