

State University of New York-College at Oneonta
Cooperstown Graduate Program

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Established in 1964, The Cooperstown Graduate Program in History Museum Studies (CGP) is one of the oldest academic programs in the country for the training of museum professionals. SUNY-Oneonta and the New York State Historical Association jointly sponsor the program. The two-year program offers an MA in History Museum Studies and accepts approximately fifteen students each year.

Type of Program: Related Graduate Program

Degree(s) offered: M.A. in History Museum Studies

Concentration(s): Museum Studies

Course Offerings:

- Introduction to Museums: Purpose, Function and History; required; offered annually
- Professional Seminar; required; offered every semester
- Introduction to Museum Education; required; offered annually
- Museum Project Management; required; offered annually
- Internship I; required; offered annually
- Museum Administration; required; offered annually
- Museum Exhibition; required; offered annually
- Thesis or Special Project: Research; required; offered every semester
- Thesis or Special Project: Writing; required; offered every semester
- Applied Museum Education; elective; offered in the fall for second-year students only
- Strategic Planning and Development; elective; offered in the Spring
- Grant Writing; elective; offered in the Fall
- Leadership; elective; offered in the Fall
- Marketing; elective; offered in the Fall
- Boards and Governance; elective; offered in the Spring
- Human Resources; elective; offered in the Spring
- Topics in Museum Studies; elective; offered every semester
- Independent Study; elective; offered every semester
- Museum Studies; elective; offered every semester
- Internship II; elective; offered every semester
- Collections Care and Management; required; offered in the Spring
- Culture and Collections I; required; offered in the Fall
- Culture and Collections II; required; offered in the Spring
- American Material Culture I; elective; offered in the Fall
- American Material Culture II; elective; offered in the Spring
- Research and Fieldwork; required; offered in the Fall
- American Cultures I; elective; offered in the Fall
- American Cultures II; elective; offered in the Spring
- Class, Race and Gender; elective; offered in the Spring
- Topics in History; elective; offered every semester
- Independent Study: History; elective; offered every semester
- Survey of American Folk Art; elective; offered every other year
- Survey of American Art; elective; offered every other year
- Topics in Art; elective; offered every year
- Independent Study: Art; elective; offered every year

Thesis required? Yes

Special project required? Yes

Description: In addition to their thesis, all students must complete an exhibition in their second year.

Credit Hour Requirement: 52

Internship Required? Yes

Who arranges internships? Students find internships with assistance from the faculty. Director Gretchen Sullivan Sorin oversees the internships.

Credit hours earned for internships: Varies

Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation? Director Sorin evaluates the internships based on a student journal, an evaluation from the host institution, and a final presentation from the student. Students receive a letter grade.

Places where students have interned in the past three years:

- Boston Children's Museum
- Field Museum
- National Baseball Hall of Fame
- Strawberry Banke
- Newark Museum
- New York Public Library
- Museums of Old York
- Sam K. Fox Museum in Dillingham, Alaska
- Marine Corps Museum
- The Farmers' Museum
- The Fenimore Art Museum
- Brick Store Museum
- Hyde Hall

Admission Requirements:

Minimum GPA: None
 Statement of Purpose
 Letter(s) of Recommendation
 Transcripts
 Writing Sample
 GRE Aptitude Score
 Selected students are invited to attend interview weekend on campus in Cooperstown.

Financial Aid Available:

Scholarships
 Assistantships
 Tuition Waiver
 In-State Status

Maximum annual stipend for: MA: Full tuition, plus \$4,000 PhD: N/A

Average number of students who receive: Stipend: N/A Scholarships: 30

How many students are admitted annually? BA: N/A MA: approx. 15 PhD: N/A

Placement assistance offered? Faculty provide extensive employment counseling for students. In addition, the program employs a full-time alumni coordinator who actively cultivates relationships between current students and alumni.

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

- The National Baseball Hall of Fame
- The Paul Revere House
- Fort Pitt
- The Field Museum
- The Morgan Library
- The Farmers' Museum
- The New York State Historical Association
- The New York City Transit Museum
- The New York Yankees Museum
- The Durham Museum
- The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum
- Hanford Mills Museum
- Charlotte Museum of History
- Ohio Historical Society
- Georgia O'Keefe Museum