
University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

BSocSciHons Heritage, Museum and Preservation Studies (01243025)

Department School of the Arts

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 120

NQF level 08

Admission requirements

1. Relevant bachelor's degree with at least one of the following subjects passed at final-year level: Archaeology, Anthropology, Architecture, Cultural/Social History, Visual Arts, Visual Culture Studies, Library/Information Science, Chemistry, Zoology, Entomology or any other applicable subject in the field of the human or natural sciences
2. A weighted average of at least 70% for the subject mentioned above, at final-year level

Other programme-specific information

Students must conduct at least six (6) weeks of documented and supervised collections-based research or work place learning within a museum setting by the end of the honours programme and demonstrate mastery over basic museological techniques.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Museum skills 712 (MKD 712)

Module credits	40.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 Block weeks
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module will introduce students to the practices in museums including collecting, collections management, conservation and curation. In addition to mainstream museum collections, students will work with 'ordinary' and hidden archives found beyond the museum walls. This module is strongly focused on developing a familiarity and confidence when working with heritage objects including appropriate handling, housing and mounting for storage and exhibition; risk assessment and mitigation and general collections care theory and practice. In addition, students will be exposed to contemporary curatorial practices necessary for the practicalities of conceptualising and mounting of exhibitions and displays in a public space. They will as well be introduced to the growing field of digital curation.

Heritage and museum development 713 (MKD 713)

Module credits	40.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

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.

Arts research and methodology 700 (SOA 700)

Module credits	40.00
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NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	Admission into the programme.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A research report on an approved topic.

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