Pathway from B.F.A. Fine Arts to M.A. Museum Administration

ABOUT THE PATHWAY FROM THE B.F.A. IN FINE ARTS TO M.A. IN MUSEUM ADMINISTRATION

Students majoring in the B.F.A. Fine Arts program may pursue a pathway to a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in Museum Administration at St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, which is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. In the pathway, you begin taking graduate museum administration courses while an undergraduate and can apply those courses to both degrees, saving you time and money on your education. The advanced credentials and marketable career skills you gain from the combination of B.F.A. and M.A. degrees help you succeed in multiple sectors of the art world in and beyond New York City.

Complementing the rigorous study of fine art you undergo through the B.F.A. at St. John’s, the Museum Administration program provides opportunities for research and professional training in the history and preservation of cultural artifacts. The program opens the door to success in a wide range of professional museum specializations, including curatorial practice, collections and exhibitions management, museum education, and application of museum-specific communication techniques and technology platforms.

You also have the option to complete course work in library and information science and public history that apply to your M.A., enhancing your skills, knowledge, and expertise in archives and records management, museum informatics, educational programming, and website development. Through a semester- or year-long internship, you align your academic interests with direct job experience. To accommodate your internship and professional experience, graduate courses in museum administration are scheduled during evening hours on both St. John’s Queens and Manhattan, NY, campuses.

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WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN M.A. IN MUSEUM ADMINISTRATION?
A master’s degree in Museum Administration from St. John’s prepares you for entry into the dynamic, fast-paced world of international and local cultural institutions. Your knowledge, skills, and experience enable you to work in many different types of museums, cultural institutions, historical societies and archives, community centers, and art galleries, where you are able to apply your degree and expertise toward a wide range of professional specializations.

Academic study, exposure to New York City museum collections, engagement with experts in the field, and attentive mentoring by faculty ensure that all courses, writing projects, and internships benefit self-directed learning and your attainment of short-term and long-term career goals. While enrolled in the master’s program, you can earn Digital Badges—specialized microcredentials that distinguish you from job competitors—in Curating, Museum Education, and Museum Studies. Visit www.stjohns.edu/digitalbadges for more information.

Recent graduates of the Museum Administration program have completed internships and/or obtained jobs in the areas of curatorial research, museum education, exhibition installation, and collection management with the following prestigious and dynamic institutions:

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