

Algonquin College Applied Museum Studies

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Founded in 1972, this three-year Ontario College Advanced Diploma program admits 40 students each year, and approximately 15 university graduates directly into second year. Students acquire a sound background in the technical areas common to all museums including collections management, exhibit preparation, conservation, educational programming, and museum management. Approximately 700 students have graduated from the program, with a current average of 33 graduating annually.

Type of Program: Related Undergraduate Program

Degree(s) offered: Ontario College Advanced Diploma

Concentration(s): Museum Studies

Course Offerings:

- Communications I; required (1st yr); offered annually
- French Language I; required (1st yr); offered annually
- History of Technology; required (1st yr); offered annually
- Art, Architecture and Artifacts; required (1st yr); offered annually
- Introduction to Museum Research; required (1st yr); offered annually
- Critical Thinking for the Cultural Sector; required (1st yr); offered annually
- Professional Writing for Museum Studies; required (1st yr); offered annually
- French Language 2; required (1st yr); offered annually
- Canadian Studies; required (1st yr); offered annually
- Introduction to Museum Studies; required (1st yr); offered annually
- Introduction to Group Dynamics; required (1st yr); offered annually
- Cultural Sector Career Preparation; required (1st yr); offered annually
- Museum Management; required; offered annually
- Collections Management I
- Registration; required; offered annually
- Shop Practices; required; offered annually
- Digital Design for Museums; required; offered annually
- Informal Learning in Museums; required; offered annually
- Preservation Principles 1; required; offered annually
- Preservation Principles 2; required; offered annually
- Emerging Technologies in the Cultural Sector; required; offered annually
- Educational Programming; required; offered annually
- Techniques in Exhibition; required; offered annually
- Laboratory Procedures I; required; offered annually
- Revenue Generation and Public Relations; required; offered annually
- Collections Management 2-Cataloguing and Research; required; offered annually
- Human Resources Planning and Management; required; offered annually
- Collection Management 3 - Care, Handling and Storage; required; offered annually
- Program Interpretation; required; offered annually
- Plan and Develop Educational Exhibitions; required; offered annually
- Laboratory Procedures 2; required; offered annually
- Museum Internship Preparation; required; offered annually
- GED0446-General Education Elective; required; offered annually
- Museum Internship; required; offered annually

Thesis required? No

Special project required? Yes

Description: 15-week field placement in final semester negotiated with a museum or other heritage or cultural institution

Credit Hour Requirement: 2120 (1580 for direct entry)

Internship Required? Yes

Who arranges internships? students, with faculty advisor

Credit hours earned for internships: 500

Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation? Faculty advisor and host institution supervisor. Students submit bi-weekly progress reports, midterm and final reports, and produce a final presentation

Places where students have interned in the past three years:

- National Gallery of Canada
- Canada Aviation Museum
- Bank of Canada Currency Museum
- St. Catharines Museum
- Canadian Museum of Nature
- Parks Canada
- British Museum
- City of Ottawa Archives
- Canada Science and Technology Museum
- North American Carnival Museum and Archives
- House of Commons
- Royal Ontario Museum
- The Diefenbunker
- National Research Council
- Chateau Ramezay Museum
- Laurier House
- Pace/MacGill Gallery
- National Museum of Ireland
- National Capital Commission
- Manitoba Museum; Museum of Health Care
- Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre
- University of Ottawa Classics Museum
- University of Alberta Human Ecology Department
- Goulbourn Township Historical Society

Admission Requirements:

Minimum GPA: N/A
Transcripts
Writing Sample
65% Secondary School English (English proficiency exam may be administered)

Financial Aid Available:

Loans
Scholarships

Maximum annual stipend for: MA: N/A PhD: N/A

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

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

Placement assistance offered? N/A

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

- National Gallery of Canada
- Canada Aviation Museum
- Canadian Museum of Nature
- Parks Canada
- City of Ottawa Archives
- Canada Science and Technology Museum
- The Diefenbunker
- National Capital Commission
- Museum of Health Care
- Goulbourn Township Historical Society
- The Bytown Museum
- The City of Ottawa
- Billings Estate Museum and National Historic Site
- Ottawa Art Gallery Library and Archives Canada

- Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
- Canadian War Museum
- Canadian Museum of Civilization
- House of Commons
- Canadian Museums Association