
Summer 2014 Session I: June 9 – July 10

MUSEUMS AS CULTURAL & COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

Online

General Education: **TIER I** (Traditions & Cultures)



The New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York City

What are the roles and functions of museums?

How do museums affect communities and cultures and how do these affect museums?

What are theories and practices associated with museums today?

In this **ONLINE** course, we will examine the roles and functions of museums in society. Students will explore the history of museums, as well as theories and practices associated with museums. We will investigate how museums affect culture and local communities and how these affect museums. Students will visit museums where they are currently situated to examine museum practices and how these relate to the theories, histories, and case studies explored in the course. Students will curate their own virtual exhibitions, will respond to readings, will analyze local museums, and will share their research on a museum of their choice from anywhere in the world.

This is a Tier I General Education course (Traditions & Cultures).

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Please feel free to write with any questions you might have about this course