The Master of Science in Historic Preservation is designed to equip you with a strong educational foundation in preservation, archival research, planning, architectural conservation, economics, law and heritage management. Working with community stakeholders, you will apply your coursework and utilize social science methods to identify and protect historic resources with regional and national organizations and firms.

To mirror the environment we help preserve and to prepare students for diverse careers, the program couples a multi-disciplinary approach with a rigorous core of field-based professional preservation offerings, community-based work, and historic preservation electives drawn from historic preservation, architecture, art and architectural history, leadership, and public administration.

**The Master of Science Historic Preservation program:**

- Emphasize hands-on, authentic work with local municipalities, non-profits and private sector preservation groups
- Gives students the ability to pursue professional interests through a research thesis or applied capstone project, including a guaranteed paid assistantship or internship each year of study
- Provides opportunities to study abroad, engage in community service, and participate in unique learning experiences like the International Fellows Program and the Women’s Leadership Network
- Can be completed in one year for students with an undergraduate degree in Historic Preservation

**Credits** 32-52

**Time to Completion** One -to-Two Years

**CAMPUS LOCATION** Bristol, Rhode Island

**Who It’s For** Recent graduates and preservation professionals interested in conservation or preservation of the built environment and historic resources

**Course Load** Full-time or Part-Time

**Key Features**

- $3,000 annual assistantship or internship for all students, applied learning opportunities in Newport, RI, and other areas, study abroad, and more

**Preferred Application Deadline**

March 1

Roger Williams University
GRADUATE PROGRAMS
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To apply, applicants must submit the following items to the Office of Graduate Admission:

1. Completed application form accompanied by the $50 application fee
2. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework
3. Letter of Intent (two double-spaced pages maximum) describing your interest in Historic Preservation, career goals, and how you can positively contribute to the graduate program at RWU
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation from professional sources or academic faculty attesting to your potential to succeed in graduate school.
5. Research Writing Sample, generally 10 or more pages in length, demonstrating your ability to prepare, execute, and present your research. A scholarly research paper written as part of your undergraduate study is appropriate to satisfy this requirement
6. If your first language is not English, an official report of TOEFL or IELTS results

J.D. Dual Degree Applicants: Applicants interested in applying for the joint M.S.H.P./Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree program must apply to and earn acceptance into the School of Architecture, Art, & Historic Preservation and School of Law separately. Students must begin the dual degree program with one year of studies in the School of Law before pursuing M.S. coursework.

To read more about the application process and how to submit your materials, please visit grad.rwu.edu/apply.

CURRICULUM

Required Core Courses
HP 501 Fundamentals of Historic Preservation
HP 524L Archival Research
HP 525 Preservation Economics
HP 526 Preservation Law and Regulation
HP 542 Professional Practices in Historic Preservation
HP 551 History & Philosophy of Historic Preservation
HP 569 Preservation Internship
HP 582L Architectural Conservation Lab
HP 631 Preservation Graduate Thesis Seminar
HP 681L Historic Rehabilitation Workshop
HP 682L Preservation Planning Workshop
HP 651 Graduate Thesis in Historic Preservation

Electives: 9 credits
For a full list of elective offerings for Historic Preservation, please visit grad.rwu.edu.

Certificate and Dual Degree Opportunities:
Within the School of Architecture, Art, & Historic Preservation, students can pursue dual Master of Architecture + M.S. in Historic Preservation degrees through joint advisement—RWU is one of the few U.S. schools to offer this combination. Students interested in legislative work related to preservation may choose to pursue the dual M.S.H.P. and Juris Doctor (J.D.) dual degree program with the RWU School of Law, the only law school in the state of Rhode Island. A graduate certificate in Urban & Regional Planning is also available.

*Students who have a bachelor’s degree in Historic Preservation can complete the degree in as little as one year or 32 credits.

SAMPLE INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS

• Bay State Design Associates
• Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust
• Heritage Restoration, Inc.
• Historic Charleston Foundation
• Massachusetts Highway Department
• Memphis Landmarks Commission
• Mount Vernon
• National Archives and Records Administration
• National Park Service
• National Trust for Historic Preservation
• New Bedford Whaling National Historic Park
• New York Landmarks Conservancy
• Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission
• Washington Office of Planning

SAMPLE EMPLOYERS

• Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation
• Historic New England
• Indiana Landmarks
• National Archives and Records Administration
• New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
• Preserve Rhode Island
• The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc.
• U.S. Army
• Wolf Architects