

MUSEUM MANAGEMENT, CERTIFICATE

MUSM 702	Museum Internship	3-6
MUSM 703	Museum Management: Independent Study	3
MUSM 704	Collecting, Collections Management, and Curatorial Practice	3

Total Credit Hours		15-18
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Learning Outcomes

- Student will demonstrate competencies required for professional practice in the museum field by distinguishing good and bad practices when assessing cases studies. In each class, students will complete assignments requiring them to present their own ideas, and justify their points of view, in both speaking and writing.
- Students will demonstrate their knowledge of the theory behind museum standards and best practices by answering exam questions in their own words. Students will also demonstrate their comprehension through practical application. For example, the instructor for MUSM 704 requires students to fill out condition reports, to move objects from storage to the galleries, and to evaluate environmental levels in storage areas.
- Students will write an exhibition proposal, which includes defining the subject of their exhibition, defining themes to be covered, researching the types of materials to be displayed, classify the objects by type, assess which will best illustrate their interpretative points, and select pieces for inclusion. They also write interpretive materials, design the layout of the gallery, physically install the exhibition, and evaluate the product. Students are also required to present their ideas to an audience of their peers, as well as museum professionals.
- Students are encouraged to propose independent scholarship for inclusion in conference sessions, which will provide students with opportunities to speak about their work demonstrating their research, writing, and public speaking skills.

Certificate Requirements (18 Hours)

Any matriculated graduate student at the University of South Carolina may apply to the Museum Management Certificate Program. The Certificate of Graduate Study in Museum Management will be awarded upon the completion of 18 semester hours, including one internship project. The content of the project will be designed to suit the needs of the individual student.

All students must complete the core curriculum of 12 semester hours. Six approved hours may be taken in subject areas of graduate degree study such as anthropology, art, business administration, history, library and information science, or public administration. A number of departments have integrated the certificate program within their own areas of study. Up to 6 semester hours are recognized by the Departments of Anthropology and Art, the Public History Program of the Department of History, the School of Library and Information Science, and the Master of Public Administration Program. Specific MUSM courses are listed below.

For more information about this program, write:

Museum Management Program
McKissick Museum
University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC 29208.

Coursework

Course	Title	Credits
MUSM 700	Administration and Management of Museums	3
MUSM 701	Exhibition Development	3