

Curriculum

Our interdisciplinary, graduate program covers current research and best practices in management, collections care, cultural heritage preservation, exhibition design, and public programming. An added benefit for students is the ability to take courses campus-wide at a strong, liberal arts institution like SF State.

The Master's degree, which can be completed in 2 to 3 years, includes a supervised internship and a capstone project, which can take the form of a research thesis or creative work project. Courses are selected in consultation with an advisor to suit students' needs, interests, and experience.

Visit our website for more information:
museumstudies.sfsu.edu

Program Requirements (33-34 total semester units):

CORE COURSES (9 units)

M S 700 History and Organization of Museums
M S 860 Fundraising in Museums
M S 880 Museum Internship

AREA REQUIREMENTS (9-10 units)

At least 3 courses in the following areas:
Collections Care and Conservation
Museum Management
Exhibition Design

AREA EMPHASIS (12 units)

Select 4 electives relevant to:
Curatorship
Exhibition Design
Cultural Property Law and Protection
Museum Education and Public Programming
Museum Management and Fundraising
Registration and Collections Management

CULMINATING EXPERIENCE (3 units)

Select one of the following:
M S 894 Creative Work Project
M S 898 Master's Thesis



SF STATE

MUSEUM STUDIES

Master of Arts Program

The mission of the Museum Studies Program is to develop future museum professionals through highly structured coursework in a setting where museums' educational efforts, collections, and interactions with community are of central concern, and in a 21st century landscape, where responsiveness to the significant changes taking place in the museum profession are integrated into curriculum, activities, and professional development.

For more information:

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About Us

Today, museums are not only places that care for and exhibit objects, they are trusted sources of information, places of learning and experience, and centers of community. SF State offers students opportunities to work with leading museum professionals and engage with the Bay area's vibrant museum community.

Ranked as one of the top five Museum Studies programs nationally, SF State graduates 15-20 students annually. In the past few years, SF State placed nearly 100% of its graduates in jobs within a year of graduation.

COMING TO SF STATE IN 2016

- Affordable tuition – lowest cost for a Museum Studies degree in California and tuition reciprocity through the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education's Western Region Graduate Program
- New Museum facility opening in 2016, with permanent collections, volunteer opportunities, and public programs
- New Undergraduate Minor in Museum Studies in 2016
- Capstone Internship Program



Our Network

Museums and related institutions around the country have hosted our interns or employed our graduates, such as the following in the San Francisco Bay area:

Asian Art Museum
Bay Area Discovery Museum
California Academy of Sciences
California Historical Society
Cantor Arts Center, Stanford University
Cartoon Art Museum
Chabot Space and Science Center
Contemporary Jewish Museum
CuriOdyssey
De Saisset Museum, Santa Clara University
Di Rosa Preserve
Exploratorium
The Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco
Fort Mason Center
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Hayward Area Historical Society
History San José
Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley
The Magnes Museum, UC Berkeley
Museum of the African Diaspora
Museum of Performance and Design
Oakland Museum of California
Palo Alto Art Center
Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology
Rosie the Riveter/Home Front National Park
San Francisco Historical Society and Museum
San Francisco International Airport Museums
San Francisco Maritime Nat'l Historic Park
SF MOMA
San José Museum of Art
San Mateo County Historical Museum
Society of California Pioneers
USS Hornet
Walt Disney Family Museum
Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

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Annual Application Deadline
February 1

Engaged Students and Alumni
Museum Studies Student Association
mssa@mail.sfsu.edu
Museum Studies Special Interest Group
mssigsfsu@gmail.com

Student Resources
Exclusive listserves for jobs and opportunities, and an in-house library

Financial Aid
<http://www.sfsu.edu/~finaid>

Tuition Reciprocity
SF State participates in the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education's Western Region Program, offering Western state residents reduced California resident tuition. Competitive program, additional application required.

Transportation & Parking
<http://www.sfsu.edu/~parking/>

