

Assessment: Assessment Plan

Degree Program - GRAD - Heritage & Museum Sciences (MA)

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Modality: Face-to-Face

Student Learning Outcome: Essential knowledge

Demonstrate, in written and oral formats, knowledge of the theory and practice of all elements of of Museum Science or Heritage Management.

Outcome Status: Active

Outcome Type: Student Learning

Start Date: 09/01/2015

Assessment Methods

Qualifying Exam - After completion of required coursework, students must pass a qualifying exam with a score of 85% or higher. It must be passed before a student may proceed with either writing a thesis or undertaking an internship. If the qualifying exam is not passed, it must be retaken after a one-month waiting period until a passing grade is obtained. (Active)

Criterion: 80% of students score of 85% or higher on the first attempt

Master's Comprehensive Exam - After the completion of an internship or thesis, students must take comprehensive exams. Comprehensive exams comprise a three-day written component where students answer questions set by the members of their graduate advisory committee. Students then make a public presentation relating either to their internship or in the form of a thesis defense, which is followed immediately by an oral exams conducted privately by the members of the graduate advisory committee. The written and oral exams and the presentation or defense are graded pass-fail. Students must pass all components in order to graduate. If any component is not passed, students may retake after a one-month waiting period until a pass is obtained. (Active)

Criterion: 80% of graduating students pass the comprehensive exam on the first attempt

Student Learning Outcome: Essential skills

Apply museum science or heritage management theory and practice in a working professional museum or heritage setting within the field.

Outcome Status: Active

Outcome Type: Student Learning

Start Date: 09/01/2015

Assessment Methods

Student Projects - Students develop essential skills by completing a project in either MUSM 7000 Research, MUSM 5325 Field Methods, MUSM 5328 Practicum, HMG 7000, or any service-learning designated course. (Active)

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Criterion: 80% of students take at least one course from those listed, complete a project (theoretical or applied) and pass the course with an 80% level of achievement or higher.

Field Placement/Internship - Students in the Internship option undertake a minimum six-month, full-time, compensated internship in museum science or heritage management. (Active)

Criterion: Graduating students successfully complete and internship with an 80% achievement rating based on internship host evaluation and graduate advisory committee evaluation.

Thesis - Students in the Thesis option research and write a thesis in museum science or heritage management. (Active)

Criterion: Graduating students successfully research and write a thesis with an 80% achievement rating based on graduate advisory committee evaluation.

Student Learning Outcome: Professional Preparedness

Graduates enter the professional museum or heritage field prepared to apply their knowledge, skills, and professional experience.

Outcome Status: Active

Outcome Type: Student Learning

Start Date: 09/01/2015

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Professional Development Activities - During the course of their studies, students actively participate in professional development activities by producing scholarly publications, paper or poster presentations, and receiving professional scholarships or other recognition or awards. (Active)

Criterion: 80% of graduating students have undertaken or received at least one professional development activity

Oral exam - Graduating students must demonstrate proficiency in oral communication in their area of expertise by making a public oral presentation and undertaking an oral exam. For students in the Internship option, the subject of the presentation is their internship experience. For students in the thesis option, the subject of the presentation is their thesis, i.e., the thesis defense. All students undertake an oral exam with their graduate advisory committee (Active)

Criterion: 80% of graduating students successfully make the oral presentation and complete the oral exam at the first attempt.