Bachelor of Arts - Historic Preservation

School of Graduate and Professional Studies


Our aspiring Historic Preservationists investigate the richness and depth of American identity and experience by interpreting lessons in the cultural landscapes, innovative architecture and artifacts that we have created. They then explore ways to protect the most meaningful of that built environment and inspire others to do the same to enrich the lives of current and succeeding generations.

Ursuline’s classroom ranges from centuries-old Cleveland with its ever-changing downtown and lakefront to charming ethnic neighborhoods and graceful suburbs, all ringed by delightful New England-style villages, traditional Amish culture areas, and farm-dotted, rolling countryside. Students enjoy a wide array of resources – from world-class museums and public history institutions; to local, specialized architectural firms; to the nationally-known Cleveland Restoration Society; to professional conferences and symposiums. Such resources give Ursuline students excellent opportunities for first-hand study, primary research, fieldwork, internships and future graduate study.

The National Council on Preservation Education credentials the Ursuline College Program in Historic Preservation for fully meeting its standards for preservation education degrees.

Course Requirements

The Historic Preservation major consists of 57 credit hours. Ursuline accepts appropriate equivalent transfer credits for up to half of the required major.

Required Coursework

- HIP 125 Introduction to Historic Preservation 3
- HIP 210 Materials and Methods 3
- HIP 220 Architectural Drawing 3
- HIP 225 Architectural History 3
- HIP 260 Computer Aided Drawing 3
- HIP 270 Codes and Requirements 3
- HI/HIP 290 World Sacred Landmarks or HI/HIP 420 Cleveland Sacred Landmarks 3
- HIP 325 American Architecture 3
- HIP 345 Furniture History 3
- HIP 355 Cleveland Architecture 3
- HIP 425 Documentation* 3
- HIP 450 Issues* 3
- HIP 455 Preservation Law* 3
- HIP 460 Conservation* 3
- HIP 465 Preservation Planning* 3
- HIP 470 Adaptive Re-Use* 3
- HIP 475 Internship 3
- AR 210 Graphic Design 3
- PR 321 Grant Writing 3

Total Credits 57

Bridge Program

Ursuline’s 5-Year Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts in Historic Preservation Bridge program makes sense. Students take 18 credit hours* of Bridge courses as part of their undergraduate degree so that only 24 credit hours remain to graduate with their Masters. This builds an affordable, efficient and concrete link to ensure that our students turn their career dreams into reality.

Career Opportunities

Historic Preservation is one of the fastest growing fields within Public History today. Historic Preservationists contribute to their community through a wide variety of professional opportunities in National Park Service, state preservation and transportation departments, local government planning and landmark commissions, historic sites and parks, heritage corridors, preservation and conservation organizations, architectural and design firms, revitalization projects, environmental consulting agencies and more.