



Certificate candidates take courses on theoretical issues; best practices in collections management; exhibition and design; learning in museums; and related topics as well as a guided internship. Courses are selected in consultation with an advisor to suit students' needs, interests, and experience.

Prerequisite: Students enrolling in the certificate are expected to have completed ART 565: Introduction to Museum Studies or the equivalent.

Requirements: (15 total semester hours)

INTERNSHIP (3 semester hours) one of the following:

- ANTH 593 Anthropology Field Study\*
- ART 765 Museum Internship
- HIST 600 Internship in Public History
- ILAS 602 Internship\*

At least three of the following:  
(9-12 semester hours)

- ANTH 562 Museum Methods
- ART/WOMS 625 Museums: Gender, Race, and Class
- ART 654 Museum Administration
- ART 655 Curatorial Practice
- ART 656 Museum Exhibitions and Interpretation
- ART 657 Museum Education
- HIST 592 Introduction to Public History

\*May meet the certificate requirements when substantial treatment of museum studies is included.

Additional electives: (0-3 semester hours)

- ANTH 563 Ethnohistory
- ANTH 591 Current Topics in Anthropology\*
- ANTH 690 Independent Study in Anthropology\*
- ART 658 Preventive Conservation Seminar
- ARTE 563 Modern and Postmodern Art in Education
- ARTE 781G Research Topics: Independent Study- Art Museum Education
- ARTH 586 Art Historical Methodology
- ARTH 593 History of Architecture III: From 1900
- ARTH 596A History of Decorative Arts: Furniture
- ARTH 701 Seminar in Art History \*
- ARTH 785 Topics in Art History \*
- COMS 557 The Documentary Tradition
- ENGL 692 Nonfiction Writing
- ETT 531 Visual Literacy
- HIST 597 Oral History
- HIST 598 Special Topics in History\*
- HIST 736 Independent Study\*
- PHIL 633 Aesthetics
- PHIL 691 Special Topics in Recent Philosophy\*
- PSPA 656 Management of Not-For-Profit Agencies
- TLCI 521 Outdoor Interpretation

For more information, contact:

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Visit <http://www.clas.niu.edu/mstudies/> for course descriptions and updated requirements. Graduate-level variable topics or independent studies courses with significant museum studies related content may meet certificate requirements with the prior approval of the program adviser.

The Interdisciplinary  
Certificate of Graduate Study in  
**Museum Studies**

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College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
College of Visual and Performing Arts

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The NIU Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies, an interdisciplinary, regional resource.



### Northern Illinois University's Certificate of Graduate Study in Museum Studies

is designed to enrich the backgrounds of graduate students interested in collections from the following disciplines: anthropology, art, history, biological and physical sciences, or other fields. It enriches educators' use of museum collections in instruction and offers fresh perspectives to practicing professionals seeking to enhance their credentials. The 15 semester hour certificate may be earned on its own or in conjunction with a graduate degree in cooperating departments. Graduate degree candidates in other fields may enroll to broaden their knowledge of issues related to display, representation, public history, or cultural management.

The interdisciplinary graduate certificate is the only resource of its kind in the northern Illinois region, and our graduates are finding employment in area museums.

A number of graduate programs at NIU recognize Museum Studies as a cognate field.

Faculty and staff from the following units participate in the program: Anthropology; Art Design; Art Education; Art History; Burma Studies; Communication; Counseling, Adult, and Higher Education; Curriculum and Instruction; English; History; Instructional Technology; Leadership, Educational Psychology and Foundations; Regional History Center; Philosophy; Public Administration; Studio Art; Women's Studies.

NIU's certificate of graduate study in museum studies is a cooperative effort involving NIU galleries and museums as well as other area institutions.

#### At NIU:

- Anthropology Museum
- Blackwell History of Education Museum and Research Collections
- Burma Art Collection from the Center for Burma Studies
- Gallery 214
- Jack Olson Gallery
- NIU Art Museum

Museums in the northern Illinois region which have hosted Museum Studies interns or employed our graduates:

- Art Institute of Chicago
- Burpee Museum of Natural History (Rockford)
- Cambodian American Heritage Museum (Chicago)
- Chicago History Museum
- Discovery Center Museum (Rockford)
- Ellwood House and Museum (DeKalb)
- Elmhurst Art Museum
- Elmhurst Historical Museum
- Fabian Villa Museum (Geneva)
- Field Museum of Natural History (Chicago)
- Flagg Township Museum (Rochelle)
- Freeport Arts Center
- Frank Lloyd Wright Home (Oak Park)
- Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center (Chicago)
- International Museum of Surgical Science (Chicago)
- Joliet Area Historical Museum
- LaSalle County Historical Society and Museum (Utica)
- Midway Village and Museum Center (Rockford)
- Mitchell Museum of the American Indian (Evanston)
- Museum of Contemporary Art (Chicago)
- Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum (Chicago)
- Rockford Art Museum
- Schingoethe Center for Native American Cultures (Aurora)
- SciTech Hands-On Museum (Aurora)
- Tinker Swiss Cottage (Rockford)
- West Chicago City Museum