

## Cleveland State University Museum Studies Specialization

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Established in 2007, the Museum Studies Specialization within the MA in History at Cleveland State University admits three to five students each year. The Department of History also offers a Certificate in Museum Studies, in addition to the traditional MA in History and MA in History with Art History Specialization. Five students have graduated with the Museum Studies Specialization, with a current average of three students graduating annually.

**Type of Program:** Related Graduate Program

**Degree(s) offered:** M.A. in History  
M.A. in History with a Certificate or Concentration in Public History

### **Concentration(s):**

- Museum Studies
- Students in the program have the opportunity to become involved in the Department's Center for Public History and Digital Humanities (<http://csudigitalhumanities.org>). The Center's primary focus has been on collecting oral history interviews that document the development of the region through personal, historical, institutional, and geographically based narratives. In addition to numerous historical, educational and professional development web resources, the Center's most visible project to date is the Euclid Corridor History Project, an oral history-based "virtual museum" created in connection with a major public transit project.

### **Course Offerings:** 28 credit hours in the following required courses:

- Introduction to Graduate Study in History; offered annually
  - Museum Studies; offered annually
  - Introduction to Public History; offered annually
  - Fundraising for Non-Profits; offered annually
  - Financial Administration for Non-Profits; offered annually
  - Internship in History; offered every semester
  - Research Seminar; offered annually
  - Two additional courses (8 credit hours) in consultation with the Graduate Director and the Coordinator of History
- Internships. Possibilities include but are not limited to:
- o US Urban History; offered annually
  - o History of Ohio; offered occasionally
  - o Indians in American History; offered ???
  - o 17th Century America; offered ???
  - o US Tourism; offered occasionally
  - o Black Resistance in the Age of Jim Crow; offered ???

**Thesis required?** No

**Special project required?** No

**Description:** N/A

**Credit Hour Requirement:** 36

**Internship Required?** Yes

**Who arranges internships?** Mark Souther, Coordinator of History Internships

**Credit hours earned for internships:** 4

**Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation?** The intern's supervisor at the sponsoring institution evaluates his/her work's contribution. The Coordinator of History Internships evaluates the intern's submitted exit essay, supporting documentation, and evaluation letter from the internship supervisor

**Places where students have interned in the past three years:**

- Cleveland Museum of Art
- Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage
- Cuyahoga County Archives

**Admission Requirements:**

Minimum GPA: 3.0, or sufficient undergraduate history courses with grades of B or better to serve as an indicator of probable success in the graduate history program.

Letter(s) of Recommendation

Transcripts

Writing Sample

Results of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) are desired from all applicants. GRE test results are required, however, for applicants who do not meet the College of Graduate Studies requirement of at least a 2.75 undergraduate GPA for admission.

**Financial Aid Available:**

Assistantships providing tuition and stipend  
Tuition waiver grants

**Maximum annual stipend for:** MA: 9,500 PhD: N/A

**Average number of students who receive:** Stipend: 2 Scholarships: N/A

**How many students are admitted annually?** BA: N/A MA: 4 PhD: N/A

**Placement assistance offered?** N/A

**Employers who have hired your graduates in the past three years:**

- International Women's Air and Space Museum