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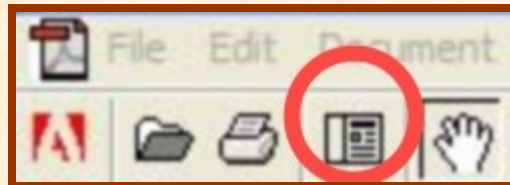
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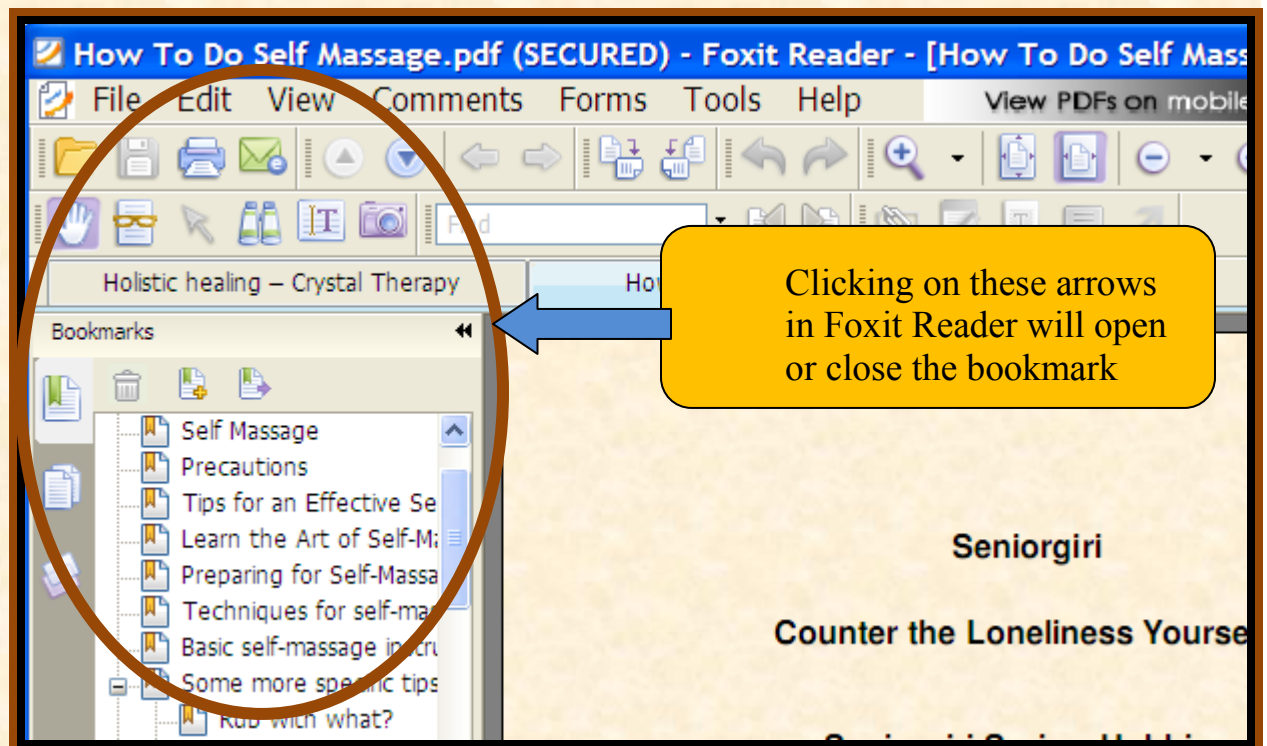
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## **MUSEOLOGY**

### **Introduction**

A museum is building, place, or institution devoted to the acquisition, conservation, study, exhibition, and educational interpretation of objects having scientific, historical, or artistic value.

Previously they were holding only historical and archeological content. But today we have many kinds of museums.

Types of museums

- Archaeological museums.
- Science and Technological museums
- Maritime museums.
- Military and War museums.
- Art and Craft Museums

Museology is the technical study about Museums and their collections how to manage a museum and to look after its collection.

It teaches Museum Organization and management namely Collection, Documentation and Research, Exhibition of contents; Conservation and Preservation; Museum Security and Administration as well as Museum Architecture, Museum Marketing and Publications

This is an allied subject of Archeology. The courses are Post Graduate and Doctorate.

**Eligibility**

Graduate or a Post Graduate from Science , History or Art History or Fine Arts and Archaeology.

At least Fifty five percent marks at graduate and postgraduate level are needed for M.A and PhD courses. Knowledge of one classical or foreign language such as Sanskrit, Persian, Arabic, Greek, Latin, German, French and Italian is advantageous. Admission to Master's degree program is based on admission test followed by interview.

**Career Opportunities**

In India there are more than 700 Museums offering wide employment, starting from Central Government Museums to the District levels and from trust Museums to religious Museums according to the subject of the museum and specialization of the Candidates.

There is increased awareness about conservation of history and heritage. And that is increasing the demand for trained people.

With the expansion in private art and other collection there is a growing need for professionals to look after them .

The Department of Culture, Ministry of Human Resource Development has established the National Research laboratory for Conservation of Cultural property at Lucknow.

A variety of careers exist within the discipline of museum studies,

### Curator

Curators help students and researchers with reference material. They are also involved in research or processing of records, general administration and supervision.

Museum director , Educator, Exhibit designer

Archivist and Conservation specialist are some other jobs.

Museologists usually work in the government sector. Most museums are run at the state and national levels. There are more than 700 museums in India. Apart from National Museum, New Delhi; Indian Museum, Kolkata; there are specialty museums like Salarjung Museum, Hyderabad, and RBI Monetary Museum Mumbai.

Now the private sector is creating specialty museums and they need trained people. Some examples are Aziz Bhat Museum in Kargil, ONGC's second oil museum at Guwahati, Sachin Tendulkar museum in Mumbai etc.

Students in art, art history, history, education, educational administration, and public relations may find the museum field Interesting.

Librarians, historians, and archivists looking for a change will also find the field challenging, as research is an important aspect of Museology

### Remuneration

The initial pay package may not be very alluring especially in the government sector.

However the private sector may give considerably good package when compared to the government sector companies. The basic package is between Rs.15,000 to Rs.30,000.

## **Courses**

The demand for trained conservationists is growing , though slowly. There are a number of institutes and Universities having this course.

### **1. The National Museum Institute of History of Art, Conservation and Museology**

National Museum Institute of History of Art, Conservation & Museology (NMIHACM) is an autonomous body under the administrative control of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, which is located at the National Museum, New Delhi. It offers specialized courses in History of Art, Conservation & Restoration of Works of Art, and Museology leading to the award of M.A.degrees in the concerned disciplines.

Conservation and Museology came into existence in 1983 and now is Deemed to be a University provides various Courses with its campus at National Museum(New Delhi).

#### **Museology M.A.**

Eligibility B.A. (Honours) or B.A. (3 years course) in any discipline under Humanities and Social Sciences.

#### **Conservation M.A.**

B.Sc.(Honours) or B.Sc. (3 year course) with Chemistry or Physics as one of the main subjects or B.F.A./ M.F.A. or M.Sc. in Chemistry, Physics, Botany & Zoology.

It also awards 8 Merit Scholarships each @ Rs.20,000/- per semester and 8 Merit-cum-Means Scholarships each @ Rs.12,000/- per annum.

National Museum,

Janpath,

New Delhi-110011

Telephones: 011-23011901/ 011-23792249/ Fax: 23011899

<http://www.nationalmuseumindia.gov.in/nmi/aim.htm>

## **2. The Maharaja Sayajirao University ,**

In Baroda offering P.G. Courses as well as 1 year Diploma Courses for In service people

### **One Year In service P.G. Diploma in Museology**

Eligibility : Candidates must have put in atleast two years of service in a recognized museum on a post involving organizational and/or curatorial and/or technical work and should possess atleast a Bachelor's Degree in one of the subjects like History, Ancient History Archaeology, Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Botany, Zoology, Fine Arts, Education or Engineering of this University or any other recognized University.

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[http://www.msubaroda.ac.in/courses.php?fType\\_code=5&fCourse\\_type=Masters](http://www.msubaroda.ac.in/courses.php?fType_code=5&fCourse_type=Masters)

**3. Calcutta University****Department of Museology****MA in Museology**

## Eligibility

Bachelors degree (with Honours, wherever applicable) or a Masters degree in History/ Ancient Indian History and Culture/ Islamic History and Culture/ Anthropology/ Ethnology/ Sociology/ Archaeology/ Pali/ Sanskrit/ Persian/ Modern Indian Languages (like Bengali, Hindi, Urdu, English and others listed in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India)/ Folklore/ Fine Art/ Visual Art/ Applied Art/ Art History/ Education/ Tourism.

Intake            20

**MSc in Museology**

## Eligibility

Bachelors degree (with Honours, wherever applicable) or a Masters degree in Zoology/ Botany/ Geology/ Geography (with Zoology or Botany or Geology or Chemistry or Anthropology in combination)/ Earth Sciences/Anthropology/ Agriculture/ Environmental Science/ Marine Science.

Intake            20

**Contact**

1 Reformatory Street (9th Floor),

Kolkata 700 027.

Telephone No. : 2479-2861. Ext - 357/ 360/ 363/ 371/ 385.

[http://www.caluniv.ac.in/academic/arts\\_museology.htm](http://www.caluniv.ac.in/academic/arts_museology.htm)



**4. Aligarh Muslim University, U.P.****Department of Museology**

The Museology course at Aligarh Muslim University was started in 1973 with Post Graduate Diploma in Museology under the Center of Professional Courses to train the students for various technical positions in museums & archives.

In the year 2004 the U.G.C. under the Special Assistance for Innovative Courses sanctioned the Masters Course in Museology to the Department. Three batches of M.Sc. (Museology) course have already passed out. Many of them are working in Museums, Research Institutes and Conservation Centers on various positions.

**M.Sc.(Museology)**

Minimum Qualification Post M.Sc.

Duration 2 years(4 semesters)

Intake 10

**Diploma in Museology**

Duration 1 year

Intake 05

<http://www.amu.ac.in/ShowCourses.jsp?did=41>

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<http://www.amu.ac.in/department.jsp?did=41>

**5. Vikram University Ujjain**

Vikram University is taken to have been established in Ujjain from 1st March ,1957 after the special verdict of the high Court.

Otherwise Vikram University is taken as legally established from the date of publication of the supplementary Madhyabharat Gazette special issue dated 25th June, 1955.

**School of Studies in Ancient Indian History ,Culture & Archaeology**

PG Diploma in Museology-.

One year

Eligibility - minimum second class in Graduation

Address :

Madhav Bhawan Administrative campus University Road,  
Ujjain-456010

State Madhya Pradesh

Phone Number +91-0734-2514270, 2514277

Email [info@vikramuniversity.com](mailto:info@vikramuniversity.com)

Home Page <http://www.vikramuniversity.ac.in/>

<http://www.ujjain.nic.in/education/vikramuniversity.htm>

**6. Jiwaji University****SCHOOL OF STUDIES IN ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY, CULTURE AND ARCHAEOLOGY**

Post Graduate Diploma in Museology : (One Year / Two Semesters)

Profile of the Course : The Course is intended to prepare students for jobs in archaeological Museums of State/Central Government.

Eligibility : Graduation with 50% marks.

Seat Available : OPEN = 15      NRI = 03

Mode of Selection : On the basis of merit in index based on the qualifying examination.

Course Structure :

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
History and Philosophy of Museums Collection and Documentation	Presentation, Interpretation and Communication Conservation, Preservation, Care and Handling of Museum Materials
Museum Management	Indian Paintings, Textiles & Decorative Arts
Indian Iconography	Tour Report, Practical and Viva-voce.
Rs 05615.00	Rs. 03725.00

. <http://www.jiwaji.edu/courses-offered.asp#>

**Jiwaji University**

Gwalior (M.P.), India

**Enquiry No.:** +91 751 2442712

**Fax No.:** +91 751 2341768, **Telegram:** University

<http://www.jiwaji.edu/>

**7. DELHI INSTITUTE OF HERITAGE RESEARCH & MANAGEMENT (DIHRM),**

**Delhi Institute of Heritage Research & Management (DIHRM)**, established by the **Govt. of NCT of Delhi** and affiliated to the **Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University**, is a unique institution in India devoted to the study, conservation and preservation of the heritage. Archaeological monuments, arts and crafts, oral and written literature, living tradition, natural features and environment are all part of our heritage. It offers following courses :

**1. Master in Archaeology and Heritage Management****2. Master in Conservation, Preservation and Heritage Management****Procedure of Selection**

For the admission/selection of students advertisements will be placed in various National Newspapers and Employment News on All India basis.

Selection will be done on the basis of Written Test, followed by Group Discussion. The Written Test of 3 hours duration is divided into 4 Sections.

The Calendar- The Teaching in the Institute is conducted through the semester system. Each semester will be of six months duration and in one academic year there shall be two semesters :

July to December

January to June.

The months of June and December will be utilized for written examination, preparation leave, evaluation of answer sheets, etc.

### **Fees for M. A. Courses**

1. Academic Fee per Semester : Rs. 5100/-
  2. Security Deposit (Laboratory and Library) (one time payment at the time of admission refundable): Rs. 3000/-
  3. Other University dues per annum : Rs. 10,000/-
- Total Fee (at the time of admission) : Rs. 18,100/-

Contact DIHRM at

18 - A, Satsang Vihar Marg,  
Qutab Institutional Area,  
New Delhi : 110067  
Phone : 26567324, 26567326  
Fax : 011-26563679  
E-mail : [dihrm@bol.net.in](mailto:dihrm@bol.net.in)  
<http://dihrm.delhigovt.nic.in/>

**8. Banaras Hindu University**

(Eligibility: M.A in History, Ancient Indian History and Culture, Sanskrit, History of Art), M.A in Museology

DEPARTMENT OF ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY, CULTURE & ARCHAEOLOGY

M.A., Museology (Two Years Course,)

Vocational Courses in Museology & Archaeology, (UG, Three years)

<http://www.bhu.ac.in/aihc/activities.htm>

CONTACT US

DEPARTMENT OF ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY, CULTURE & ARCHAEOLOGY

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Varanasi - 221005

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E. mail: [pnsingh\\_bhu@yahoo.com](mailto:pnsingh_bhu@yahoo.com)

<http://www.bhu.ac.in/aihc/activities.htm>

**9. Osmania University**

[www.osmania.ac.in](http://www.osmania.ac.in)

To see the information, you have to download the **Courses 22008.pdf**.  
This is the directory of all courses.

PG DIPLOMA IN MUSEOLOGY

[1 -YEAR]

For fresh candidates:

i) A Pass in MA (AIHC&A) with 50% marks with Museology as one of the subjects of study OR A Pass in MA History with Medieval History paper as specialization with 50% marks.

For in-service candidates: A pass in Bachelor Degree with 3 years relevant experience in museums

**Contact**

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Director-UFRO	Director for University Foreign Relation Officer	director_ufro@osmania.ac.in
OUPRO	Public Relation Officer	oupro@osmania.ac.in
Web Admin	Web Master	webadmin@osmania.ac.in

[www.osmania.ac.in](http://www.osmania.ac.in)

**10. University of Mysore****Ancient History and Archaeology**

In the year 1968, the name of the department was changed from the Department of Indology to Department of Ancient History and Archeology.

P.G.Diploma in Museology, Tourism and Heritage(MTH)

Eligibility - Any Degree and Five seats for Deputation from concerned departments

Duration - One year

**The University of Mysore**

The Registrar

Vishwavidyalaya Karyasoudha  
Crawford Hall, Mysore - 6

Phone: 0821-2419361

Email: [registrar@uni-mysore.ac.in](mailto:registrar@uni-mysore.ac.in)

<http://uni-mysore.ac.in/courses-offered-2/>

## **Other Resources**

This discipline is more in demand in western countries. I have given some links for them.

**11. Museum Studies or Museology Programs:**

Museum Studies or Museology provides the knowledge, competence and credentials to pursue professional careers in the field of museums. Accredited programs are available worldwide.

<http://www.museummarket.com/MStudy.htm>

**12. The Association of Academic Museums and Galleries**

The Association of Academic Museums and Galleries is the leading educational and professional organization for academic museums, galleries, and collections. In recognition of the unique opportunities



and challenges of its constituents, the AAMG establishes and supports best practices, educational activities and professional development that enable its member organizations to fulfill their educational missions.

[http://www.aamg-us.org/mission\\_statement.php](http://www.aamg-us.org/mission_statement.php)

**13. International Training Programs**

Lists International centers.

[http://museumstudies.si.edu/training\\_international.html](http://museumstudies.si.edu/training_international.html)

**14. North American Museology Graduate Degree & Certificate Programs**

<http://guides.lib.washington.edu/content.php?pid=56708&sid=459411>

**15. 3 colleges in USA offer online Museum Studies / Museology degree programs**

<http://www.hotcoursesusa.com/us/2-online-all/museum-studies-museology-in-usa.html>

The Smithsonian Center for Education and Museum Studies

The Smithsonian Center for Education and Museum Studies (SCEMS) assists the museum community in acquiring and strengthening its understandings and practices of museology. This website is one of the Center's tools for serving the educational and informational needs of the field.

<http://museumstudies.si.edu/>

**16. Bachelor in Museology + Museum Studies- online courses**

Several universities are listed here.

[http://www.universities.com/edu/Bachelor\\_degrees\\_in\\_Museology\\_Museum\\_Studies.html](http://www.universities.com/edu/Bachelor_degrees_in_Museology_Museum_Studies.html)