

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. The required courses and specific course of study for each concentration can be found on the corresponding tabs.

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

Curriculum

A total of 19 course units are required. A minimum of 15 CUs must be HSPV courses.

Code	Title	Course Units
<i>Summer Institute</i>		0
HSPV 7900	Historic Preservation Summer Institute	
<i>Core Courses</i>		12
HSPV 5210	American Architecture	
HSPV 6000	Documentation, Research, Recording I	
HSPV 6010	Documentation, Research, Recording II	
HSPV 6240A	Digital Media for Historic Preservation	
HSPV 6240B	Digital Media for Historic Preservation	
HSPV 6600	Theories of Historic Preservation	
HSPV 6610	Theories of Historic Preservation II	
HSPV 7010	Historic Preservation Studio	
4 Concentration Courses		
<i>Electives</i>		5
2 Preservation Electives (HSPV courses or with FMHP attribute) (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/fmhp/)		
3 General Electives (must be 5000-level or higher)		
<i>Thesis or Capstone</i>		2
Thesis (HSPV 7100 and HSPV 7110)		
or		
Capstone (HSPV 7210)		
Total Course Units		19

Students must also complete:

- A summer internship between their first and second years of study
- Two-day, 10-hour OSHA Training Program prior to the start of spring semester during the first year of study

A minimum GPA of 3.00 is required for graduation.

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.

Requirements

Preservation Design Concentration Requirements

In addition to the general degree requirements, the following 4 CUs are required for Preservation Design concentrators:

Code	Title	Course Units
Required Courses:		
HSPV 5510	Building Pathology	
HSPV 6400	Contemporary Design in Historic Settings	
Choose a total of 2 CUs from the following: ²		
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.
- ² If HSPV 7030, 7050 or 7210 is taken for 2 CUs, students do not need a second course from this category.

Plan of Study Grid

Course Plan for Preservation Design Concentration Students Completing Thesis

First Year		Course Units
Summer		
	HSPV 7900	Historic Preservation Summer Institute
		0
		Course Units 0.00
Fall		
	HSPV 5210	American Architecture
	HSPV 6000	Documentation, Research, Recording I
	HSPV 6240A	Digital Media for Historic Preservation
	HSPV 6400	Contemporary Design in Historic Settings
	HSPV 6600	Theories of Historic Preservation
		1
		0.5
		0.5
		Course Units 5.00
Spring		
	HSPV 5510	Building Pathology
		1

HSPV 6010	Documentat Research, Recording II	1	
HSPV 6240B	Digital Media for Historic Preservation	0.5	
HSPV 6610	Theories of Historic Preservation II	0.5	
HSPV Concentration Course or Elective ¹		1	
Select 1 General Elective ¹		1	
	Course Units	5.00	
Second Year			
Summer			
Summer Internship			
	Course Units	0.00	
Fall			
HSPV 7010	Historic Preservation Studio	2	
HSPV 7100	Thesis I	1	
HSPV Concentration Course or Elective ¹		1	
Select 1 General Elective ¹		1	
	Course Units	5.00	
Spring			
HSPV 7110	Thesis II	1	
HSPV Concentration Course or Elective ¹		2	
Select 1 General Elective ¹		1	
	Course Units	4.00	
	Total Course Units	19.00	

Course Plan for **Preservation Design** Concentration Students Completing **Capstone without Thesis**

First Year			
Summer			
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 6400	Contempora Design in Historic Settings	1	

HSPV 6600	Theories of Historic Preservation	0.5	
	Course Units	5.00	
Spring			
HSPV 5510	Building Pathology	1	
HSPV 6010	Documentat Research, Recording II	1	
HSPV 6240B	Digital Media for Historic Preservation	0.5	
HSPV 6610	Theories of Historic Preservation II	0.5	
HSPV Concentration Course or Elective ¹		1	
Select 1 General Elective ¹		1	
	Course Units	5.00	
Second Year			
Summer			
Summer Internship			
	Course Units	0.00	
Fall			
HSPV 7010	Historic Preservation Studio	2	
HSPV Concentration Course or Elective ¹		2	
Select 1 General Elective ¹		1	
	Course Units	5.00	
Spring			
HSPV 7210	Historic Preservation Capstone Studio	2	
HSPV Concentration Course or Elective ¹		1	
Select 1 General Elective ¹		1	
	Course Units	4.00	
	Total Course Units	19.00	

¹ Students need 4 CUs of concentration courses, 2 HSPV electives, and 3 General Electives.

Requirements

Public History of the Built Environment Concentration Requirements

In addition to the general degree requirements, the following 4 CUs are required for Public History of the Built Environment concentrators:

Code	Title	Course Units
Required Courses:		2
HSPV 5340	Public History - Theory and Practice	
HSPV 6060	Historic Site Management	
Choose Two of the Following:		2

HSPV 5310	American Domestic Interiors
HSPV 5380	Cultural Landscapes and Landscape Preservation
HSPV 5720	Preservation Through Public Policy
HSPV 5840	World Heritage in Global Conflict
HSPV 5850	Ruins and Reconstruction
HSPV 6200	Topics in Historic Preservation & Public History
HSPV 6380	Topics in Historic Preservation
HSPV 6500	Material Histories and Ethnographic Methods
HSPV 6510	Migratory Urbanism: The Spaces of Transnational Subjects in US Cities and Beyond
HSPV 8200	Readings in Urban & Planning History

Total Course Units 4

Plan of Study

Plan of study for **Public History of the Built Environment** concentration students doing **Thesis**

First Year

Summer		Course Units
HSPV 7900	Historic Preservation Summer Institute	0
		0.00

Fall

HSPV 5210	American Architecture	1
HSPV 6000	Documentat Research, Recording I	2
HSPV 6060	Historic Site Management (or Concentration Course) ¹	1
HSPV 6240A	Digital Media for Historic Preservation	0.5
HSPV 6600	Theories of Historic Preservation	0.5
		5.00

Spring

HSPV 5340	Public History - Theory and Practice	1
HSPV 6010	Documentat Research, Recording II	1
HSPV 6240B	Digital Media for Historic Preservation	0.5

HSPV 6610	Theories of Historic Preservation II	0.5
HSPV Concentration Course or Elective		1
Select 1 General Elective		1
		5.00

Second Year

Fall

HSPV 6060	Historic Site Management (or Concentration Course) ¹	1
HSPV 7010	Historic Preservation Studio	2
HSPV 7100	Thesis I	1
Select 1 General Elective		1
		5.00

Spring

HSPV 7110	Thesis II	1
HSPV Concentration Course(s) or Elective(s)		2
Select 1 General Elective		1
		4.00

Total Course Units 19.00

Plan of study for **Public History of the Built Environment** concentration students doing **Capstone**

First Year

Summer		Course Units
HSPV 7900	Historic Preservation Summer Institute	0
		0.00

Fall

HSPV 5210	American Architecture	1
HSPV 6000	Documentat Research, Recording I	2
HSPV 6060	Historic Site Management (or Concentration Course) ¹	1
HSPV 6240A	Digital Media for Historic Preservation	0.5
HSPV 6600	Theories of Historic Preservation	0.5
		5.00

Spring			
HSPV 5340	Public History - Theory and Practice	1	
HSPV 6010	Documentat Research, Recording II	1	
HSPV 6240B	Digital Media for Historic Preservation	0.5	
HSPV 6610	Theories of Historic Preservation II	0.5	
HSPV Concentration Course or Elective		1	
Select 1 General Elective		1	
	Course Units	5.00	

Second Year			
Fall			
HSPV 6060	Historic Site Managemen (or Concentratic Course) ¹	1	
HSPV 7010	Historic Preservation Studio	2	
HSPV Concentration Course or Elective		1	
Select 1 General Elective ¹		1	
	Course Units	5.00	

Spring			
HSPV 7210	Historic Preservation Capstone Studio	2	
HSPV Concentration Course or Elective		1	
Select 1 General Elective		1	
	Course Units	4.00	
	Total Course Units	19.00	

¹ HSPV 6060: Historic Site Management is only offered in the Fall of odd years, so whether students take this course in year one or year two will vary.

Requirements

Preservation Planning Concentration Requirements

In addition to the general degree requirements, the following 4 CUs are required for Preservation Planning concentrators:

Code	Title	Course Units
Required Courses:		
HSPV 5720	Preservation Through Public Policy	3
HSPV 6250	Preservation Economics	
HSPV 6710	Historic Preservation Law	
Choose One GIS Course: ¹		1

CPLN 5030	Modeling Geographical Objects
CPLN 5920	Public Policy Analytics
CPLN 6320	Modeling Geographic Space
ENVS 5706	Modeling Geographical Objects
MSSP 7300	Community Mapping

Total Course Units **4**

¹ Relevant GIS courses in other departments, such as SWRK or ENVS, may also be approved. Please consult HSPV department for approval.

Plan of Study

Course Plan for **Preservation Planning** Concentration Students Completing Thesis

First Year		
Summer		Course Units
HSPV 7900	Historic Preservation Summer Institute	0
	Course Units	0.00

Fall		
HSPV 5210	American Architecture	1
HSPV 5720	Preservation Through Public Policy	1
HSPV 6000	Documentation, Research, Recording I	2
HSPV 6240A	Digital Media for Historic Preservation	0.5
HSPV 6600	Theories of Historic Preservation	0.5
	Course Units	5.00

Spring		
HSPV 6010	Documentation, Research, Recording II	1
HSPV 6240B	Digital Media for Historic Preservation	0.5
HSPV 6250	Preservation Economics	1
HSPV 6610	Theories of Historic Preservation II	0.5
HSPV 6710	Historic Preservation Law (or HSPV Elective) ^{1, 2}	1
Select 1 General Elective ²		1
	Course Units	5.00

Second Year		
Fall		
HSPV 7010	Historic Preservation Studio	2
HSPV 7100	Thesis I	1
HSPV Concentration Course or Elective ²		1
Select 1 General Elective ²		1
	Course Units	5.00
Spring		
HSPV 7110	Thesis II	1
HSPV 6710	Historic Preservation Law (or Concentric Course) ^{1,2}	1
HSPV Concentration Course or Elective ²		1
Select 1 General Elective ²		1
	Course Units	4.00
	Total Course Units	19.00

Course Plan for **Preservation Planning** Concentration Students Completing **Capstone Studio**

First Year		
Summer		
		Course Units
HSPV 7900	Historic Preservation Summer Institute	0
	Course Units	0.00
Fall		
HSPV 5210	American Architecture	1
HSPV 5720	Preservation Through Public Policy	1
HSPV 6000	Documentation, Research, Recording I	2
HSPV 6240A	Digital Media for Historic Preservation	0.5
HSPV 6600	Theories of Historic Preservation	0.5
	Course Units	5.00
Spring		
HSPV 6010	Documentation, Research, Recording II	1
HSPV 6240B	Digital Media for Historic Preservation	0.5
HSPV 6250	Preservation Economics	1

HSPV 6610	Theories of Historic Preservation II	0.5
HSPV 6710	Historic Preservation Law (or HSPV Elective) ^{1,2}	1
Select 1 General Elective ²		1
	Course Units	5.00

Second Year		
Fall		
		Course Units
HSPV 7010	Historic Preservation Studio	2
HSPV Concentration Course(s) or Elective(s) ²		2
Select 1 General Elective ²		1
	Course Units	5.00

Spring		
		Course Units
HSPV 6710	Historic Preservation Law (or Concentric Course) ^{1,2}	1
HSPV 7210	Historic Preservation Capstone Studio	2
Select 1 General Elective ²		1
	Course Units	4.00
	Total Course Units	19.00

¹ HSPV 6710: Preservation Law is only offered in even years, so whether concentration students take this course in year one or year two will vary.
² Students need 4 concentration courses, 2 HSPV electives, and 3 General Electives.

Requirements

Architectural Conservation Concentration Requirements

In addition to the general degree requirements, the following 4 CUs are required for Architectural Conservation concentrators:

Code	Title	Course Units
Required Courses:		2
HSPV 5550	Architectural Conservation	
HSPV 5510	Building Pathology	
Choose Two of the Following:		2
HSPV 7380	Conservation Seminar: Wood	
HSPV 7390	Conservation Seminar: Masonry	
HSPV 7400	Conservation Seminar: Finishes	
HSPV 7410	Topics in Architectural Conservation	
Total Course Units		4

Plan of Study

Plan of Study for **Architectural Conservation** Concentration Students
Completing **Thesis**

First Year		Course Units
Summer		
HSPV 7900	Historic Preservation Summer Institute	0
		0.00
Fall		
HSPV 5210	American Architecture	1
HSPV 5550	Architectura Conservatio	1
HSPV 6000	Documentation, Research, Recording I	2
HSPV 6240A	Digital Media for Historic Preservation	0.5
HSPV 6600	Theories of Historic Preservation	0.5
		5.00
Spring		
HSPV 5510	Building Pathology	1
HSPV 6010	Documentat Research, Recording II	1
HSPV 6240B	Digital Media for Historic Preservation	0.5
HSPV 6610	Theories of Historic Preservation II	0.5
HSPV Concentration Course or Elective ¹		1
Select 1 General Elective		1
		5.00
Second Year		
Summer		
Internship		
		0.00
Fall		
HSPV 7010	Historic Preservation Studio	2
HSPV 7100	Thesis I	1
HSPV Concentration Course or Elective ¹		1
Select 1 General Elective		1
		5.00
Spring		
HSPV 7110	Thesis II	1
HSPV Concentration Course(s) or Elective ¹		2

Select 1 General Elective	1
Course Units	4.00
Total Course Units	19.00

Plan of Study for **Architectural Conservation** Concentration Students
Completing **Capstone Studio**

First Year		Course Units
Summer		
HSPV 7900	Historic Preservation Summer Institute	0
		0.00
Fall		
HSPV 5210	American Architecture	1
HSPV 5550	Architectura Conservatio	1
HSPV 6000	Documentation, Research, Recording I	2
HSPV 6240A	Digital Media for Historic Preservation	0.5
HSPV 6600	Theories of Historic Preservation	0.5
		5.00
Spring		
HSPV 5510	Building Pathology	1
HSPV 6010	Documentat Research, Recording II	1
HSPV 6240B	Digital Media for Historic Preservation	0.5
HSPV 6610	Theories of Historic Preservation II	0.5
HSPV Concentration Course or Elective ¹		1
Select 1 General Elective		1
		5.00
Second Year		
Summer		
Internship		
		0.00
Fall		
HSPV 7010	Historic Preservation Studio	2
HSPV Concentration Course(s) and/or Elective ¹		2
Select 1 General Elective		1
		5.00

Spring

HSPV 7210	Historic Preservation Capstone Studio	2
HSPV Concentration Course or Elective ¹		1
Select 1 General Elective		1
	Course Units	4.00
	Total Course Units	19.00

¹ HSPV 7400: Conservation Seminar: Finishes is offered in Spring of even years.
 HSPV 7380: Conservation Seminar: Wood is offered in Spring of odd years.
 HSPV 7390: Conservation Seminar: Masonry is offered in Fall (due to required courses in First Year Fall, students wishing to take Masonry should take it in Fall of their second year)