Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies

This 15-hour interdisciplinary program prepares students for careers in the museum field. Drawing on courses from anthropology, the School of Art, Design and Creative Industries (SADCI), nonprofit management (public administration), history and education, students gain an overview of museum practice including administration, collections, exhibits and presentation, and education (such as exhibition, workshops, interpretation, guided tours, and school groups).

To complete the certificate program, students take the following management-based core courses:

- ANTH 606 Museum Methods
- ANTH 607 Museum Exhibition
- HIST 703 Museum Administration
- PADM 870 Fundraising and Financial Management for Nonprofit Organizations

In addition, select 3 hours of practice that could include any of the following:

- ARTH 540A Concepts in Creative Industries: Planning and Preparatorship
- ARTH 540B Concepts in Creative Industries: Research and Interpretation
- ARTH 540C Concepts in Creative Industries: Audiences and Outreach
- ARTH 540D Concepts in Creative Industries: Funding and Promotion
- PADM 725 Public Management of Human Resources
- HIST 701 Introduction to Local and Community History

Hours of Internship or Independent Study*

* Under the guidance of the student advisor, students may fulfill this requirement by taking existing internship and/or independent study courses from any of the participating programs involved with museums in the community.

In addition, all students are encouraged to develop a portfolio of work products that may include, for example, exhibitions and publications.

Completion process:

1. Students who are already admitted to an appropriate Graduate category and who are interested in pursuing a graduate certificate must declare their intent to do so by filling out the online Declaration of Intent to Pursue a Graduate Certificate form at [www.wichita.edu/GrCertIntent](http://www.wichita.edu/GrCertIntent)

2. Graduate School staff will then verify eligibility for the certificate with that program area, and add the appropriate codes to the student record to indicate their intent to pursue the certificate.

3. In the semester the certificate requirements are met students must:
   - Prepare (with graduate advisor) and submit (to the Graduate School) a Plan of Study (for the certificate).
   - Submit an Application for Graduate Certificate, along with the $15.00 filing fee, online through the Graduation Links channel in the [myWSU portal](http://myWSU), no later than the 20th day of classes for the fall or spring semester or the 10th day of classes for the summer semester.
Note:
- A cumulative grade point average of 3.000 must be maintained for all courses comprising the certificate program with no grades lower than that which generate 2.0 grade points.
- Substitutions and transfer work are generally not allowed for graduate certificates.

Admission Requirements:

Students seeking this graduate certificate program must be admitted to the Graduate School in either degree bound status, or non-degree Category A status. International students will not be issued an I-20 for pursuing a certificate program only. They may obtain a certificate only while concurrently pursuing a graduate degree. Students who have a previous graduate admission status should contact the Graduate School to determine if they need to apply for admission to an appropriate status, or simply need to reactivate their enrollment file, and declare their intent to pursue a graduate certificate.

Degree Admission – The student must have earned a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution or a recognized institution in another country whose requirements for the bachelor’s degree are substantially equivalent to an American four-year bachelor’s degree. The student must also have a grade point average of at least 2.750 based upon the last 60 hours of course work (or nearest semester or term break to this), including any post-bachelor’s graduate work, and no more than 9 hours of background deficiencies in the desired field. Some programs may require a higher minimum grade point average, as well as additional supporting materials. Visit [www.wichita.edu/gradprograms](http://www.wichita.edu/gradprograms) for details on any departmental requirements.

Non-Degree, Category A – Students who already possess a graduate degree and who do not wish to pursue a second degree, or who wish to only pursue a graduate certificate should apply for non-degree, Category A admission. Admission to this category requires the applicant to either hold a graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution or recognized institution in another country, OR if the applicant does not hold a graduate degree, he or she must meet the same requirements as if they were applying for a degree program.

Details on how to apply for admission can be found online:
- Domestic Applicants: [www.wichita.edu/grdaoappinfo](http://www.wichita.edu/grdaoappinfo)
- International Applicants: [www.wichita.edu/grinoappinfo](http://www.wichita.edu/grinoappinfo)

NOTE: When applying for admission please indicate in the Additional Information field that you are interested in pursuing this specific certificate, so your file can be coded appropriately. Students should also submit the separate application for the Museum Studies Certificate program, along with a statement of purpose that includes specific interests, education, and any experience. The form can be found online at [http://holmes.anthropology.museum/programs.html](http://holmes.anthropology.museum/programs.html) and clicking on the certificate program link at the bottom of the page.

Certificate programs are not eligible for Title IV (federal financial aid) funding unless the certificate is part of the degree program you are pursuing or the certificate has been specified as a Gainful Employment (aid eligible) program. This certificate has not been specified as a Gainful Employment program.

For more Information:
Rachelle Meinecke, Director
Lowell D. Holmes Museum of Anthropology
Wichita State University
1845 Fairmount
Wichita KS 67260-0052
316-978-7068
Email: Rachelle.Meinecke@wichita.edu

Apply On-Line to Graduate School: [www.wichita.edu/apply](http://www.wichita.edu/apply)