

MUSEUM STUDIES MINOR

The Aurora University museum studies minor is designed to train students for entry level jobs in museums and to prepare them for graduate school. It is designed to fit with the student's major area of study. The core courses provide a working knowledge and historic foundation of the role of museums in society and the variety of jobs held by museum professionals. The program offers extensive opportunities for experiential learning through practical application and internships in area museums and in the collections of Aurora University: The Schingoethe Center for Native American Cultures and the Jenks Memorial Collection of Adventual Materials. Students majoring in history, art, English, education, and the sciences may desire a minor in museum studies.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
MST-1110	Introduction to Museum Studies	4
MST-3940	Internship in Museum Studies	4
Selected Courses		
Select 8 semester hours of the following:		8
MST-2200	Museum Exhibitions	
MST-2250	Museum Methods	
MST-2300	Museum Education	
Additional Selected Courses		
Select 4 semester hours of the following:		4
ART-1210	Two-Dimensional Design	
ART-1310	Three-Dimensional Design	
ART-2100	Introduction to Drawing	
ART-2530	Native American Art	
ART-2540	Art and Power	
ART-2620	Art and Death	
GRD-3250	Digital Layout and Design	
COM-3500	Intercultural Communication	
HIS-1200	American History I (to 1877)	
HIS-1210	American History II (since 1877)	
SOC-2150	Cultural Anthropology	
Total Credits		20

Regulations Governing Minors

- Minors at Aurora University are optional. They are not required for graduation.
- A minor shall comprise a minimum of 18 semester hours.
- At least 25% of the credits applied to a minor must be earned at AU.
- Each minor must be developed and monitored by an approved program committee of the faculty; new or substantially revised minors require the approval of the Board of Trustees based on recommendations from the program committee, the appropriate school/college governance bodies, the Academic Dean, appropriate university governance bodies, the Chief Academic Officer, and the President.
- Beyond the minimum coursework requirement, the content, structure, and extent of a minor are prerogatives of the individual program committees within the schools and colleges of the university, except as otherwise defined or restricted by the academic regulations.

- No "D" will apply toward minors.
- A maximum of four (4) semester hours of credit/no credit coursework will apply toward a minor.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will understand the social, historical, and cultural importance of museums as well as the variety of interdisciplinary careers available in the field.
- Students will communicate clearly and effectively in writing.
- Students will communicate clearly and effectively in oral presentations.