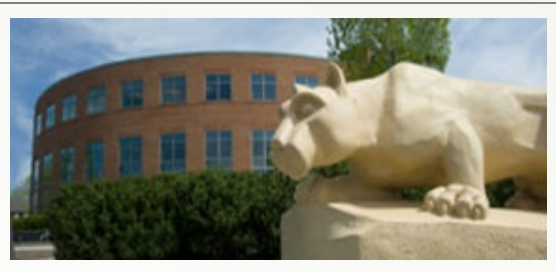


Graduate Certificate in Heritage and Museum Practice

The graduate heritage and museum practice certificate prepares students to enter the museum, historic site, and public heritage fields positioned to thrive. This 15-credit certificate program provides students with knowledge and practical experience for work in historical organizations, art museums and galleries, archives and record management programs, educational institutions, cultural and governmental agencies, preservation and cultural resource management groups, and media production.



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Curriculum

In addition to counting towards the certificate, the following prescribed courses may be applied to earning a Master of Arts in American Studies degree:

AM ST 480 Museum Studies (3)
AM ST 481 Historic Preservation (3) Or AM ST 482 Public Heritage (3)
AM ST 550 Seminar in Public Heritage (3)

Additionally, some elective courses earned for the certificate may also count towards the Master's. Be sure to review that program's requirements for complete details.

The American Studies program also offers a [Graduate Certificate in Folklore and Ethnography](#).



Courses Overview

The academic plan includes Museum Studies, AMST 480, and Public Heritage, AMST 550, as well as short courses on topics such as Museum Exhibitions and Museum Administration, AMST 482. Electives include courses in Public Administration and Folklore. Many students enrolled in the post-baccalaureate certificate go on to complete the requirements for the master's degree in American studies. The courses are balanced by strategic field experiences, including wide-ranging internships at area and national sites. All courses are taught by former and current museum and public heritage site educators, curators, and administrators who regularly participate in state, national, and international conferences. Faculty stay relevant by conducting research that contributes to exhibitions and publications for scholarly and public audiences.

Program Requirements for Admission

An applicant must hold either a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or a tertiary (postsecondary) degree that is deemed comparable to a four-year bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution. This degree must be from an officially recognized degree-granting institution in the country in which it operates.

A candidate in the certificate program may also become a candidate in the [Master of Arts in American Studies](#), [Master of Arts in Humanities](#), or [Master of Arts in Public Administration](#) degree programs if the candidate is admitted to one of these graduate degree programs; however, successful completion of the certificate program neither implies nor guarantees admission to any graduate degree program at Penn State. Students enrolled in any of these degree programs may apply credits earned toward the certificate as elective credits with program approval. Up to 15 credits of coursework taken in nondegree status can count towards a graduate degree.

GPA Requirements

Applicants are expected to have 2.75 GPA or above in the last two years of undergraduate work in American Studies, history, art, architecture, anthropology, folklore, management, communications, or fields related to museum and heritage practice.