

# Memorandum

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To: Graduate Curriculum Committee

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RE: Request Approval for Change to MSTD Certificate for Public History MA students

The Museum Studies Program, in consultation with the Public History program requests approval for a minor change in course requirements for the Museum Studies Certificate only for students also completing the Public History MA. This change is being proposed to provide better articulation between the programs and to increase the number of museum studies courses available to Public History students that will count toward both degree objectives.

These changes have been reviewed and approved by the Museum Studies program faculty and the Public History program faculty.

## Proposed changes

1. Waive the required course MSTD A503-Introduction to Museum Studies for Public History students who have taken HIST H542-Introduction to Public History. Students who do not take MSTD A503 will be expected to read and understand core museum literature prior and should request the reading list prior to taking additional courses.
2. Change the number of required MSTD courses to 12 credits to include a combination of Museum Studies core courses and electives.
3. Allow 3 credits of electives from any department, including History.

## Comparison of requirements:

MSTD Graduate Certificate for Public History MA	MSTD Graduate Certificate-General
<i>18 crs. distributed as follows:</i> 12 crs. Museum Studies Core courses (select four): Intro. To Museum Studies (A503) Museum Education (A510) Exhibit Planning and Design (A512) Collections Care and Management (A516) Administration (MSTD or HIST A548) 3 crs. A508 Museum Internship (may count H543 if done in a museum setting, and fulfills MSTD A508 requirements) 3 crs. Electives (Approved Elective, may count courses in History )	<i>18 crs. distributed as follows:</i> 3 crs. Required course: Intro. To Museum Studies (A503) 6 crs. Core courses (select two from: Museum Education (A510) Exhibit Planning and Design (A512) Collections Care and Management (A516) Administration (MSTD or HIST A548) 3 crs. A508 Museum Internship (may count internships registered through other programs as long as they fulfill MSTD A508 requirements) 6 crs. Electives (Approved Elective, one of which must be a Museum Studies course )

#### Museum Studies Graduate Certificate Requirements for Public History MA:

The Museum Studies 18 credit certificate requires 15 hours of coursework (5 classes) + a 3-credit internship in a museum setting. Students in the Public History Program who add the Museum Studies Certificate can combine certain Public History Courses with Museum Studies offerings to complete the certificate with just one additional course. In this special case, MSTD A503 is waived for Public History students who complete H542.

#### Courses:

- 4 Museum Studies classes (12 hours) selected from the MSTD core and electives courses (this requirement may include Historical/Museum Administration whether taken as HIST A548, MSTD A548 or IUB's AADM-Y525 "Museum Management").
- 1 class (3 cr.) may be selected from the list of approved electives taken in any program including History (for ex., Historic Site Interpretation, Historic Preservation, Digital History, Archives).
- For students who have taken HIST H542 (Introduction to Public History), MSTD A503 (Introduction to Museum Studies) requirement is waived. Students who do not take MSTD A503 will be expected to read and understand core museum literature prior and should request the reading list prior to taking additional courses.

#### Internship:

- Students must complete the equivalent of a 3 credit (150 contact hours, min.) internship in a museum or related cultural institution (ex. historical society, archive, gallery). H543 Practicum in Public History may be counted only if the internship learning experience meets the criteria of the MSTD A508 internship (see separate guidelines), namely a project relevant to professional museum practice undertaken with the supervision of a qualified professional in a museum or related cultural institution.
- The public history internship contract should be approved by the Museum Studies Director prior to registration (there is some latitude to this requirement if the student applies for the Certificate after starting the internship), and a copy of the final report (electronic format preferred) including an evaluation from the internship supervisor must be submitted.

## Public History M.A. with Museum Studies Graduate Certificate Sample Curriculum

The following is a **sample** curriculum for Public History graduate students who wish to take the Museum Studies Graduate Certificate. Specific course selections should be made in consultation with an advisor. Courses marked with \* fulfill the Museum Studies Certificate requirements.

### Proposed curriculum for a Public History student completing the Museum Studies Certificate:

H500 or 501	History of Historical Thought/Historical Methodology	4 credit hours
H542	Intro to Public History	4 credit hours
H650	Colloquium in History	4 credit hours
H750	Seminar in US History	4 credit hours
	Non-US Course	3 credit hours
H898	Thesis	2 credit hours

Electives (13-14 credit hours minimum; 6 credits may be taken outside the History Department with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies)

HIST	Elective	3 credit hours
MSTD	Core Class*	3 credit hours
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H548	Historical Administration*	3 credit hours
	Museum studies approved elective* (may include Historic Site Interpretation, Historic Preservation, Digital History, Archives, or any other approved Museum Studies elective)	3 credit hours

H543 Practicum in Public History\* 4 credit hours  
*(One 10-month internship or equivalent must be done in a museum setting and must be approved by the Director of Museum Studies)*