Request To Add / Change A Graduate Certificate

1. Proposing College / School: Liberal Arts

Department: History

2. Proposed Implementation Date: Spring 2010

Department Coordinating Certificate (if not Originating Department):

3. Proposed Certificate Title: Advanced Study in Public History

4. Designated Certificate Coordinator: Aaron Shapiro

5. Credit Hours in Certificate: 15

(Graduate Certificates must, by definition, consist of at least 9 to 21 semester hours. A minimum GPA of 3.0 must be maintained for all graded coursework in the certificate program.)

6. Courses Required for Certificate Program:

(Include course prefix, course number, title, credit hours, and prerequisites, where applicable. For changes to existing certificate programs, denote additions with BLUE UNDERLINE and deletions with RED ITALICS.)

- Hist 6810 Fundamentals of Public History (3 credit hours)
- Hist 7910 Public History Internship (3 credit hours; Pr., Hist 6810; Hist 7700 with Minimum Grade of C)
- Three additional public history courses listed below (of which no more than 2 can be taken at the 6000 level)

7. Elective Courses Eligible for Certificate Credit:

(Include course prefix, course number, title, credit hours, and prerequisites, where applicable. For changes to existing certificate programs, denote additions with BLUE UNDERLINE and deletions with RED ITALICS.)

- HIST 8710-Fundamentals of Archival Theory and Practice (3 credit hours)
- HIST 6820 Historic Preservation and Cultural Resource Management (3 credit hours)—course proposal under review
- HIST 8830 Introduction to Museum Studies (3 credit hours)—future course
- HIST 6840 Oral History (3 credit hours)—future course
- HIST 7720: Seminar in Archival Theory and Practice (3 credit hours)
- HIST 7730: Seminar in the History of Records and Archives (3 credit hours)
- HIST 7020 Seminar in Historic Preservation and CRM (3 credit hours)—future course
- HIST 7030 Seminar in Museum Studies (3 credit hours)—future course
- HIST 7040 Seminar in Digital History and New Media (3 credit hours)—future course
- HIST 7050 Seminar in Historical and Documentary Editing (3 credit hours)—future course
- HIST 7970 Special Topics: Seminar in Management for Historical Organizations and Archives (3 credit hours)
- HIST 7970 Special Topics: Public Programming for Historical Organizations and Archives (3 credit hours)
- HIST 7970 Special Topics: Collections Management for Archives and Museums (3 credit hours)
- HIST 7970 Special Topics: Advanced Archival Access (3 credit hours)
- HIST 7970 Special Topics: Electronic Description of Archival Materials (3 credit hours)
- HIST 7970 Special Topics: Management of Electronic Records (3 credit hours)

8. Curriculum Model for Certificate Program (if applicable):
9. Justification:

(Include a concise, yet adequate rationale for the addition/revision of the certificate program, citing accreditation, assessments (faculty, graduate, and/or external) where applicable.)

Only students enrolled in a degree program or those who have completed a History MA and are returning for the certificate program may receive a certificate of Advanced Study in Public History. Opportunities in public history organizations (museums, government, business, historic preservation, archivists, cultural resources, curators, historical media producers, policy advisors, oral historians) increasingly require specialized training and education in public history. By combining a rigorous academic curriculum in which students are trained in traditional historical skills of research, writing, analysis, critical thinking, and communication along with practical experience in delivering historical scholarship to diverse audiences, the program prepares students for a variety of career opportunities and the certificate provides an important credential in addition to the History MA or PhD.

10. Relationship of Proposed Program to Other Auburn University Programs:

(If "yes" for either item, please provide explanation in the space provided below.)

Will the program support or be supported by other program(s) at Auburn University? Yes No

Will this program replace any existing program(s), or specializations / options / concentrations within existing program(s) at Auburn University? Yes No

11. New or Additional Resources / Resource Shifting Required:

(If "yes" for any item, please provide explanation in the space provided below.)

Will additional faculty lines be required? Yes No

Will new or additional space (e.g.: laboratory or classroom) be required? Yes No

Will additional library resources be required? Yes No

Will additional GTA support be required? Yes No

Explanation of or provision for new or additional resources / explanation of program's support or replacement of other programs:

The certificate program will help to support the History department graduate programs (MA and PhD) by offering candidates for advanced degrees an opportunity to earn a specialized certificate in public history in addition to the history degree earned at the completion of the degree program.

The department currently includes two faculty members with responsibility for the Public History Program and Archival Studies Program, respectively. These individuals will be responsible for coordinating the certificate programs in their respective areas. These faculty members are developing new classes that will be offered as part of the program and will be available to certificate candidates, as well as to the other students regularly enrolled in the history MA and PhD programs.

12. Distance Education:

(If Distance Education will be incorporated in the delivery of the proposed program, provide details of implementation, scope, etc.)
Approvals

10/14/2009

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