MINOR FIELD: AMERICAN AND INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY

DEPARTMENT: History—Politics—International Studies

TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS: 18

RATIONALE:

Academic training in archaeology is a useful discipline for students seeking employment in public history. Graduates of our program are ideal candidates for graduate study in the field or for employment by either private historic facilities or by state or federal agencies overseeing public historic sites. Philadelphia was a major center of the American Industrial Revolution, and the area is replete with important surviving sites. Along with Duffy’s Cut, already one of the most well-known examples of such sites to have been investigated by specialists, many similar sites in southeastern Pennsylvania and in neighboring states await similar investigations. The individual stories of these unique Philadelphia-area industrial sites are essential to the wider story of America’s emergence as the leading global industrial power.

The History – Politics – International Studies Department seeks to engage students in practical training for archaeological techniques in field settings, and to provide them the requisite historical background to understand the context of artifacts and remains. Students in the American and Industrial Archaeology track of the History – Politics – International Studies Department participate in unique and important archaeology, and receive training enabling them to compete for jobs in public history to tell the story of America’s rise to greatness.

REQUIREMENTS:

Complete the following four courses (12 credits):

- ARCH 201  Historical Archaeology in Industrial Setting
- ARCH 301  Archaeology Field School I
- ARCH 302  Archaeology Field School II
- SOC 353  Cultural Anthropology

Complete one of the following two courses (3 credits):

- HIST 220  Legend of Duffy’s Cut
- or -
- HIST 200  Public History

Complete one of the following two courses (3 credits):

- HIS 311  American Studies I
- or -
- HIS 312  American Studies II

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