

COURSE NO: THMO-125

TITLE: MUSEOLOGY

TOTAL CONTACT HOURS:

(60 HOURS)

Objectives of the Course: The course aims to acquaint students with the fundamentals of the role and functions of museums from their historical beginnings to the present, the philosophy and multifarious nature of museums including emerging trends in Museology in the form of New Museology that sees museums "beyond walls."

Module 1: History and Philosophy

(15 Hours)

General principles of museums- definition of museums and scope – history of museums (India and world) – functions of museums (collection, presentations, documentation, research and interpretation)- types of museums- legislations concerning museums- professional bodies.

Module 2: Collection and Documentation

(15 Hours)

Collection: Origin- collection theory- modes of acquisition- museum problems (Forgeries, copies, replicas, reproduction) - export/import collection

Documentation- accessioning- identifications- methods of cataloguing- classifications- video discs- databank- technical files

Collection Research- research on museums studies- organization of research- audio video aids- museum library- slide library

Module 3: Presentation, Interpretation and Communication

(15 Hours)

Analysis of materials- types of exhibition- museum architecture- attendance surveys- museums educational personnel- programmes for public (tours and guides)

Module 4: Conservation, Preservation, Care and Handling of Museums Materials (15 Hours)

General principles of conservation- preservation and restoration- environmental conditions (Exhibits, storage, traveling)- Care and handling (movement, crating and packing)- basic infrastructure of museums conservation laboratory.

Recommended Reading lists:

1. Ghosh, Dev Prasad: *Studies in Museum and Museology in India*, Indian Public
2. India, Ministry of Education: *Problems & Trends in Museology*, Ministry of Education
3. Andoniadis, Andrew: *Museum Retailing - A Handbook of Strategic for Success*.
4. Badekar, VasantHari: *New Museology for India, National Museum Institute of History of Art, Conservation & Museology*