GRADUATE INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR IN MUSEUM STUDIES

The Graduate Minor in Museum Studies is designed for MA and PhD students who wish to complement their degree program with interdisciplinary study of the theory, organization and management of museums and collections. The program offers broad coverage of different disciplines’ approaches to museum theory and practice, focusing on the collaborative, international and multicultural nature of museum work. The minor is open to graduate students across campus and colleges, contingent on approval by their major advisor. Students may tailor the minor to their career goals via their choice of electives and projects.

Requirements

- MUSE 500: Problems in Museum Theory and Practice 4 hrs
- Three elective courses from approved list (at least one 500-level) 12 hrs
- Capstone project 16 hrs

About the Capstone Project

Every student must complete an approved capstone internship, museum-related project, or research paper. The capstone is conducted in consultation with a three-member committee consisting of the student’s major advisor, a Museum Studies Steering Committee member, and another graduate faculty member. If a student uses thesis/dissertation chapters to fulfill the capstone requirement, a Museum Studies Steering Committee member must be a formal member of their committee. Students may receive credit for the capstone via MUSE 590; all students must submit a capstone product in the form of a written document or portfolio.

To Pursue the Minor

Students wishing to pursue the minor should contact the Museum Studies Coordinator. For more information, see the following web pages:

http://courses.illinois.edu/cis/2010/fall/programs/graduate/anthropology.html
http://www.anthro.illinois.edu/programs/subfields/museum/
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Approved Electives (Effective Fall 2009)

ANTH 460/LA 460  Heritage Management
ANTH 473/ANTH 589  Ethnography of Museums
ANTH 499  Organizational Behavior of Museums
ANTH 560/LAW 678  Anthropology and Law
ARTH 460  Museum Management
ARTH 491  Topics in Art History: Ethics of Collecting and Museums
ARTH 539  Academies of Art
ARTH 560  Collections, Museums and Patrons
CI 590  Advanced Studies: Critical Public Pedagogies
LIS 490  Advanced Topics: Museum Informatics
LIS 590  Advanced Problems: Community Information Systems
LIS 590  Advanced Problems: Ontologies in the Humanities
MUSE 420  Collections Management
MUSE 440  Museum Registration
MUSE 589  Special Topics in Museum Studies (may repeat up to 8 hours)
MUSE 590  Capstone

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