MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF MUSEUM STUDIES

The Museum Studies program in the Corcoran School of the Arts and Design welcomes students interested in developing a critical engagement with the museum field and gaining hands-on training in the broad range of skills required for museum work. The program offers a master of arts (MA) with concentrations in museum management, collections management, public engagement, and exhibitions and visitor experience; an on-campus certificate; and an online certificate in museum collections management and care. A range of specialized courses in topics including ethics and values, social justice, preventive conservation, digitization, project management, and museum governance allow students the flexibility to design programs of study geared to their interests and designed with their professional goals in mind.

Students whose career interests are primarily in museum education should refer to the master of arts in teaching in the field of museum education (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/education-human-development/educational-leadership/ma-teaching-museum-studies/) program in the Graduate School of Education and Human Development.

Visit the Museum Studies program website (https://corcoran.gwu.edu/museum-studies/) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines:
- Fall - April 1 (February 1 for priority fellowship consideration)
- Spring - October 1

Standardized test scores: The GRE general exam is not required.

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the PTE Academic is required of all applicants except those who hold a bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degree from a college or university in the United States or from an institution located in a country in which English is the official language, provided English was the language of instruction.

Minimum scores for the program are:
- Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 7.0 with no individual score below 6.0; or
- TOEFL: 600 on paper-based or 100 on Internet-based; or
- PTE Academic: 68;

Recommendations: Two (2) recommendations (one, academic and the other, museum-related)

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:
Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Office of Graduate Studies
The George Washington University
801 22nd Street NW, Phillips Hall 107
Washington DC 20052

For additional information about the admissions process visit the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Frequently Asked Questions (https://columbian.gwu.edu/graduate-admissions-faq/) page.

Contact:
askccas@gwu.edu
202-994-6210 (phone)

Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationtext).
36 credits in required and elective courses and successful completion of a comprehensive examination.

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<td>CMST 6107</td>
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<td>CMST 6501</td>
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<td>15 credits in courses focused on collections management, museum management, exhibitions and visitor experience, or public engagement.</td>
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<td>15 credits in courses which may be drawn from within Museum Studies (CMST), including a second internship, or from outside the program. Up to 12 credits in non-CMST courses are permitted.</td>
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**COMBINED PROGRAMS**

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- Dual Bachelor of Arts with a major in classical and ancient Near Eastern studies and Master of Arts in the field of museum studies (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/classical-near-eastern-languages-civilizations/combined-ba-classical-near-eastern-studies-ma-museum-studies/)
- Dual Bachelor of Arts with a major in history and Master of Arts in the field of museum studies (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/history/dual-ba-history-ma-museum-studies/)
- Dual Master of Arts in the field of museum studies and Graduate Certificate in nonprofit management (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/museum-studies/combined-ma-museum-studies-gc-nonprofit-management/)