

# MUSEUM STUDIES CERTIFICATE

The University of Alabama is pleased to offer an interdisciplinary graduate certificate in museum studies intended for graduate students who are either majoring in a traditional museum content discipline such as art history, history, anthropology, American studies, geology, or biology; or students who have already completed graduate degrees in these disciplines. Students who complete the certificate program will be qualified for a variety of entry-level professional positions in museums in areas such as museum education, collections management, exhibit planning and development, and museum administration.

Generally defined as the study of all aspects of the theory and practice of museum operations, museum studies includes the history and background of museums, their role in society, and specific systems for research, conservation, education, organization, and administration. This certificate program combines education in traditional academic subjects together with coursework in museum theory and practices, and practical museum field experience.

## Admission Criteria

An applicant whose credentials meet the following minimum requirements may be considered for regular, unconditional admission to the museum studies certificate program:

- GPA: The applicant must have a GPA of 3.0 overall, 3.0 in the last 60 hours in a degree program, or 3.0 for a completed graduate degree program.
- Admission test scores: The applicant must meet the minimum requirements of the Graduate School.

A student may be admitted conditionally if he/she falls below the expected criteria.

## Application

Consistent with the Graduate School's requirements, an applicant to the museum studies certificate program must have completed a bachelor's degree and must be currently enrolled in a master's or doctoral program of study at The University of Alabama, or have completed a graduate degree. Applicants not currently enrolled in a graduate program of study at The University of Alabama must submit required materials, including a statement of purpose and two letters of recommendation, to the Museum Studies Internship Coordinator.

## Curriculum

The certificate program requires the completion of 15 credit hours, including three core courses. The remaining six hours will come from a list of electives pre-approved by the Museum Studies Advisory Board, allowing students the flexibility to tailor their program of study to their specific career goals.

Museum Studies Certificate	Hours
MUSM 500 Museum Internship (Museum Internship)	3
MUSM 501 Museum Administration	3
MUSM 502 or Museum Collections Management	3
MUSM 503 Museum Education & Exhibition	3
Please select two of the following electives:	6
AMS 585 American Experience to 1865	
ANT 509 Ancient Maya Civilizations	
ANT 513 Peoples of Latin America	

ANT 544	Anthropology and Cemeteries
ANT 550	Problems In Anthropology
ARH 550	Literature Of Art
ARH 565	Topics in Renaissance Art
ARH 580	Twentieth-Century Seminar (Representing Conflict only)
GEO 516	Volcanology
GY 589	Forest Eco Veg Analysis
HY 603	Literature European Hist
LS 500	Info Sci & Tech
LS 533	Spec Libr & Info Centrs
LS 536	Archives
LS 541	Youth Programming
LS 555	Intro Archival Studies
LS 556	Archival Theory & Practice
TH 628	Prob Th Arts: Design (Process and Model Making only)

**Total Hours** **15**