

ACCELERATED BACHELOR OF ARTS/MASTER OF ARTS IN MUSEUM STUDIES

To earn an Accelerated BA in Museum Studies/MA in Museum Studies, a student must complete all requirements for the BA degree with a major in Museum Studies, as well as additional coursework at the graduate level. (See the Graduate Catalog (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/graduate-school/curriculum-departments-institutes-instruction/college-arts-sciences/museum-studies/joint-ba-select-majorsma-museum-studies/>) for details of graduate requirements, including eligibility and admissions.)

BA in Museum Studies Requirements for a Major in Museum Studies

Code	Title	Hours
36 semester hours including the following:		
Required Courses		
MST 1300	Introduction to Museums	3
Thirty-three semester hours, 18 of which must be at the 3000 or 4000 level, selected from at least four of the six areas of study:		33
Education		
MST 3303	Introduction to Museum Educational Programming	
MST 4303	Advanced Museum Education	
MST 4331	Exhibit Design and Preparation	
MST 4362	Curriculum and Teaching in Informal Education Environments	
Collections		
MST 3304	Introduction to Cultural Collections	
MST 4304	Museum Collections Management	
MST 4324	Introduction to Archival Collections and Museums	
Curation		
MST 4307	Historic Buildings and Sites	
MST 4308	Introduction to Material Culture	
MST 4309	Introduction to American Decorative Arts	
MST 4310	History and Curation of Book Collections	
Administration		
MST 4301	Nonprofit Perspectives	
MST 4302	Introduction to Outreach and Community Relations for Museums	
MST 4311	Museum Administration	
MST 4313	Ethical Issues in Cultural Collections Management	
Research		
MST 3V9R	Research	
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Professional Practice		
MST 2300	Museum Professions and Practices	
MST 2311	Exploring Informal Science Institutions	
MST 4V60	Museum Internship	

Additional Requirements

A minor in a related field of study in the College of Arts & Sciences.¹

A grade of "C" or better in courses used for the major.

Total Hours 36

¹ Related minors include but are not limited to the following: American Studies, Anthropology, Art, Art History, English, History, and Journalism.

MA in Museum Studies Museum Studies, M.A. Requirements for a Major in Museum Studies

Code	Title	Hours
Thirty-six semester hours including the following:		
Required Courses		
MST 5301	The Museum: History, Philosophy, Prospects	3
MST 5304	Collections Management	3
MST 5309	Museum Education	3
MST 5311	Issues in Museum Administration	3
Electives		
At least 12 hours of 5000-level MST seminars from the following course offerings:		12
MST 5312	Outreach and Community Relations	
MST 5318	Ethical Issues in Museums, Libraries, and Archives	
MST 5323	Historic Preservation	
MST 5324	Archival Arrangement and Description	
MST 5326	Archival Technology and Digital Collections Management	
MST 5327	Special Topics in Museum Studies	
MST 5328	American Material Culture	
MST 5329	American Decorative Arts	
MST 5331	Design and Management of Museum Exhibits	
MST 5340	Leadership in Museum Administration	
MST 5V40	Independent Studies in Museums	
The remaining 6 hours of coursework may be completed from the following:		6
Any 5000-level MST seminar (see listing above)		
Any 5000-level graduate seminar in a cognate field (American Studies, Anthropology, Art and Art History, English, History, and Journalism) listed in the most recent Graduate Catalog, selected in consultation with the Graduate Program Director		
Any 4000-level course in a cognate field (American Studies, Anthropology, Art and Art History, English, History, and Journalism) listed in the most recent Graduate Catalog and taught by a member of the graduate faculty, completing the additional requirements designated for graduate credit, selected in consultation with the Graduate Program Director		
Capstone Experience		6

Graduate students complete a six-hour capstone experience, consisting of an internship, a professional project, or thesis.

MST 5V97	Master's Internship
MST 5V98	Professional Project
MST 5V99	Thesis
Total Hours	36

In their final semester of study, all students in either the thesis or non-thesis program are required to take a written comprehensive examination testing the student's mastery of the four core areas of museum practice: museum history and philosophy, museum education, museum collections management, and museum administration. Thesis students will also have an oral examination representing defense of the thesis.

Up to six semester hours of graduate study in museum studies or a cognate field may be transferred from another accredited institution with the approval of both the Department of Museum Studies and the Graduate School.

Prospective students are encouraged to have a pre-admission interview.

ACA-Approved Courses

The Academy of Certified Archivists has created a Graduate Course Preapproval Program to evaluate graduate-level archival courses. Courses that have been preapproved by the ACA will count toward the 9 semester hours of credit required to take the ACA exam under the provisional option. The following Museum Studies courses have been preapproved by the ACA:

Code	Title	Hours
MST 5304	Collections Management	3
MST 5311	Issues in Museum Administration	3
MST 5312	Outreach and Community Relations	3
MST 5324	Archival Arrangement and Description	3
MST 5326	Archival Technology and Digital Collections Management	3