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## Graduate Minor in Museum Studies

Under Review | Fall 2024

### Proposal Information

Status

Active

Workflow Status

In Progress

Faculty Senate Approval, Faculty Senate

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Waiting for Approval | Faculty Senate Approval

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Changes

- Interdepartmental Program
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### Proposal Information

Proposed

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Proposed

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Existing

Sponsoring faculty/staff member

Existing

Sponsoring faculty/staff email

College

College of Arts & Sciences

Department

Museum Studies

Campus

Main Campus

### Effective Term and Year

Proposed  
**Proposed Effective Term and Year**  
Fall 2024

Existing  
**Proposed Effective Term and Year**  
Fall 2006

## Justification

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Proposed  
**Program Justification**

The Graduate Minor in Museum Studies is in need of revision to allow courses that were previously taught under the topics and seminar subject codes to fulfill Graduate Minor requirements. The Graduate Minor in Museum Studies was initiated as a degree program offered through the Department of Art and Art History (College of Fine Arts). The original program offered courses focused on curatorial subjects under the Topics (529) and Seminar (585) course offerings. These courses provided a foundation for students to later complete their required hands-on training with Practica (586) course credits.

The Graduate Minor in Museum Studies is now offered through the Museum Studies Program. Courses that were once taught as topics and seminar courses and listed as required for the minor now have assigned catalog subject and course numbers including MSST 575 Museum Interpretation and MSST 576 Museum Collection Management.

Graduate students are advised now to take at least one of these courses (either 575 or 576) prior to completing their required Practicum (586) to gain the theoretical and intellectual framing needed for a successful practicum experience.

Additionally, reducing the practicum requirement (MSST 586) in the Grad Minor from the current requirement of six credits to three will allow students the flexibility to take an additional three credits of Practicum for applied training experience or to take an additional Museum Studies graduate course elective (which could be a topics or seminar course), with the guidance of their Graduate Advisor, to best meets their educational and professional goals.

Existing  
**Program Justification**

## Program Category and Level

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Program Category	Program Level	Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name
Minor	Graduate	Graduate Minor in Museum Studies

Proposed

**Is this program also offered online?**

No

Existing

**Is this program also offered online?**

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## Associated Forms

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Select any associated course forms that exist

Select any associated program forms that exist

## Catalog Information

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### Program Description

The graduate minor in Museum Studies is an interdisciplinary program that emphasizes mentoring and collaborative opportunities through a combination of structured work experiences, academic instruction, supervised internships, and short-term professional workshops and training courses. Additional emphasis is placed on collection care, management, and preservation.

## Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

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Proposed

**License/Certification associated with program**

No

Existing

**License/Certification associated with program**

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## Minor Program Information

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Minor Requirements

Fetching rules...

**Grand Total Credits: 15**