Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies

The course of study leading to the Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies comprises 15 credit hours at the graduate level. It is designed to provide students with a solid grounding in the histories, concepts, and practices of the discipline of museum studies. The certificate program enables students to integrate knowledge of museum studies into their own academic disciplines or professional training.

The Museum Studies core curriculum is the basis for the Graduate Certificate, which emphasizes the essential interdisciplinary and collaborative nature of museum work by drawing on a range of departments in the University. Students in the program gain knowledge in preparation for doctoral study, as well as for employment in museums and related fields such as historic preservation, cultural resource preservation, archives, and government agencies.

Admission to Graduate Studies

An applicant seeking to pursue graduate study in the College may be admitted as either a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking student. Policies and procedures of Graduate Studies govern the process of Graduate admission. These may be found in the Graduate Studies (http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies) section of the online catalog.

Please consult the Departments & Programs (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences) section of the online catalog for information regarding program-specific admissions criteria and requirements. Special admissions requirements pertain to Interdisciplinary Studies degrees, which may be found in the Graduate Studies section of the online catalog.

Admission to the Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies

Eligibility criteria for admission to the certificate program follow Graduate Studies’ admission policy (http://policy.ku.edu/graduate-studies/admission-to-graduate-study). A student must hold a baccalaureate degree and have earned at least a B (3.0) grade-point average in previous academic work. Awarding of certificates will be handled consistent with guidelines and timing of degree awards of the Office of Graduate Studies. Completion of the program will appear on the graduate transcript.

Application requirements differ for current KU students versus non-KU students. Please visit the Museum Studies website (http://museumstudies.ku.edu/admissions) for a full list of the required application materials. Non-native speakers of English must meet English proficiency requirements as described here (http://graduate.ku.edu/english-proficiency-requirements).

The Museum Studies Graduate Certificate will require 15 hours of course work including a 3 credit (minimum) research practicum or internship. The remaining 9 hours will be selected from courses in which there is a demonstrable component that has relevance to museum studies.

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Choose 1 course in a museum professional area

- MUSE 802 Culture of Museums
- MUSE 701 Museum Management
- MUSE 703 Introduction to Museum Exhibits
- MUSE 704 Introduction to Collections Management and Utilization
- MUSE 705 Introduction to Museum Public Education
- MUSE 706 Conservation Principles and Practices
- MUSE 707 Practical Archival Principles

Choose 1 course in a museum conceptual domain

The conceptual domains of museum work address in depth the conceptual and theoretical foundations of museums. Courses that emphasize conceptual domains will place museological subjects in broader historical and intellectual frameworks. Students may take courses which may be offered in one or several disciplines. Courses will be selected based on the general relevance of the course, and assurance that the student’s work in the class will be applicable to museum studies. Please see the Museum Studies website for examples of possible courses.

Research, Practicum or Internship

- 3

Total Hours

15

1 To satisfy the requirement of 1 course in a museum conceptual domain, students must have approval of their advisor.