Overview of the subject
Museum Studies focuses on museums, their operation, and socio-cultural relationships. It analyses the past and examines the processes of retention, research, and communication as a part of human activity. Museum Studies deals with the basics of museum work and its aims, the history and present state of the museum institution, and the practical operation of museums. Museums often consider the Basic Studies in Museum Studies (25 credits) as a prerequisite for job applicants. Museum Studies are also helpful for other professions concerned with old material culture, cultural work, and commercial antiques business.

Studies
The objective of the Basic Studies in Museum Studies is to provide students with information on the prospects of Museum Studies. The studies focus on both theoretical and practical museology, and they consist of lectures, book examinations, courses in museum work and practical training. All students of the University of Oulu are entitled to study the subject, but in case the number of students needs to be limited, the students of History, Cultural Anthropology and General Archaeology have priority over others.

Museum Studies is a minor subject that is connected with the major subject Archaeology. Students should enrol in the student records of Museum Studies, maintained by Pirjo Tolonen (room HU340). A change of address should also be reported for Tolonen or the University Student Affairs office. Students must register for examinations in WebOodi no later than 10 full days prior to the examination. The curriculum of Museum Studies is published at the beginning of each term, and it is available on the Museum Studies notice board and website. If an information meeting is arranged, this will also be announced on the notice board.

Study guidance
Study guidance is provided by the lecturer of Archaeology.

Courses at different levels

Basic Studies 25 credits

687700P Introduction to Museum Studies 2 credits
687701P Familiarity with Museum Pieces 3 credits
700204P Use of Archives 2 credits
700300A Library Course 1 credit
687702P Museum as Media 3 credits
687703P Museum as Cultural Institution 3 credits
687704P Practical Museology 6 credits
687705P Training 5 credits
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700204P: Archives, 2 op
687700P: Introduction to museology, 2 op
700300A: Library Course, 1 op
687704P: Museology in practice, 6 op
687702P: Museum as Media, 3 op
687703P: Museum as a cultural establishment, 3 op
687705P: Training, 5 op
687701P: Understanding exhibits, 3 op

Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

700204P: Archives, 2 op

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
2 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Timing:
Varies
Learning outcomes:
The student will be familiar with the main principles of filing written material, source types, the terminology and legislation of the field, and will have personal familiarity with the archive institution.
Contents:
Archives.
Assessment methods and criteria:
Book examination
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen
Other information:
Major subject students of History complete this course by taking an examination on the book: A. Kuula: Tutkimusetiikka. The examination will be marked by Marianne Junila.

687700P: Introduction to museology, 2 op
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteet oppimateriaali:
Vilkuna, J., 2000
Heinonen, Jouko, 2001
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
2 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Timing:
The beginning of studies.
Learning outcomes:
The student will be familiar with the key divisions and concepts of Museum Studies.
Contents:
Introduction to Museum Studies.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lecture course (20 h.) and independent reading.
Recommended or required reading:
The course consists of two parts: 1. Lecture course or book examination, Vilkuna, J. (ed.): Näkökulmia museoihin ja museologiaan. The lecture course is arranged every second year, the following being the spring 2010. 2. Heinonen - Lahti: Museologian perusteet.
Assessment methods and criteria:
Lecture examination and/or book examination.
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

700300A: Library Course, 1 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
1 credit
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Timing:
2nd year
Learning outcomes:
An information literate student:
He/she is able to recognize the various types of information sources and understands how their use and meaning depend on e.g. discipline. He/she is able to access information effectively by selecting the most suitable information retrieval systems and using effective search strategies. He/she is able to evaluate information critically and incorporate it into his/her own knowledge base and set of values. He/she is able to use information effectively, either alone or as a member of a group, to reach a certain goal. He/she is able to understand several economic, legal and social questions related to the use of information.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Series of lectures and exercises
Recommended optional programme components:
This course can only be taken after passing the following basic studies courses: Introduction to Historical Methods, Critical Reading and Historiography.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Written exam and exercises.

**Grading:**
Pass/fail

**Person responsible:**
Teaching is provided by the Pegasus Library which is a part of the library system of the University of Oulu.

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### 687704P: Museology in practice, 6 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuysikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**
6 credits

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish

**Timing:**
Varies

**Learning outcomes:**
Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to describe, explain and apply the key divisions of practical museum work, related to preservation, exhibition activities and object.

**Contents:**
Practical museum work.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Lecture course, exercises and independent reading.

**Recommended or required reading:**
The course consists of two parts:
1. Lecture course and exercises (3 credits)
2. Preservation course: lecture course or book examination, according to agreement.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Exercises, lecture examination or book examination (3 credits).

**Grading:**
0-5

**Person responsible:**
Anneli Meriläinen-Hyvärinen and Jari Heinonen

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### 687702P: Museum as Media, 3 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuysikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Ikäheimo, Janne Petteri

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**
3 credits

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish

**Timing:**
Varies

**Learning outcomes:**
The student will understand the position and functions of the museum institution as a transmitter of cultural knowledge.

Contents:
Museum as media.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lecture course (12 h.) and independent reading.

Recommended or required reading:

Assessment methods and criteria:
Lecture examination and/or book examination.

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Taina Kinnunen

687703P: Museum as a cultural establishment, 3 op

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Okkonen, Jari Pekka
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
3 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
Varies

Learning outcomes:
The student will acquire the basic knowledge of the social position of the museum institution, and understand the role of Museum Studies in the culture of History.

Contents:
Museum as a cultural institution.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Independent reading.

Recommended or required reading:

Assessment methods and criteria:
Book examination

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Jari Okkonen

687705P: Training, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Practical training
Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Okkonen, Jari Pekka
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
5 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Timing:
Varies
Learning outcomes:
The student will become familiar with practical museum work through e.g. practicing the maintenance of collections, constructing an exhibition, cataloguing objects and filing materials.

Contents:
Practical training in Museum Studies.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Full-time museum or archive training for two weeks in a training job found by the student. It is also possible to complete the training at the museums of the University (the Biological, Botanical or Animal museum). The student will write a learning journal of at least six pages, and return it to the teacher responsible upon completion of the training. The training and its timing should be agreed upon separately with the teacher responsible.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Training of two weeks.
Grading:
Pass/fail
Person responsible:
Jari Okkonen

687701P: Understanding exhibits, 3 op

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Ikäheimo, Janne Petteri
Opintokohteen oppimateriaali:
Heinonen, Jorma , , 1979
Hagelstam, Wenzel , , 2000
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
3 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Timing:
Every second year.
Learning outcomes:
The student will be familiar with the basics of the material culture of the last 300 years, and be able to search for additional information independently.

Contents:
Museum objects, their characteristics and trends.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lecture course (24 h), including concrete study of museum pieces and independent reading.
Recommended or required reading:
The course consists of two parts: 1. Lecture course or book examination, Heinonen - Vuoristo: Antiikkikirja. The lecture course is arranged every second year, the following being the spring 2011
Assessment methods and criteria:
Lecture examination and/or book examination.
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Lecturer in Archaeology