

International Summer School at Reading

Introduction to Museum Studies

Learn with professionals in Reading's museums



The University of Reading campus is home to three museums and close to the world famous museums of London and Oxford. Our expert staff have been teaching Museum Studies in our campus museums since 2006. We engage students in hands-on learning and real-world curatorial projects in the Museum of English Rural Life, the Ure Museum of Greek Archaeology, and the Cole Museum of Zoology.

Course details

The Introduction to Museum Studies Summer School is for students who want to explore the theoretical and practical challenges which face museum curators. This course will include the opportunity to explore: UK Museum History and Ethics; Interpretation and Education; Collections Management and Conservation.

Here on campus you will have access to Social History, Classical Archaeology (Greek and Egyptian), and Natural History collections. We also have collections of rare books, photographs and films. Trips to London and Oxford will introduce you to Scientific, Ethnographic and World Archaeology collections.

Course benefits

This course gives you an overview of the theory, history and ethics behind good museum practice. By visiting a wide range of collections you will learn how different museum professionals deal with these issues in their daily practice.

You will also get to put your knowledge into practice, through hands on projects with our collections. Workshops will include the chance to handle real objects, look behind the scenes and find out about current projects.

Course level

Undergraduate

Also suitable for anybody interested in museums or considering a career or further study in the heritage sector.



How do I find out more?

For general enquiries regarding the International Summer School please contact the ISLI or visit our website: www.reading.ac.uk/jiss

Fees and applications

Applications are made through the ISLI at the University of Reading. Please see our website for individual course fees and further details: www.reading.ac.uk/jiss

In your country

The University of Reading website includes information about visits from our University representatives: www.reading.ac.uk/international



How you will be taught

You will be taught in the Museum of English Rural Life. This space combines a stunning Alfred Waterhouse designed Victorian building and garden with a state-of-the-art museum space and archival store. Classes are taught by Reading's Museum Studies Programme Director and our curatorial and public programming staff. Lectures will be combined with workshops in which you will get to handle objects, look behind the scenes and talk with a range of museum professionals. The course includes a day trip to London and a day trip to Oxford.

Why study at Reading?

The University of Reading is among the UK's most research-intensive institutions, and is one of the top 1% of universities in terms of worldwide rankings. Alongside its three museums, the University hosts special collections on the history of the book, typography and ephemera collections and one of the largest Beckett archives in the world.

Reading is conveniently located near Heathrow Airport, London and Oxford.



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