

**University of Missouri-St Louis**  
**Graduate Program Profile**  
**Master of Arts (MA) History – Museum Studies**

**Degree Program**

A minimum of 39 credit hours is required for the Master of Arts degree in History with an Emphasis Area and Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies. The program is designed to be completed on a full-time basis in two years, preparing students for immediate entry into museum careers. Those interested in curatorial work will be prepared to start a Ph.D. in history. Seven courses in museology are required in a prescribed sequence.

**Emphasis Area**

Museum Studies

**Program Website:**

<http://www.umsl.edu/%7Emuseums/>

**Application Requirements**

1. Application

<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/prospective/applying.html>

2. Program Supplemental Application

<http://www.umsl.edu/%7Emuseums/supplementalappforms.doc>

3. Writing sample

4. Three letters of recommendation

Letters that address academic potential must be provided by individuals who can accurately assess it, such as previous instructors, professors, etc.

5. Official transcripts from all universities attended

Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree before beginning the master's program.

6. Entrance examinations

International students are required to document English proficiency

(<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/prospective/international.html>).

7. Grade Point Average

Minimum of 3.2 on 4.0 scale.

**Application Deadline**

March 1.

Applications are accepted only for the fall semester. Because of the prescribed sequence of course work, no midyear entry into the program is permitted. This is a very competitive program and only 12 positions exist each year. Applicants are encouraged to prepare outstanding applications and submit them early.

**Application Fee**

\$35 (\$40 for international students)

**Financial Support**

Most applicants admitted to the program also receive offers of financial aid which usually takes the form of a fellowship that covers a portion of the educational fees, or a Graduate Research Assistantship that covers all fees, and pays a stipend of \$7500 per academic year. Applicants should contact the Program Director about the type of assistance available.

**Graduate Program Director**

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