

HISTORY INTERNSHIP (HIST 4398) – Fall 2026

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Catalog description:

Supervised professional experience in a museum, archive, public history site, or other community setting. The student may repeat this class for a maximum of 6 semester credit hours.

Course Summary:

This course trains the student in one of a variety of historical professions, under the shared guidance of an on-site supervisor and a history professor. The student, in collaboration with the site supervisor and the professor, will develop and execute a major research project, or a series of smaller research projects, in a particular area of interest. The final product(s) may include written, visual, and/or digital or multimedia materials.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course, the student will be able to:

- 1) Research and analyze a specific historical topic or topics utilizing primary and secondary source materials.
- 2) Present historical research to the public in an accessible form.
- 3) Develop skills and knowledge with digital history tools such as StoryMaps.
- 4) Practice professionalism in the work environment.

Basic Components of the Course:

The selected topic for this internship is historic places of the Westside and the internship site will be the [Museo del Westside](#), a project of the Esperanza Peace & Justice Center. The student will create 2 StoryMaps. One will be showcase places listed throughout the current museo exhibitions, and the other will be based on information shared by the community. Both maps will require the student to conduct archival research as well as reaching out to community members to verify information. Other activities may include assisting with the development of physical or digital exhibits, programming, or special events.

Materials:

Bibliography of all research (cite primary and secondary sources as well as community members)