

**COURSE DATA****DATA SUBJECT****Code:** 33895**Name:** Museum Studies and Museography**Cycle:** Undergraduate Studies**ECTS Credits:** 6**Academic year:** 2025-26**STUDY (S)**

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1006 - Degree in History of Art	Facultat de Geografia i Història	3	Second quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1006 - Degree in History of Art	Historical and artistic heritage	COMPULSORY

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SUMMARY

This course aims to address the current state of museology: museums history, collections and their future; museology, with a focus on the main guidelines for its management, through different departments and based on the territorial specificity; and exhibitions, through their wide variety of types and stages of development of the exhibition process, in which the art historian may have a key role.

The different architectural proposals in Spanish territory will also be analyzed, with special emphasis on those models that have been surfacing in the last decade and are a unique panorama of museology in Spain. Finally, we will address the uniqueness of the different facilities that have become indispensable from the perspective of use and enjoyment of the museums and exhibitions.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE**RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE**

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS



Basic Art History skills.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Be able to apply basic knowledge to future professional situations through appropriate organisation and planning of the contents of art history.

Be able to apply the basic knowledge acquired by means of applying critical reasoning to the analysis and assessment of alternatives.

Be able to apply the basic knowledge of museology and museography for the management of museum institutions.

Be able to convey information, both orally and in writing, to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.

Be able to design an integral project for the management of artistic property, from its knowledge to its social exploitation.

Be able to present management and dissemination projects in all fields of art history, both orally and in writing.

Be able to solve the problems that may arise in professional practice as an art historian or heritage manager.

Be able to work in teams and to integrate into multidisciplinary teams with professionals from other areas of knowledge.

Be acquainted with historical-artistic heritage.

Be acquainted with museology and museography.

Develop skills for independent learning and for interpersonal relations.

Make direct contact with artistic works through visits to historical monuments, museums and exhibitions that show this type of work to the public.

Show motivation for quality through a personal ethical commitment to the professional environment.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. INTRODUCTION TO MUSEOLOGY AND MUSEOGRAPHY

Differences between the science of museology and museography, and the various theories that have tried to update the museum theory and practice in line with today's society (critical, feminist, immersive museology).



2. THE MUSEUM COLLECTION

The purpose of this thematic unit is to introduce students to the formation of the main collections and the phenomenon of the birth of museums and art exhibitions. Likewise, it tries different ways to formalize the sale, donation, or deposit of private collections in public institutions.

3. MUSEUM MANAGEMENT.

Knowledge of museum structures and their main ways of departmental and functional organization. Introduction to students about the most current trends in contemporary museology.

4. EXHIBITIONS

Study of the different types and phases and structure of the exhibition project. Analysis of the basics for the development of the exhibition project: design, schedule, production, development, installation and display through specific examples.

5. COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION AND TEACHING

One of the main functions of the present museum collections requires to spread them among the general public. It aims to bring the student to the basic communication tools of the art object.

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Theory	45,00
Classroom practices	15,00
Total hours	60,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	10,00
Individual or group project	20,00
Independent study and work	40,00
Preparation of lessons	10,00
Preparation for assessment activities	10,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
Total hours	90,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY



It is proposed to apply a theoretical / practical methodology where the student can discern and work museology and exhibition design from direct knowledge and practical experience. Besides having historical knowledge is required to discuss the genesis of museology and its evolution and future projection. The subject is approached from the standpoint of reflection, knowledge and discussion.

A. Three hours of class per week.

1. Theoretical classes taught by teachers (30 hours / year). These classes will last for two hours a week in which teachers expose students with the essential aspects of the subject, they try to systematize the contents and provide literature for test preparation.
2. Practical classes (15 hours / year). Practical exercises for an hour a week within established classes.

B. attending seminars or complementary activities.

1. Mandatory attendance of students in an activity organized by teachers of the subject, including trips outside the classroom or attending conferences and / or case seminars. To be valued activity, you must submit a report on the activity.

C. Attendance at tutorials unscheduled.

1. Students may attend the opening hours teacher has established that, in order to consult on any matter or question about the subject.

D. Assistance programmed tutorials.

1. Students must attend scheduled by teachers in order to establish the objectives necessary for the realization of group work in scheduled outside of school hours tutoring sessions.

EVALUATION

The following items will be assessed:

1. Monitoring the preparation of lectures and practical classes. This control takes place through the exercises and texts written comments in practical classes in which student participation in the debate established, as well as written exercises to be delivered to teachers will be evaluated.
2. Attendance at seminars or complementary activities, requiring to submit a report for final evaluation.
3. The final written assignment will consist of:

a) A group project (minimum 4 and maximum 6 people) consisting in the development of an exhibition project, which will account for 40% of the final grade.

b) An additional written, theory exam will account for the 20% of the final grade.

The exact percentage of the final grade is as follows:



Written assignment: exhibition project	60%*
Readings, descriptive records and text commentary	30-20%
Attendance to seminar or complementary activity	10-20%
Total:	100%

* For the final evaluation, the student must reach a minimum grade of 4 in the exhibition project to make the grade point average. Projects that have not been authorized nor tutored previously will not be graded. In exceptional cases, in the second call it will be possible to deliver an individual paper, with the previous consent of the professor.

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