

# Minor in Museum Studies (Non-Teaching)

To understand the cultural significance of museums and to explore contemporary museum practices, Montana State University-Bozeman offers an interdisciplinary minor in Museum Studies that is administered through the Department of History and Philosophy. The Museum Studies minor offers students in many disciplines the opportunity to learn about the role of museums in advancing public education and academic research, to deepen students' understanding of museums, and to better position them to learn about possible employment in the museum field.

## Program Learning Outcomes

- present a clear thesis statement
- distinguish between primary and secondary sources
- marshal evidence from both primary and secondary sources to support an argument
- communicate effectively
- recognize that historical events are subject to multiple interpretations
- cite sources according to the conventions of the discipline

## Program Requirements

The minor requires students to complete 12 credits of Museum Studies courses and 12 credits from **one** non-teaching minor for a total of 24 credits. Six credits of the 12 non-teaching minor credits must be at the 300 or 400 level. All 12 credits from the non-teaching minor must be in one area, though interdisciplinary fields may be considered where intellectually warranted.

Students must take the following Museum Studies Courses:

- MOR 301 Museum Practices
- HSTR 486 Museum History

Students must also fulfill the Museum Experiences requirement by completing a total of 6 credits of internship or undergraduate research. At least 3 of those 6 credits must be an internship in a field related to the student's major or minor. The additional 3 credits may be completed by another internship, or undergraduate research credits in the student's major or minor.