Learn to preserve. Save historic structures and protect history.

Start your future
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Questions to ask…
• Would you enjoy a hands-on career?
• Do you like to do historical research?
• Are you interested in helping to preserve or rejuvenate neighborhoods?
Be a Cultural Steward

• Learn classroom theory and gain practical experience through interactions with faculty, expert lecturers, local and regional planning agencies, and local preservation groups.

• Become a preservation professional who, as a cultural steward, improves the awareness and effectiveness of the historic preservation movement.

Program emphasis

• Explore preservation planning, historic administration, digital cultural heritage, cultural resource management, heritage tourism and interpretation.

• Gain valuable work experience in internships, cooperative education employment, group and individual projects, the annual field school and course-based community initiatives.

Master of Science in Historic Preservation

EMU’s program is the largest and most comprehensive graduate program in the nation. A historic preservation master requires 36 credits and focuses on:

• Preservation Planning and Administration
• Recordation, Documentation and Digital Heritage
• Interpretation, Cultural Tourism and Museum Practice

Earn valuable experience

• Preservation Eastern

The goal is to enrich the education of the students in EMU’s Historic Preservation Program, as well as the general public, by providing opportunities for advocacy, networking and growth while encouraging and promoting the preservation of Michigan’s historic and cultural resources. Join our active student organization for speakers’ series, site visits, local festivals, networking mixers, holiday and year-end gatherings and many other events.

Sigma Pi Kappa, Kappa Chapter

The Sigma Pi Kappa Honor Society emphasizes leadership and character and striving for the betterment of the historic preservation profession. It seeks to preserve valuable traditions and customs that embody a sense of respect, sensitivity, and caring for cultural resources, and to foster a spirit of amiability among those who have displayed a marked ability in the study and practice of historic preservation.

Historic Preservation Alumni Chapter

Our goals are to provide a networking forum for graduates of the program to support the professional activities and interests of members, and also to advance preservation goals and promote the continued advancement of the EMU Historic Preservation program through the experience of alumni members.

Graduate Certificate

A five-course graduate certificate program is also available for individuals looking for career enhancement or transitioning their careers into this field. And the program offers courses at EMU’s Northern Michigan campus every term.