

HISTORIC PRESERVATION, MSD

The one-year Master of Science in Design with a concentration in Historic Preservation (MSD-HP) complements Weitzman School's long-standing two-year MSHP degree. The MSD-HP directly addresses the needs of practicing design professionals seeking post-professional training, specialization, or change in career path. The MSD-HP curriculum requires 10 CUs and spans one calendar year – two full-time semesters. Half of the required courses are elective; personalized curricula can accommodate advanced thesis research or additional studios. Applicants must possess a professional degree in design or planning fields (architecture, landscape architecture, interior architecture, urban planning, urban design, engineering) from an accredited university, and at least three years of professional experience.

For more information: <https://www.design.upenn.edu/historic-preservation/about> (<https://www.design.upenn.edu/historic-preservation/about/>)

Curriculum

First Year		Course	Units
Fall			
HSPV 5210	American Architecture (or History elective)		1
HSPV 6240A	Digital Media for Historic Preservation		0.5
HSPV 6600	Theories of Historic Preservation		0.5
HSPV 6400	Contemporaneous Design in Historic Settings		1
HSPV Elective ¹			1
Open Elective ¹			1
	Course Units		5.00
Spring			
HSPV 6610	Theories of Historic Preservation II		0.5
HSPV 6240B	Digital Media for Historic Preservation		0.5
HSPV 7210	Historic Preservation Capstone Studio		2
HSPV Elective ¹			1
Open Elective ²			1
	Course Units		5.00
	Total Course Units		10.00

¹ HSPV 7010 can substitute for two electives.

² HSPV Thesis can substitute for 2 course units.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2025 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.