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
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

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

**FAQ**

**Annual Application Deadline**  
February 1

**Engaged Students and Alumni**  
Museum Studies Student Association  
mssa@mail.sfsu.edu

Museum Studies Special Interest Group  
mssigsfu@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/