

HISTORIC PRESERVATION, MSHP

The Master of Science in Historic Preservation degree requires two academic years of full-time study, including core subjects and specialized study in one of four focus areas: architectural conservation, preservation design, preservation planning, and public history of the built environment.

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

Curriculum

A total of 19 course units are required.

All courses must be pre-approved by the student's advisor prior to registration each semester. In addition, students are expected to complete a summer institute (HSPV 7900) before their first year, and a summer internship between their first and second years of study.

First Year		
Summer		Course Units
HSPV 7900	Historic Preservation Summer Institute	0
		Course Units 0.00
Fall		
HSPV 5210	American Architecture	1
HSPV 6000	Documentat Research, Recording I	2
HSPV 6240A	Digital Media for Historic Preservation	0.5
HSPV 6600	Theories of Historic Preservation	0.5
Select 1 HSPV Elective ¹		1
		Course Units 5.00
Spring		
HSPV 6010	Documentation, Research, Recording II	1
HSPV 6240B	Digital Media for Historic Preservation	0.5
HSPV 6610	Theories of Historic Preservation II	0.5
Select 2 HSPV Electives ¹		2
Select 1 General Elective ¹		1
		Course Units 5.00

Second Year		
Summer		
Internship		
		Course Units 0.00
Fall		
HSPV 7010	Historic Preservation Studio	2
HSPV 7100	Thesis I ((or HSPV Elective IV))	1
Select 2 General Electives ¹		2
		Course Units 5.00
Spring		
HSPV 7110	Thesis II ((or Capstone Studio for 2 CUs))	1
Select 2 HSPV electives ¹		2
Select 1 General Elective ¹		1
		Course Units 4.00
		Total Course Units 19.00

¹ Elective Courses: 4 of the 10 elective courses can be outside of Historic Preservation. For a list of eligible courses, please seek permission from the HSPV advisor.

Preservation Design

Code	Title	Course Units
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Required Courses:

HSPV 5510	Building Pathology
HSPV 6400	Contemporary Design in Historic Settings

Choose Two of the Following:

HSPV 7030	Preservation and Development of Urban Heritage in the Americas
or HSPV 7050	Advanced Preservation Studio
or HSPV 7210	Historic Preservation Capstone Studio
HSPV 5720	Preservation Through Public Policy
HSPV 6250	Preservation Economics
Selected ARCH courses ¹	

¹ Architecture courses must be approved in advance by the Historic Preservation department before counting towards the concentration.

Public History of the Built Environment

Code	Title	Course Units
HSPV 6060	Historic Site Management	
HSPV 5340	Public History - Theory and Practice	
CPLN 5000	Introduction to City Planning: History, Theory and Practice	
or HSPV 5310	American Domestic Interiors	

or HSPV 538 Cultural Landscapes and Landscape Preservation

HSPV 6200 Topics in Historic Preservation & Public History

or HSPV 638 Topics in Historic Preservation

Preservation Planning

Code	Title	Course Units
HSPV 5720	Preservation Through Public Policy	
HSPV 6250	Preservation Economics	1
HSPV 6710	Historic Preservation Law	1
CPLN GIS Course		
CPLN Elective Course		

Architectural Conservation

Code	Title	Course Units
HSPV 5550	Architectural Conservation	1.0
HSPV 5510	Building Pathology	1.0
HSPV 7400	Conservation Seminar: Finishes	1.0
HSPV 7390	Conservation Seminar: Masonry	1.0
HSPV 7380	Conservation Seminar: Wood	1.0

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.
