“The Museum Studies graduate program has given me the skills I need for almost any job in a museum. It definitely helped solidify my decision to pursue a museum career and has also given me the opportunity to attend workshops and conferences to learn and network with other museum professionals.”

Joanna Butterworth, Graduate Student in Museum Studies, Department of History and Geography, University of Central Oklahoma

“Our graduate program provides students with the opportunity to engage in international archival research, conference presentations, and internships. Our small class sizes enable graduate students to get individualized attention and guidance. In addition, UCO’s commitment to transformative learning supports student growth and creativity.”

Patti Loughlin, Ph.D., Department Chair, Department of History and Geography

The University of Central Oklahoma (UCO), founded in 1890, is located on a 210-acre campus in Edmond, a northern suburb of Oklahoma City, with an enrollment exceeding 17,000. UCO is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools as a bachelor’s and master’s degree granting institution. The University consists of five undergraduate colleges and a college of graduate studies, with day, evening, weekend, and online course offerings. UCO awards ten bachelor’s degrees, offering 113 majors in 61 programs of study. Students may also earn an associate’s degree in one of three concentrations at the Academy of Contemporary Music at UCO. Seven master’s degrees are offered in 63 majors in 35 programs of study. UCO also offers study in six non-degree pre-professional areas and one certificate program.

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On the front: Dr. Katrina Lacher’s Social and Cultural History class engages in a discussion in our transformative learning outdoor classroom.

Graduate students Michael Molina and Fiona Huang present their work at Oklahoma Research Day.
The University of Central Oklahoma’s graduate program in history offers two Master of Arts degrees: the M.A. in History and the M.A. in History-Museum Studies. Program offerings reflect the Department of History and Geography’s commitment to the highest standards of research and writing, professional development, critical thinking and civic skills, and an awareness and understanding of diverse cultures. Fields of expertise include the histories of the United States, Europe, Latin America, and Asia. A minimum of 33 credit hours is required for completion of the graduate degree.

**M.A. in History-Museum Studies**

The Museum Studies Program offers training and professional development opportunities for careers in museums, archives, historical organizations, national parks, corporate collections, and historic preservation programs.

History-Museum Studies M.A. students engage in research and readings seminars devoted to key topics of history that will help develop students in their fields of expertise. Other benefits of the M.A. in History-Museum Studies include:

- **On-Site Training:** Participate in volunteer service, internships, and research in museums and related organizations
- **Hands-On Experience:** Develop professional skills at the UCO Laboratory of History Museum by participating in the development of exhibits, preserving and managing collections, and presenting programs and services
- **Thesis and Non-Thesis Options**

History-Museum Studies M.A. students have gone on to receive employment at museums such as the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma Territorial Museum, Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum, Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame, National Softball Hall of Fame and Museum, Harn Homestead, the National Archives in Washington D.C. and many others.

**Examples of Classes Available for Graduate History-Museum Studies Students**

- Museum Management
- Historical Preservation
- Archival Administration
- History of the American West
- The Holocaust
- American Environmental History
- History of Sex in the Americas
- History of Oil
- Black Power in the Atlantic World
- Revolution and Christianity in Latin America
- History of the Cold War in Asia
- History of Ancient Greece
- American Indian Women

**Join Student Organizations**

- Rho Lambda Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, history honor society
- Future Museum Professionals Organization
- The Pat Beard Society for graduate students

**Conference Presentations, Research Opportunities and Funding**

- Tuition Waivers and stipends available through Teaching Assistantships
- Department scholarships and awards
- Travel presentation grants and research support
- Presentations of scholarly work at conferences such as the regional Phi Alpha Theta conference, the Mid-America Conference on History, the Oklahoma Historical Society Annual Meeting, the Oklahoma Museum Association Annual Conference, and the Mountain-Plains Museum Association
- Publication opportunities in The Chronicles of Oklahoma and the American Review of China Studies
- Professional Development workshops
- Swansea University-UCO Collaborative Ph.D. Program