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Trends in museology 710 (MKD 710)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	25.00
Programmes	BSocSciHons Heritage, Museum and Preservation Studies
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Historical and Heritage Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module provides an overview of basic elements of museums, their missions, history and their characteristics. It is organised around key activities of museums, viz history, structure, management, collections, display, interpretation, education and civil engagement. Students will be introduced to multidisciplinarity inherent in museum work, and will be exposed to various fields including history of art, curation, archaeology, anthropology and South African history. They will engage critically with existing material at museums and will pay attention to the relationship between these institutions and the publics they serve in an attempt to understand epistomologies and genealogies. In addition, they will gain an appreciation of the range of skills and knowledge required for succeeding in the museum practice.

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