**DEPARTMENT OF MUSEOLOGY**

**About Us**

Museology is an interdisciplinary field that brings together various fields such as culture, cultural heritage, tourism, education, architecture, art, and social sciences in the process of forming the modern society of the 21st century. As a rising value, museology has become a field that requires a separate expertise and profession. Nowadays, museums are defined not only as institutions that collect, research, and exhibit the cultural heritage of humanity but also as communication centers which serve the development of society in terms of education and culture. With these contemporary functions, museums can be used for archeology, art, art history, botany, zoology, etc. Besides various sciences, politics, economy, business, law, communication, sociology, architecture, technology etc. It is developed with the studies carried out in the field of "museology" in cooperation with many branches of science.

The staff of museum education programs, which have reached the figures expressed by faces today, consist of academicians specialized in museology. Undergraduate and postgraduate programs that provide museums, cultural heritage management or museum education formation have been opened in universities in many countries. Ministry of Culture and Tourism supports the museums and private ventures in the academic context. That is why with the valuable supports Turkey is a rising star in cultural heritage field.

**Mission**

To raise researchers who are sensitive to cultural heritage researches and keen on ethics about the protection and maintenance of cultural heritage and who are willing to do contemporary curatorial works in Turkey through contemporary art and design studies, and can combine these issues with technology. To raise researchers who know the details about exhibition design, museum communication and museum education, combining theoretical knowledge with practice.

**Vision**

The vision of the museology department is to provide a training program for the field of museology that will educate students competent to meet professional needs in national and international platforms.

**Aims of the Programme:**

1. To provide specialized staff training to constitute the workforce required for the development of museology in Turkey.
2. To contribute to the development of the staff working in museums in the basic fields of museum studies.
3. To develop projects for the detection and solution of technical and social problems in the field of museology;
4. To support the development of museology in Turkey in cooperation with Ministry of Tourism;
5. To provide the needs of Professional staff in emerging private museums, contemporary art museums, city museums through exhibition design and curating activities.

**Predicted Programme Outcomes**

1. Having awareness in the field of museology in academic and professional contexts.
2. To be able to combine the accumulation of museology with knowledge and skills offered by different disciplines.
3. To be able to plan and manage events for professional development.
4. To be able to produce innovative ideas in the field of museology and put these ideas into practice.
5. To be able to integrate theoretical and practical knowledge in the field of museology with high aspects of awareness.
6. To be able to produce projects and scientific studies by using scientific research methods in the field of museology.
7. Mastering the terminology related to museum science.
8. To be able to apply the interdisciplinary interaction associated with museology,
9. To be able to publish museological studies in international journals.
10. Identifying, defining and developing solutions for museum issues.
11. To be able to develop and execute projects related to museology.

**Job Opportunities**

The program aims to ensure that the graduate students are well-equipped and they closely monitor the works which were carried out in the field of museology. They can adopt new approaches in the field and offer the developments related to these approaches to the service of the society.

Students who successfully complete the museum undergraduate program can pursue a master's degree in museum-based postgraduate programs at the relevant institutes of universities. They may find the opportunity to work as researchers in these programs. They can aldo find job opportunities in the body of Ministry of Tourism and Culture or in several private Museums.

**ELECTIVE COURSES IN VARIOUS FACULTIES UNDER THE COORDINATION OF MUSEOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

KVK 311 Museology (Ankara University Faculty of Fine Arts)

ASÖ408Museum Education in Primary Schools (Ankara University Faculty of Education)

AOÖ419Museum Education in Preschools (Ankara University Faculty of Education)

CGL 317 Museum and the Child (Ankara University Faculty of Health Sciences)

VME151 *Education Methods for Natural History and Health Museums* (Ankara University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine)

Elective Museum Education Course (Ankara University Faculty of Fine Arts Basic Arts Education)

**Courses in Coordionation with Institute of Educational Sciences Department of Interdisciplinary Museum Education Master of Arts Programme:**

1. Cultural Pedagogy in the Museums
2. Children’s and Youth Museums
3. Museums and the Community