

Interested in Becoming an Art Museum Curator?

Traditionally, curators have held a higher academic degree in their subject. For larger organizations this is typically a Doctor of Philosophy or a Master's degree - in subjects such as History, History of Art, Archaeology, Anthropology, or Classics.

Recently, the increased complexity of many museums and cultural organizations has prompted the emergence of professional programs in field such as public history, museum studies, arts management, and curating/curatorial practice.

A variety of careers exist within the discipline of museum studies, including museum director, curator, educator, docent, graphic designer, exhibit designer, archivist and conservation specialist. --- *Wikipedia*

Other useful links:

<http://www.collegesurfing.com/content/museum-curator-description-salary/>

<http://www.fabjob.com/artcurator.asp#>

Helpful advice on educational programs

- Undergraduate degrees for this career
- Graduate programs in art history, curatorial studies, and museum studies with links

Schools in Arizona

Arizona State University, Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts, School of Art, Graduate Programs in Art History, Tempe, AZ

<http://art.asu.edu/arhistory/index.php>

Arizona University, School of Art, Master in Art History, Tuscan, AZ

<http://web.cfa.arizona.edu/arh/grads.html>

Schools in Arkansas

Arkansas State University – Jonesboro, College of Fine Arts, Art History, Jonesboro, AR

<http://www2.astate.edu/a/finearts/dept/art/degree-programs/art-history/>

University of Arkansas, Master in Public History, Little Rock, AR

<http://ualr.edu/history/index.php/home/programs/master/>

Schools in California

John F. Kennedy University, Department of Museum Studies, Master of Arts, Berkeley, CA

http://www.jfku.edu/programs/programs/museum_stud/

University of California – Berkeley, M.A./Ph.D. Program in the History of Art, Berkeley, CA

<http://ls.berkeley.edu/dept/arhistory/graduate.html>

California State University – Chico, Master in Museum Studies, Chico, CA

<http://www.csuchico.edu/anth/museum/museumStudies.html>

Claremont Graduate University, Center for the Arts and Humanities, Cultural Studies Department, Claremont, CA

<http://www.cgu.edu/pages/1092.asp>

California State University – Fullerton, Department of Art, Museum Studies, Fullerton, CA

http://www.fullerton.edu/arts/art/other_museum.asp

California State University - Long Beach, Master in Museum & Curatorial Studies, Long Beach, CA

<http://www.art.csulb.edu/academics/programs/index.php?prog=MS&page=2a1>

University of Southern California, Museum Studies Program, Los Angeles, CA

<http://college.usc.edu/news/topics/152/museum-studies/>

University of California – Riverside, Master in Public History Program, Riverside, CA

<http://history.ucr.edu/academics/graduate/phrm.html>

San Francisco Art Institute, Master in Exhibition and Museum Studies, San Francisco, CA

<http://www.sfai.edu/page.aspx?page=208&navID=392§ionID=4>

San Francisco State University, College of Humanities, Master in Museum Studies Program, San Francisco, CA

<http://www.sfsu.edu/~museumst/>

Stanford University, School of Humanities and Sciences, Art and Art History Department, Stanford, CA

<http://art.stanford.edu/#>

Schools in Colorado

University of Colorado, Graduate Program in Museum and Field Studies, Boulder, CO

<http://cumuseum.colorado.edu/MFS/>

University of Denver, School of Art and Art History, Master in Museum Studies concentration, Denver, CO

<http://www.du.edu/art/graduate/MAmuseum.htm>

Schools in Delaware

University of Delaware, Master in Museum Studies Program, Newark, DE

<http://www.udel.edu/museumstudies/>

University of Delaware, Master in American Material Culture, Newark, DE

<http://www.udel.edu/winterthurprogram/index.html>

Schools in District of Columbia

American University, College of Arts and Sciences, Master in Arts Management Program, Washington, DC

<http://american.edu/cas/performing-arts/arts-management.cfm>

Corcoran College of Art and Design, Smithsonian-Corcoran Masters Program in the History of Decorative Arts, Washington, DC

http://www.corcoran.edu/graduate_degrees/Smithsonian-Corcoran_MA_history_of_decorative_arts.php

Corcoran College of Art and Design, Master in Exhibition Design, Washington, DC

http://www.corcoran.edu/graduate_degrees/MA_exhibition_design.php

Johns Hopkins University, Master in Museum Studies Program, Washington, DC

<http://advanced.jhu.edu/academic/museum/>

George Washington University, Master in Museum Studies Program, Washington, DC

<http://www.gwu.edu/~mstd/>

Schools in Florida

Florida International University, Graduate Certificate of Museum Studies, Miami, FL

http://thefrost.fiu.edu/edu_studies.htm

Florida State University, Master in Museum Studies, Tallahassee, FL

<http://www.fsu.edu/~ms/>

University of Florida, School of Art and Art History, Master in Museum Studies Gainesville, FL

<http://www.arts.ufl.edu/art/Programs/museumstudies.asp>

University of West Florida, Department of History, Master in Public History Program, Pensacola, FL

<http://uwf.edu/history/publichistory.cfm>

Schools in Georgia

University of Georgia, Lamar Dodd School of Art, Athens, GA
<http://art.uga.edu/>

Georgia State University, Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design, Atlanta, GA
http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwart/art_design/index.html

Schools in Illinois

Southern Illinois University, Bachelor in Museum Studies Program, Carbondale, IL
<http://www.museum.siu.edu/studies.php>

Eastern Illinois University, Department of History, Master in Historical Administration, Charleston, IL
<http://www.eiu.edu/~history/ha/program.htm>

Columbia College of Chicago, Masters in Arts, Entertainment and Media Management, Chicago, IL
http://www.colum.edu/Academics/AEMM/programs/AEMM_Graduate_Program.php

Loyola University Chicago, Department of History, Master of Arts in Public History, Chicago IL
http://www.luc.edu/history/graduate/public_history.shtml

School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Master of Arts Administration, Chicago, IL
<http://www.saic.edu/>

University of Chicago, Division of the Humanities, Department of Art History, Chicago, IL
<http://arthistory.uchicago.edu/>

University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Art History, Certificate in Museology, Chicago, IL
<http://www.uic.edu/depts/arch/ah/museology.shtml>

Northern Illinois University, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Interdisciplinary Certificate of Graduate Study in Museum Studies, DeKalb, IL
<http://www.niu.edu/mstudies/>

Northwestern University, Department of Art History, Evanston, IL
<http://www.wcas.northwestern.edu/arthistory/>

Illinois State University, College of Arts and Sciences, Master in History, Normal, IL
<http://www.cfa.ilstu.edu/art/>

Schools in Indiana

Indiana University – Bloomington, School of Fine Art, Department of Art History,
Bloomington, IN

<http://www.indiana.edu/~arthist/>

Indiana University, Herron School of Art and Design, Indianapolis, IN

<http://www.herron.iupui.edu/>

Indiana University – Purdue, School of Liberal Arts, Museum Studies, Indianapolis, IN

<http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/mstd/>

Ball State University, Department of Architecture, Master of Science in Historic
Preservation, Muncie, IN

<http://cms.bsu.edu/Academics/CollegesandDepartments/CAP/Programs/Architecture/Academics/Programs/Masters/MScience.aspx>

Schools in Iowa

University of Iowa, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor in Museum Studies Program,
Iowa City, IA

<http://www.art.uiowa.edu/>

Schools in Kansas

University of Kansas, Center for Indigenous Nations Studies, Master in Cultural
Preservation Management, Lawrence, KS

<http://www.indigenous.ku.edu/>

University of Kansas, Master in Museum Studies, Lawrence, KS

<http://museumstudies.ku.edu/programs/index.shtml>

School in Kentucky

University of Louisville, Master of Public Administration/Curatorial Studies, Louisville,
KY

http://supa.louisville.edu/joint_mpa_ma.htm

Schools in Louisiana

Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Master in Heritage Resources, Natchitoches,
LA

<http://www.nsula.edu/heritageresources/>

Southern University - New Orleans, Master in Museum Studies, New Orleans, LA

<http://www.suno.edu/Colleges/Museum/>

University of New Orleans, Master in Arts Administration Program, New Orleans, LA

<http://arta.uno.edu/>

Schools in Maine

Institute for Doctoral Studies in the Visual Arts, Graduate Programs, PhD in Visual Arts and Visual Culture, Portland, ME (Doctorate)

http://www.idsva.org/Pages/IDSVVA_WebDocs/program?textPage=1

Schools in Maryland

Morgan State University, School of Graduate Studies, Museum Studies, Baltimore, MD

http://web.morgan.edu/graduate/gs/ms/museum_studies.html

Goucher College, Master in Arts Administration, Towson, MD

<http://www.goucher.edu/x1168.xml>

Schools in Massachusetts

Boston University, Department of Art History, Boston, MA

<http://www.bu.edu/ah/programs/index.html>

Northeastern University, Master in Public History, Boston, MA

http://www.history.neu.edu/graduate/ma_in_public_history/

Harvard Extension School, Master of Liberal Arts in Museum Studies, Cambridge, MA

<http://www.extension.harvard.edu/museum/>

Tufts University, Master in Museum Studies Program, Medford, MA

<http://ase.tufts.edu/MuseumStudies/>

Smith College, Summer Institute in Art Museum Studies, Northampton, MA

<http://www.smith.edu/siams/>

Brandeis University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Master in Cultural Production, Waltham, MA

<http://www.brandeis.edu/programs/culturalproduction/>

Regis College, School of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor in Museum Studies, Weston, MA

<http://www.regiscollege.edu/academics/details.aspx?id=6372>

Schools in Michigan

University of Michigan, Rackham Graduate School, Museum Studies Program, Ann Arbor, MI

https://secure.rackham.umich.edu/academic_information/program_details/museum_studies/

Western Michigan University, Department of History, Master in Public History Program, Kalamazoo, MI

<http://www.wmich.edu/history/>

Central Michigan University, Bachelor in Museum of Cultural and Natural History,
Mount Pleasant, MI

<http://www.museum.cmich.edu/newminor.htm>

Michigan State University, College of Arts and Letters, Master in Museum Studies, East
Lansing, MI

<http://www.art.msu.edu/>

Eastern Michigan University, Department of Geography and Geology, Graduate
Certificate in Historic Preservation, Ypsilanti, Michigan

http://extended.emich.edu/programs/historic_pres.aspx

Schools in Missouri

Southeast Missouri State University, Department of History, Bachelor/Master in Historic
Preservation Program, Cape Girardeau, MO

<http://www4.semo.edu/histpres/>

University of Missouri - St. Louis, History, Art History, Anthropology Departments,
Museum Studies Program, St. Louis, MO

<http://www.umsl.edu/bulletin/as/history.html>

School in New Hampshire

University of New Hampshire, Museum Studies, Durham, NH (Master's)

<http://www.unh.edu/history/index.cfm?id=4A9774D5-01BF-8B8C-0CA42C4461364CC0>

Schools in New Jersey

State University of New Jersey, Department of Fine Arts, Bachelor in Art History and
Museum Studies, Camden, New Jersey

http://finearts.camden.rutgers.edu/art_home.php

State University of New Jersey, Department of Visual and Performing Arts, Bachelor in
Art History/Art and Design, Newark, New Jersey

<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~vpa/>

Princeton University, Center for Arts and Cultural Policy Studies, Princeton, NJ
(Graduate Programs)

<http://www.princeton.edu/~artspol/index.html>

Seton Hall University, Graduate Program in Museum Professions, South Orange, NJ

<http://www.shu.edu/academics/artsci/ma-museum-professions/index.cfm>

Schools in New Mexico

Institute of American Indian Arts, Bachelor in Museum Studies, Santa Fe, NM

<http://www.iaia.edu/college/ac-programs-ms.php>

Schools in New York

Columbia University, Bard College, Center for Curatorial Studies and Art in Contemporary Culture, Master of Art Program, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
<http://www.bard.edu/ccs/graduate/>

State University of New York – Buffalo, Department of History and Social Studies Education, Undergraduate Minor in Museum Studies, Buffalo, NY
<http://www.buffalostate.edu/history/>

State University of New York – Buffalo, Multidisciplinary Studies, Master in Museum Studies, Buffalo, NY
<http://www.buffalostate.edu/gradprog.xml?bpid=473>

State University of New York – Buffalo, College of Arts and Sciences, Studio Art and Design (M.F.A), Art History (M.A.), and Visual Studies (Ph.D.), Buffalo, NY
<http://www.buffalostate.edu/artsandhumanities/departments.xml>

State University of New York - Oneonta, Master in Museum Studies, Cooperstown, NY
<http://www.oneonta.edu/academics/cgp/>

Cornell University, Graduate Program in Historic Preservation Planning, Ithaca, NY
<http://www.aap.cornell.edu/crp/programs/grad/ma.cfm>

Christie's Education, Masters in Modern Art, Connoisseurship and the History of the Art Market, New York, NY
http://www.christieseducation.com/ny_mastersprogs.html

City College of New York, College of Liberal Arts and Science, Master in Museum Studies, New York, NY
http://www1.cuny.cuny.edu/prospective/humanities/art/programs_ms.cfm

Columbia University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Museum Anthropology New York, NY
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/anthropology/graduate/main/index/museum_anthro.html

Fashion Institute of Technology (SUNY), School of Graduate Studies, Fashion and Textile Studies: History, Theory, Museum Practice, New York, NY
<http://www.fitnyc.edu/2871.asp>

Fashion Institute Of Technology (SUNY), School of Graduate Studies, Exhibition Design, New York, NY
<http://www.fitnyc.edu/2868.asp>

New York University, Department of History, New York, NY
<http://history.fas.nyu.edu/page/home>

New York University, Graduate School of Arts and Science, Program in Museum Studies
New York, NY

<http://www.nyu.edu/fas/program/museumstudies/graduate/index.html>

New York University, Institute of Fine Arts, Curatorial Studies Program, New York, NY

<http://www.nyu.edu/gsas/dept/fineart/>

New York University, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
Graduate program in Visual Arts Administration, New York, NY

<http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/art/>

Parsons: The New School for Design, Master of History of Decorative Arts, New York,
NY

<http://www.parsons.newschool.edu/departments/department.aspx?dID=79&sdID=104&pType=2>

Parsons: The New School for Design, Master in Fashion Studies, New York, NY

<http://www.newschool.edu/parsons-ma-fashion-studies/>

Pratt Institute, School of Art and Design, Master in Arts and Cultural Management, New
York, NY

http://www.pratt.edu/academics/art_and_design/arts_cultural_management/

Sotheby's Institute of Art, Master in American Fine and Decorative Arts/Contemporary
Art, New York, NY

<http://www.sothebysinstitute.com/sem/index.php/sem/masters>

Hartwick College, Bachelor in Museum Studies, Oneonta, NY

<http://www.hartwick.edu/x2563.xml>

Syracuse University, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Master in Museum Studies,
Syracuse, NY

<http://vpa.syr.edu/index.cfm/page/graduate-museum-studies>

Schools in North Carolina

Appalachian State University, Master in History, Boone, NC

<http://www.history.appstate.edu/Graduate/Graduate.html>

North Carolina State University, Master in Public History, Raleigh, NC

<http://www.ncsu.edu/grad/degree-programs/index.php>

University of North Carolina – Greensboro, Graduate concentration in Historic
Preservation or Museum Studies, Greensboro, NC

<http://www.uncg.edu/hpms/>

University of North Carolina – Wilmington, Master in Public History, Wilmington, NC

<http://www.unew.edu/hst/letter.html>

Schools in Ohio

University of Cincinnati, College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning, Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies, Cincinnati, OH

<http://daap.uc.edu/about/welcome>

Case Western Reserve University, Graduate Program in Art History and Museum Studies, Cleveland, OH

http://www.cwru.edu/artsci/arth/about_arth.html

Walsh University, Division of Humanities, Bachelor in Museum Studies, North Canton, OH

<http://www.walsh.edu/museumstudies.htm>

Schools in Oklahoma

University of Central Oklahoma, History Department, Master in Museum Studies Program, Edmund, OK

<http://www.libarts.uco.edu/history/graduate.htm>

Schools in Oregon

University of Oregon, Arts and Administration Program, Eugene, OR (Bachelor & Master's)

<http://aad.uoregon.edu/>

Schools in Pennsylvania

Juniata College, Bachelor in Museum Studies, Huntington, PA

<http://www.juniata.edu/departments/art/museumstudies/index.html>

Drexel University, Graduate Arts Administration Program, Philadelphia, PA

<http://drexel.edu/westphal/academics/graduate/artsadmin/>

University of the Arts, College of Art and Design, Master in Museum Exhibition, Planning and Design, Philadelphia, PA

<http://www.uarts.edu/academics/cad/ms/mepd.html>

University of Pennsylvania, Graduate Program in Historic Preservation, Philadelphia, PA

<http://www.design.upenn.edu/historic-preservation>

Carnegie Mellon University, Master of Arts Management Program, Pittsburgh, PA

<http://www.heinz.cmu.edu/school-of-public-policy-management/arts-management-mam/index.aspx>

Duquesne University, McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts, Master in Archival, Museum and Editing Studies, Pittsburgh, PA

<http://www.approval.duq.edu/amy/pa-approval/docs/liberalarts/docs/gradhistory/program.html>

Schools in Rhode Island

Brown University, Department of American Civilization, Master in Public Humanities Program, Providence, RI

<http://www.brown.edu/Research/JNBC/>

Schools in South Carolina

University of South Carolina, College of Arts and Sciences, Master in Public History, Columbia, SC

<http://www.cas.sc.edu/hist/pubhist/>

Schools in North Dakota

University of North Dakota, Department of Art & Design, Grand Forks, ND

<http://www.und.nodak.edu/dept/art/html/degrees.html>

Schools in Tennessee

Middle Tennessee State University, Master in Public History Program, Murfreesboro, TN

<http://histpres.mtsu.edu/>

Tusculum College, Master in Museum Studies Program, Greeneville, TN

<http://www.tusculum.edu/faculty/home/gcollins/html/museumstuds.html>

University of Memphis, Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate Program in Museum Studies, Memphis, TN

<http://www.memphis.edu/museumstudies/>

Schools in Texas

Baylor University, Department of Museum Studies, Master in Museum Studies, Waco, TX

http://www.baylor.edu/Museum_Studies/

Texas Tech University, Master in Museum Science Program, Lubbock, TX

<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/museumttu/program.html>

Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi, College of Liberal Arts, Corpus Christi, TX

<http://history.tamucc.edu/>

University of North Texas, College of Visual Arts and Design, Master in Visual Arts, Denton, TX

<http://www.art.unt.edu/>

Schools in Utah

Brigham Young University, Graduate Certificate in Museum Practices program, Provo, Utah

<http://www.byu.edu/gradstudies/programs/formdetails.php?program=128>

Schools in Vermont

Vermont College of Fine Arts, Master of Fine Arts Programs, Visual Art, Montpelier, VT
<http://www.vermontcollege.edu/visual-art/about-program>

Schools in Virginia

George Mason University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Art History, Fairfax, VA
<http://historyarthistory.gmu.edu/>

George Mason University, Master in Arts Management, Fairfax, VA
http://catalog.gmu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=5&poid=1036&bc=1

Lynchburg College, Bachelor in Museum Studies, Lynchburg, VA
<http://www.lynchburg.edu/museumstudies.xml>

Virginia Commonwealth University, Department of Art History, M.A. in Museum Studies, Richmond, VA
<http://www.vcu.edu/arts/arthistory/dept/graduate/>

Sweet Briar College, Bachelor in Arts Management, Sweet Briar, VA
<http://www.artsmanagement.sbc.edu/>

Schools in Washington

University of Washington, Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Museum Studies, Seattle, WA
<http://www.museum.washington.edu/museum/>

Schools in Wisconsin

Beloit College, Museum Studies Program, Beloit WI
<http://www.beloit.edu/logan/>

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Department of Anthropology, Graduate Program in Museum Studies, Milwaukee, WI
<http://www4.uwm.edu/lets/museumstudies/>