The Department of the History of Art and Architecture has established a new Undergraduate Major Emphasis in Museum Studies that will take effect in fall quarter 2014. Our faculty has exceptional depth and breadth of experience in this field, and our students have taken great interest in the courses we already teach in this area.

Interest in museums and Museum Studies has burgeoned over the last thirty years; our new emphasis is designed to help prepare students who apply to graduate programs in Art History, Architectural Conservation, Museum Studies, Art Business, Art Law, and Arts Management with the intention of having careers in museums, art galleries, historic preservation, public history, and auction houses.

Students who participate in the emphasis will be able to choose from among a variety of lecture courses and more intensive seminars that examine a range of historical, theoretical, and practical issues with which the field is engaged. They will also be required to serve in internships, which will provide intensive “hands on” experience. The range of issues and material, chronological and geographical, which is covered in our classes will make our emphasis unique and innovative among Museum Studies programs. Because Museum Studies is an inherently interdisciplinary area, we will require students who are participating in the emphasis to take appropriate courses in other departments as well.

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