

Museum Studies, Cert

Department: Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology Department

College: College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Overview

About This Degree

USU offers an interdisciplinary certificate program in museum studies. The certificate program is unique in the state in that it can be earned as a complement to a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree in any field. The program educates students in museum administration, collections management and care, and interpretation and exhibition skills.

Students in the program take classes from nearly two dozen departments and programs across the USU campus, and it serves as a complement to a variety of majors, including anthropology, art history, history, and more. Students can take classes in areas such as accounting, management, professional writing, art, public speaking, and communications to help them develop skills needed for graduate school in museum studies and various careers in museums.

Career Options

This certificate can help prepare students for graduate school in museum studies or for careers as administrators, restorers, critics, curators, educators, etc. in the following areas:

- Museums of art, history, anthropology, natural history, and more
- National parks
- Libraries
- Archives
- Art galleries
- Zoos and aquaria

[Career Services](#) provides counseling and information on hundreds of job and internship opportunities and even helps students apply and interview.

What it takes

Admissions Requirements

Students admitted to Utah State University in good standing qualify to complete this certificate in conjunction with their chosen major.

Major Requirements

[Click here](#) to see course requirements for the **Certificate (UG)**.

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Advising

All new USU students participate in a [New Student Orientation](#) program, where they receive detailed information about major requirements, registering for classes, and other important advising information.

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Get Involved

Professional Organizations, Honor Societies, and Clubs

Anthropology Club: This club promotes interest and raises awareness in the field of anthropology. This organization gives members the opportunity to listen to professional speakers, attend field trips, and participate in hands-on learning experiences and social activities. The club aims to generate members that have an increased appreciation for other cultures and people, as well as foster successful employees in anthropology.

Labs, Centers, Research

With the second oldest [undergraduate research](#) program in the nation, USU offers students a wide range of opportunities to gain hands-on research experience. The [Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities](#) program allows students to apply for grants and receive funding. USU's [Honors Program](#) prepares students for excellent graduate programs by helping them build relationships with professors, participate in research projects, take smaller, more intensive classes, and develop leadership skills.

Museum of Anthropology: USU houses the Museum of Anthropology, which provides a professional context for university students to acquire experience in museum operation and management. The museum collects artifacts of all kinds, from prehistoric stone tools to Roman coins to Middle Eastern Rugs, to preserve for the public an enduring record of cultural heritage from around the world.

Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art: This museum collects, maintains, preserves, and regularly exhibits art in diverse media created primarily in the American West with an emphasis on modern and contemporary movements. Through exhibitions and education programs, the museum provides the campus and community with opportunities for growth, discovery, and scholarly research.