

## Master of Arts (MA) History with an emphasis in Museum Studies

### Degree Program

- A minimum of 39 credit hours is required for the Master of Arts degree in History with an Emphasis Area and Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies.
- The program is designed to be completed on a full-time basis in two years, preparing students for immediate entry into museum careers.
- Those interested in curatorial work will be prepared to start a Ph.D. in history.
- Seven courses in museology are required in a prescribed sequence.

**Program Website:** <http://www.umsl.edu/~museums/>

**Application Requirements:** Submit all materials to Graduate Admissions ([gradadm@umsl.edu](mailto:gradadm@umsl.edu))

1. Application
  - a. <http://www.umsl.edu/gradschool/prospective/apply-now.html>
2. Program Supplemental Application
  - a. <http://www.umsl.edu/~museums/Admissions/museumstudapp.pdf>
3. Writing sample
4. Three letters of recommendation
  - a. Letters that address academic potential must be provided by individuals who can accurately assess it, such as previous instructors, professors, etc.
5. Official transcripts from all universities attended
  - a. Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree before beginning the master's program.
6. Entrance examinations
  - a. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.
7. Grade Point Average
  - a. Minimum of 3.2 on 4.0 scale.

### Application Deadline

**Fall Semester:** February 1

- Applications are accepted only for the fall semester. Because of the prescribed sequence of course work, no midyear entry into the program is permitted.
- This is a very competitive program and only 12 positions exist each year.
- Applicants are encouraged to prepare outstanding applications and submit them early.

### Application Fee

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international applicants

### Financial Support

Most applicants admitted to the program also receive offers of financial aid which usually takes the form of a fellowship that covers a portion of the educational fees, or a Graduate Research Assistantship that covers all fees, and pays a stipend of \$7500 per academic year. Applicants should contact the Program Director about the type of assistance available.

### Graduate Program Director

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