

NVCC (Loudoun)
Public History and Historic Preservation Certificate Program
May 2019 Update

This past academic year, we have focused on trying to implement a direct academic pathway between our certificate program and Mary Washington's undergraduate B.A. historic preservation program.

Discussions with the faculty at Mary Washington have resulted in the general agreement that Mary Washington will accept our HIS 181 Introduction to Historic Preservation course as their HISP Introduction course and our HIS 180 Historical Archaeology course as their HISP the American Built Environment. They will also accept our HIS 183 Survey of Museum Practice and HIS 187 Interpreting Material Culture courses as major electives. In other words, a student who completes our certificate program will arrive at Mary Washington with 12 major credits towards their B.A. preservation degree program.

That sounds pretty straight-forward, but it has been very frustrating getting things lined up on our end with NOVA's Liberal Arts Associate Degree requirements and how to fit our preservation courses into that. We are hopeful that we've finally figured this out and will have a solution finalized this fall.

We welcomed two new instructors this year:

Amy Bertsch, a program graduate, taught HIS 180
Heather Bollinger, Historic Records Manager, Fairfax Circuit Court Historic Records Center, taught HIS 186 Collections Management.

For the first time, we've offered a course on a campus other than the Loudoun Campus. This spring, Professor Dluger taught HIS 181 at the Annandale campus. We are going to try and rotate our courses to the different campuses in the future.

And lastly, in the past year, we have had a total of 8 graduates
2 summer 2018
4 fall 2018
2 spring 2019

Thanks all for your support. We hope to have an actual meeting this fall once we have the transfer pathway firmed up.

Marc and I hope to get out on some more site visits this summer.

Please send us any ideas or suggestions that you might have.