The 18-credit hour certificate offers an introduction to foundations in museums and archives to provide students with a basic set of skills that prepares them for work in museum and archives professions and for graduate study in these areas.

Students from any college or major are eligible.

Two core courses are taught by a multidisciplinary team of UA instructors and practitioners.

Each core course is scheduled once annually and is held at the Cummings Center for the History of Psychology, RDWY 203E.

A final capstone course provides a practicum experience working with professionals at a local museum or archives.

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Or, simply register and we’ll see you in the Fall!
Museums & Archives Certificate Description

The purpose of this certificate is to provide students with a basic set of skills that prepares them for work in the museums and archives professions. Topics covered include materials handling and preservation, museum exhibit design and assessment, organizing and describing materials, policies and procedures, donor relations, education and assessment, and cultural considerations. Students will be required to complete a practicum experience with a local collecting institution and to complete nine additional credit hours of specialization from a list of approved electives.

Registration

Students do not need permission to register for the Fall core course.

There are only 12 seats, so register early!

Certificate Requirements

To complete the Museum & Archives Certificate, students are required to take two sequential 3-credit, 300-level core courses, followed by a Capstone Experience, plus electives totaling in 18 credits.

1900.301 (3 credits)
Foundations of Museums & Archives I

1900:302 (3 credits)
Foundations of Museums & Archives II
  + Capstone Experience (3 credits)
  + Electives (9 credits)

The core courses are face-to-face classes with lots of hands-on work in the archives and museum.

Students will visit local collecting institutions for service and experiential learning with experts in the field.

Electives

Electives generally come from a student’s area of study.

Yes: You may have already taken courses that will count!

Yes: You may be able to use courses from a University of Akron completed degree!

No: Electives do not include any 100-level courses.

Yes: You can take electives simultaneously with the core course!

Yes: You can take the core courses even if you don’t want to complete the certificate!

For a listing of pre-approved electives please visit:

http://www.uakron.edu/chp/education/museums-and-archives-certificate.dot