Museum Studies (MSTD) Undergraduate Certificate

The Museum Studies Program offers an 18 credit hour undergraduate certificate in museum studies designed to complement a bachelor’s degree and to prepare students for a career in museums or for graduate study. Many of the courses take advantage of the excellent museum community in Indianapolis with behind-the-scenes tours of museums and guest lectures by experts in the field. The Museum Studies Program is interdisciplinary and draws students from the arts, humanities, and social sciences, as well as from the hard sciences.

The undergraduate core courses provide a firm introduction to the theory, methodology, and practice of museum work. An internship in a museum provides the opportunity to apply skills, gain experience, and develop professional relationships. A range of electives is recommended to allow exploration of areas of interest or to develop deeper knowledge in a more specialized aspect of museum work.

Admission to the undergraduate Certificate program in Museum Studies (MSTD) requires the following:

- 55 credit hours completed of university study with and a declared major field of study
- A minimum GPA of 2.0
- Contact the Office of Student Affairs in the School of Liberal Arts (located in CA 401) and the department (located in CA 419) to complete the necessary paperwork to begin the certificate program.

Requirements for the undergraduate Certificate in Museum Studies (MSTD) are:

- Completion of 18 credit hours in the curriculum below, with a minimum grade of C in each course

Certificate Curriculum:

Museum theory (6 cr.):
- MSTD-A403: Introduction to Museum Studies (3 cr.)
- HIST-H217: The Nature of History (3 cr.)

Museum methods (9 cr.):
- MSTD-A 405: Museum Methods (3 cr.)
- Two Museum Studies elective courses (6 cr.). Choose from the following:
  - MSTD-A410: Museum Education (3 cr.)
  - MSTD-A412: Exhibit Planning and Design (3 cr.)
  - MSTD-A414: Museums and Technology (3 cr.)
  - MSTD-A416: Collections Care and Management (3 cr.)
  - MSTD-A460: Current Topics in Museum Studies (3 cr.) (see course schedule for current listing)

  Additional Electives are possible, but must be approved by the Museum Studies director prior to registration.

Practical museum work (3 cr.): 3 credits required in a museum internship
- MSTD-A 408: Museum Internship (3 cr.) OR a discipline-based internship such as: ANTH-A 412: Senior Project (3 cr.) done in a museum with a Museum Studies faculty advisor (prerequisites: MSTD A403 & A405)

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