

Cultural heritage and museum studies

Master of Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies
Graduate Diploma of Museum Studies
Graduate Certificate of Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies



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#1 university for graduate employment in Victoria²



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Help us understand the past, to create a better future.

If you're fascinated by the past and moved to tell the world's stories, a postgraduate qualification in cultural heritage and museum studies is perfect for you. At Deakin you will gain the knowledge and skills you need to work in cultural heritage and museums, from caring for collections, managing and interpreting heritage places, to developing exhibitions.

Whether you're a recent graduate, moving towards industry advancement, or simply looking to make a change, your new industry skills, critical perspective and theoretical knowledge will help you secure a future in this diverse and exciting industry – and could even help you shape it.

Benefit from 40 years of success

With over 40 years of history, cultural heritage and museum studies at Deakin is the largest and the longest running program of its kind in Australia. Over this time, our graduates have gone on to make a significant difference in the sector in institutions like the NGV, AMaGA Victoria, Museums Victoria, and Heritage Victoria, highlighting the quality and prestige of our programs. Our specialist teaching staff reflect the interdisciplinary nature of cultural heritage practice and each member has extensive industry experience.

Gain real-world experience

Work-integrated learning is featured throughout the masters degree, including the Applied Heritage Project unit, which offers a week-long study intensive at sites like Port Arthur. You can also choose to complete an internship unit where you will undertake a professional work placement within a host organisation in Australia or overseas. This experience helps you to develop the skills you need, whether changing or progressing your career, develops your industry knowledge and provides you with the opportunity to extend your professional networks.

Career opportunities

By researching the past, you'll be contributing to making it accessible in the present – leading to stronger community engagement and a deeper understanding of how our world has come to be. More than ever, society is wanting to gain a better understanding of the past and to create positive change in the present – something you can be a part of with the expertise you'll develop.

The masters degree opens your options to a broad range of roles both locally and abroad, including:

- heritage officer
- heritage site or museum manager/ director
- interpretation officer
- registrar
- curator
- public programs officer
- exhibition officer
- researcher
- project officer.

Masters degree graduates have the option to pathway into a PhD through research training and a two-credit point research minor thesis.

Dual award program

For the opportunity to expand your networks further and graduate with a dual award, you may want to consider the Master of Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies (Professional). Deakin partners with Brandenburg University of Technology (BTU) in Cottbus-Seftenberg, Germany, to deliver a **dual-award program** where you will graduate with BTU's Master of World Heritage alongside your Deakin masters. This competitive entry dual award includes overseas study opportunities and provides valuable professional experience in overseas settings.

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Courses

Graduate Certificate of Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies

Course essentials

Course code: A568

Intakes: T1 (March), T2 (July)

Duration: 6 months full-time or part-time equivalent

Campus: Burwood (Melbourne), Online

Fees[^]: \$11,300

Course overview

Gain the fundamental skills and knowledge needed to kick-start your career working in the cultural heritage and museum sector. You'll become familiar with current theory and practice and be ready for further study.

Structure

The Graduate Certificate of Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies is 4 credit points of study comprising:

- **2 core units**
 - (AIM719) Cultural Heritage and Museum Practice
 - (AIM736) Museums, Heritage and Society
- **2 credit points of electives from selected list**
- **compulsory academic integrity module (0-credit-points)**

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Master of Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies

Course essentials

Course code: A768

Intakes: T1 (March), T2 (July)

Duration: 1-year full-time (2-years part-time) - 8 credit points; 1.5-years full-time (3-years part-time) - 12 credit points

Campus: Burwood (Melbourne), Online

Fees[^]: \$22,600

Course overview

The Master of Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies allows you to specialise in the areas you want to take your career into. Whether you want to create exhibitions, manage a museum or heritage site, safeguard Indigenous cultural heritage, support intangible cultural heritage or protect and interpret significant objects, buildings, sites and landscapes, you'll have the ability to tailor your studies to these disciplines throughout your masters degree.

Structure

To qualify for the award of Master of Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies, a student must successfully complete 8 or 12 credit points (depending upon entry point) as follows:

- **2 credit points of compulsory core units**
- **DAI001 Academic Integrity (0-credit-point compulsory unit) module**
- **6 or 10 credit points of study (depending upon entry point) from one of the Minor Thesis, Research Paper, or Professional Experience Pathways. Course Elective units may be used to form a Specialisation.**

3 research options are as follows (1Phd, 2 non-Phd)

Option 1: Minor Thesis – PhD Pathway[#]

- **Core**
 - (AIM709) Intangible Cultural Heritage
 - (AIM720) Sustainability and Human Rights in Heritage and Museums
- **Research**
 - AIX706 plus,
 - (AIX704) Minor Thesis A
 - (AIX705) Minor Thesis B
- **Plus 3 or 7 credit points (depending upon entry point) chosen from the specialisations and/or course electives.**

Can't decide between the Graduate Diploma of Museums Studies and the Master of Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies? Schedule a chat with the Course Director via chms@deakin.edu.au



Option 2: Research Paper – non PhD Pathway[†]

- **Core**
 - (AIM709) Intangible Cultural Heritage
 - (AIM720) Sustainability and Human Rights in Heritage and Museums
- **Research**
 - (AIX701) Research Paper
- **Plus 5 or 9 credit points (depending upon entry point) chosen from the specialisations and/or course electives.**

Option 3: Professional Experience – non PhD Pathway[^]

- **Core**
 - (AIM709) Intangible Cultural Heritage
 - (AIM720) Sustainability and Human Rights in Heritage and Museums
- **Professional Experience**
 - (APE701) Internship A
- **Plus 4 or 8 credit points (depending upon entry point) chosen from the specialisations and/or course electives.**

Specialisations

- Collections and curatorship
- Heritage practice

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Graduate Diploma of Museum Studies

Course essentials

Course code: A668

Intakes: T1 (March), T2 (July)

Duration: 1 year full-time or part-time equivalent

Campus: Burwood (Melbourne), Online

Fees[^]: \$22,600

Course overview

Gain a professional qualification that allows you to work in the diverse museum sector. When you enrol in museum studies at Deakin, you'll learn how to identify, conserve and interpret objects and collections in museums and galleries, and explore the role of museums within society. Some of the areas you'll study include interpretation, collections and curatorship, cataloguing and documentation, and the ethical and legal implications of moving, acquiring or disposing of an object or collection.

Structure

The Graduate Diploma of Museum Studies is 8 credit points of study comprising:

- **4 core units**
 - (AIM719) Cultural Heritage and Museum Practice
 - (AIM722) Managing Collections
 - (AIM727) Developing Exhibitions
 - (AIM736) Museums, Heritage and Society
- **4 credit points of electives from selected list**
- **compulsory academic integrity module (0-credit-points)**

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¹ Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2020.

² Graduate Outcomes Survey 2022, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT), based on overall employment for undergraduate students

³ 2021 Student Experience Survey, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)

^{*}According to the Voice Project IT Service Quality Support Benchmark Survey

[^]2022 indicative fee rates and covers, depending on qualification, of up to and including one year full-time study for domestic students. Fee rates may be subject to change.

[†](AIX706) Research Design is an additional core unit for those undertaking a two credit point research capstone

[#]choice of elective units may be used to form a specialisation

[†]The Research Paper and Professional Experience options are not PhD Pathways.

While the information provided here was correct at the time of publication in August 2023, Deakin University reserves the right to alter, amend or delete details of the course and unit offerings.

'I chose Deakin because it was the only institution with a course that covered topics relevant to my role – they were progressive and provided access to best practice information which was important to my work and interests.'

Susan Fayad

Master of Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies graduate
Coordinator Heritage and Cultural Landscapes, City of Ballarat

'As well as the flexibility offered in choosing course pathways and modes of study, I really enjoyed the opportunity to have a close working relationship with the teaching staff. I found that a smaller learning environment really suited me and allowed for a more personal experience.'

Emma Busowsky Cox

Master of Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies graduate,
Curator (City History and Collections) at Bendigo Art Gallery

Why study with Deakin

With Deakin, you get it all- innovative teaching, premium online learning platform, industry-aligned courses and world-class facilities.

Courses that are linked with industry

A real world, practical approach is at the heart of course design – to get you industry ready. We work closely with industry and business to:

- develop course content
- source guest speakers who are experts in their fields
- give you work placement opportunities to enhance your skill set.

Industry experience to get ahead

Get real-world work experience when you study at Deakin. Our teaching staff are industry experts, meaning you learn from the best while building your professional network with like-minded peers.

Study options to suit you

Postgraduate study doesn't have to be a balancing act. We provide resources, study options and support services that allow you to speed up, slow down and take control when you need to.

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Recognition of prior learning

You may be able to reduce your overall study time and tuition cost by getting your work and previous study experience recognised as recognition of prior learning (RPL). RPL, formerly known as advanced standing or credit transfer, includes formal learning (accredited qualifications) and informal learning (non-accredited learning or work experience).

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Scholarships for all types of students

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Course discounts

Deakin's 10% postgraduate bursary

If you're a Deakin alumni commencing a postgraduate award course, you may be eligible to receive a 10% reduction per unit on your enrolment fees. We've watched you excel – now we'd love to see you soar.

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