

**New 9/97**

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY**

**HIS 183 - SURVEY OF MUSEUM PRACTICE (3 CR.)**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Explores the role of the museum in society and traces the foundations upon which these public, cultural, and educational institutions are built. Emphasizes the management and interpretation of historic properties and collections. Lecture 3 hours per week.

**GENERAL COURSE PURPOSE**

This course explores the role of the museum in society and traces the foundations upon which these public, cultural and educational institutions are built. Particular emphasis will be given to the management and interpretation of historic properties and collections as they pertain to historic preservation sites or archaeological excavations.

**ENTRY LEVEL COMPETENCIES**

General college entrance competencies

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- A. Understand current museum practices.
- B. Understand the organization and presentation of collections according to standards of context, scholarship, and accessibility.

**MAJOR TOPICS TO BE INCLUDED**

- A. Introduction
  - 1. what is a museum
  - 2. management of the museum
  - 3. administration
- B. Small Site Administration
- C. Accreditation and Evaluation
- D. Collections Management
- E. Conservation
- F. Exhibitions
- G. Interpretation
- H. Public Programming