

New Program Proposal

Museums, Heritage and Public History

The Graduate Certificate in Museums, Heritage, and Public History provides interdisciplinary professional and academic training for museum professionals and others who seek to develop their practical skills and knowledge to work in the heritage sector.

All those who wish to be considered for the Graduate Certificate in Museums, Heritage, and Public History should designate this certificate program on their application to the graduate school, submit three letters of recommendation and a writing sample, and complete the Museums, Heritage, and Public History supplemental application with their application for graduate work. Applicants who wish to pursue the Graduate Certificate in Museums, Heritage, and Public History normally must have a Master's degree and a GPA of 3.2 or higher. Prospective students who wish to pursue the Graduate Certificate in Museums, Heritage, and Public History in conjunction with another graduate program should follow the normal application procedures for that program in addition to those for this certificate.

Admissions decisions are based on transcripts, the letters of recommendation, the sample of written work, and the supplemental application.

The program will accept applications twice per year, once for the fall semester and once for the spring..

Program Requirements (18 hours)

All candidates for Graduate Certificate in Museums, Heritage, and Public History must complete the following core courses (12 hours):

HIST 6001	Introduction to Public History and Cultural Heritage	3
HIST 6002	Material Culture in Historical Context	3
or HIST 6134	History Curatorship	
HIST 6131	Museum Origins and Evolution	3

Choose one of the following:		3
HIST 6125	Practicum in Public History and Cultural	
HIST 6127	Museums and Communities	
HIST 6129	Emerging Museum Practices	
Students must also complete an additional 2 elective courses (6 hours) as approved by the Director of Museums, Heritage, and Public History.		6
Total Hours		18

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

Department	Contact Person	Phone #	Objections
S004900	Laura Westhoff		No
S002450	Patti Wright		No
S002600	Maureen Quigley		No

Rationale

This certificate creates a program that better reflects the expertise of faculty, the orientation of the professional field, and the resources available in St Louis. It merges the pre-existing Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies and the Graduate Certificate in Public History, which should be deleted if the Graduate Certificate in Museums, Heritage, and Public History is adopted. This change brings the certificate in line with the proposed MA degree in Museums, Heritage, and Public History. The graduate certificate provides a shorter graduate program without a second language requirement (for a language other than English) for applicants who already hold the MA degree (or other advanced degrees), or for those who already work in the heritage sector but wish to advance their knowledge and/or explore new areas of the field.