

PUBLIC HUMANITIES GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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Program Code	PUBHMN
Campus(es)	University Park

The Graduate Certificate in Public Humanities offers Penn State graduate students interdisciplinary training and experiential learning in the field of public humanities. Broadly defined, the public humanities engage diverse publics in the collaborative work of creating, sharing, and reflecting on humanistic knowledge.

The certificate program provides training in theories and methods in public humanities and community engagement through the creation of digital media projects on topics of social importance. Students will learn digital media production skills including documentary filmmaking, podcasting, and web publishing, and a set of principles and best practices for ethical community engagement and research. In collaboration with university and community partners, the students will develop engaged projects that center community experts and make humanities knowledge accessible and relevant to broad audiences. Throughout the program, students will develop skills in engaged scholarship as well as approaches to practicing and teaching the public humanities within their discipline. The program aims to expand the reach and impact of humanities knowledge in collaboration with communities while preparing students for diverse career paths within and outside the university.

Effective Semester: Fall 2026

Expiration Semester: Fall 2031