Museum Studies @ MDC Gives Students Unique Exposure to Museums, Cultural Institutions, and the Business of Art

Offered at MDC’s Wolfson Campus in downtown Miami, this exciting program exposes students of all disciplines to hands-on curatorial work, research and professional networking opportunities.

As Miami takes over as the art hub of the Southeastern United States, Miami Dade College’s (MDC) Museum Studies course gives students real-world experience and opens doors for careers in the exciting world of museum operations. Since the program began four years ago, students have secured jobs and internships at local galleries, cultural centers and museums as far away as Anchorage, Alaska.

With classes at the MDC Museum of Art + Design in Miami’s historic Freedom tower, the exciting program exposes students of all disciplines to hands-on curatorial work, research and professional networking opportunities. The program includes unique visits to local museums and opportunities to meet top executives from auction houses, museums and libraries.

A collaborative endeavor with New World School of the Arts and the Wolfsonian-FIU, the course’s fall semester provides a broad introduction to the museum world. Part of the course will focus on what a museum is, and examine the various types of museums and investigates the various jobs and responsibilities that people have within museums as they work on exhibitions, education, research, development, collection management, and conservation.

The spring semester will focus on curatorial practices, exhibition planning and research.

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