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Master of Visual Art in Museology— Regulation, Scheme and Syllabus – with effect from 2016 admissions – Approved - Orders issued.

ACADEMIC A.IV SECTION

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Read:-  i) Item no. 3.1 of the minutes of the meeting of the Faculty of Fine Arts held on 26th March 2016.
      ii) Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 18.04.2016.

ORDER

The Academic Council at its meeting held on 18th April 2016 approved the Regulation, Scheme and Syllabus of Master of Visual Art in Museology as recommended by the Board of Studies in Applied Arts and as endorsed by the Faculty of Fine Arts.

This will come into effect from 2016 admissions onwards.

(A copy of the Regulations, Scheme and Syllabus is appended)

Orders are issued accordingly.

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Master of Visual Art in Museology Course

Applicants seeking admission to MVA Museology must have passed a Bachelor’s degree examination or a Master’s Degree examination in Arts or Science (with) subjects like History, Sociology, Political Science, Ancient History, Archaeology, Anthropology, Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Botany, Zoology or a Bachelor’s degree examination or Master’s degree examination in Visual Arts/Fine Arts, Education, Library Science and Home science. The candidates possessing Master’s degree in various subjects as stated above all will be given preference for admission to the degree course in Museology.

The MVA Museology Course is of two – years duration: spread over four semester’s graduate courses. The admission to the course will solely depend upon the performance of the candidate in the aptitude test conducted by the centre.

Medium of instruction of the course is English.

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**Total Marks for all the four semesters:** 700+850+850+800= 3200

Passing Scheme:
Minimum passing marks required in each theory paper, project, dissertation and viva-voce, etc;
Internal Exams = 40%
University Exams=40%
Scheme for awarding class/division;
Pass class: 40% and above
Second class: 50% and above
First Class: 60% and above
Distinction: 70% and above

*Note: Grading system as per the University Guidelines will be used.*

### Promotion, Re-admission and Time for completion of the Course

1. A candidate, who has undergone a regular course of study in semester I, fulfills the required criteria of attendance and has secured marks equal to passing standard both in internal and University Examination shall be eligible for promotion to Semester II. He /She will have to earn minimum of 15 credits in Semester I.
2. A candidate who has successfully completed all the courses of Semester I and II will be eligible for promotion to semester III
3. A candidate, who has undergone a regular course of study in semester III, fulfills the required criteria of attendance and has secured marks equal to passing standard both in
internal and University Examination shall be eligible for promotion to Semester IV. He/She will have to earn minimum of 15 credits in Semester.

4. A candidate shall have maximum of 10 semesters (Five academic years) for completion of the course.

**Syllabus for MVA Museology, Part I**

**Semester I**

**Course 1: Introduction to Museum, Museology and Museum Profession**

Definitions, purpose and social relevance of museum, Functions of museum: collection, documentation, conservation, research, exhibition and education, changing role of museum, Role of museum in tourism.

Types of Museums- classification of museum on the basis of nature of collections, governing body, and scope, specialized museums. Museum –like structures and allied institutions. Specified purposes of different types of museums.

Museology and Museography, origin, meanings and definitions. Concepts of new Museology.

Formation of eco museums, fragmented museums, open air museums, community museums and neighborhood museums. Museum as a profession, Museology as an academic discipline and museum training Museology courses and training programmes in India and abroad.


**Course 2: History and Development of Museums**


History of museums in India (Post Independence era): Phase V-Establishment of national and regional museums, NCSM, Cultural Centers, Tribal Research Institutes, CABM, Museology courses, etc. Introduction to select museums in India National Museums including museums of
national importance, and select museums of state, regional and local level. History of
development of museums in Kerala. Introduction to select museums in Kerala.

**Course 3: Museum Management**

Management mean: Meaning and definitions. Decision making and leadership as essential
elements of management. Management as science and art. Management versus
administration. Functions of management. Management as a museum function. Defining
vision, mission and objectives. Planning – types of plans and planning process.
Organising – types of organizational structures: Role of management boards and committees.
Delegation of authority and responsibility. Directing – meaning, importance and functions:
issue of leadership in museums.

Staff Recruitment rules and methods of recruitment, Job descriptions, Service condition,
motivation, training, performance management and performance appraisal etc. Prevention of
harassment in work place.

Funding sources: admission fee, membership programmes renting, food services, museum
shop, donations, grant-in-aid, foundations and corporate houses. Process and terms of getting
grant-in-aid from central and state government. Strategy for seeking donations and
sponsorships. Budget-meaning and importance; types of budgets: setting financial goals,
evaluating financial performance.

**Course 4: Introduction to Conservation**

Conservation concept and significance. Terms commonly used in conservation. History of
conservation. Principles/Basis of conservation. Specific role of curator and conservator in
conservation. Ethics of conservation. Traditional conservation versus professional
conservation. Relevance of traditional methods in present day context. Types of museum
collections. Materials of collections, their nature and role in deterioration. Meaning of
deterioration and other similar terms. Types of deterioration, causes of deterioration.
Methodology of Conservation. Requirements for conservation. Introduction to various tools
and equipment used in conservation. Planning the conservation efforts. Documentation in
Analytical tools employed in the study of deterioration and assessment of materials.
Conservation as a profession. Attributes of a conservation professional; Training and career
enhancement opportunities. National and international conservation organizations and
associations. Partnership with outside agencies for conservation efforts.

**Courses 5: Museum Environment**

Meaning of museum environment: terms commonly used to describe museum environment:
environmental factors: light, relative humidity, temperature, pollutants (particulate matter and
gases), vibrations and various types of pests. Introduction to the effects of the various
environment factors on organic and inorganic material of museum artifacts.
Monitoring and assessment of environmental parameters using different equipments such as UV Monitor, Light meters, Hygrometers and Thermo hygrographs, Data loggers and Dosimeters. Environmental standards and compromise levels

Strategies for mitigating and controlling environmental problems; RH use of silica gel, air-conditioning, humidifiers and dehumidifiers: Light use of filters, absorbers reflectors, reduced exposures, dimmers, glazing materials, etc: Air quality use of air filters, sealed surfaces, good housekeeping. Creating micro-climates.

Integrated pest management: basic identification of common invertebrate and vertebrate pests; developing an awareness of pest population in and near museum facilities. Infestation preventive methods: determining action thresholds: integrated control methods (both for building and in collections): health hazard relating to infesting pests and pest control efforts.

Green environment: Evaluating specific materials used in the production of exhibitions, storage systems and buildings in terms of their consequences for collections, people and environment.

**Course 6: Ancillary Museum Techniques, Part I**

Photography: importance of photography in museums, Basic principles of photography, Importance of light and its control, Types of cameras SLR, Digital, Digital SLR Camera.


Molding and Casting: Importance of molding & casting in museum. Steps involved in preparation of model to enlarge and reduce size: Drawing, Sculpture, preparation of armature, etc. Introduction to basic principles of molding, casting, and tools and materials. Precautions in handling of the objects.

**Course 7: Project**

Students will select a topic from the course taught during the first semester and study it in detail as an extension of the topic under the guidance of a teacher. They will submit a project report in written form (3000 to 4000 words) and also make an oral presentation. The weightage of written report and oral presentation will be 75% and 25% respectively.

**Semester II**

**Course 8: Collection Management**

Collecting – a historical perspective, purpose and ethics. Nature and range of tangible heritage, Collection responsibilities, Collection management policy including policy on acquisition, disposal, loaning, Administrative aspects of collecting- planning, obtaining necessary permissions, resource requirements, role of purchase committee, etc.

Methods of collecting tangible heritage: General methods such as purchase, loan, exchange, donation, gift, will bequest, confiscation, fabrication etc. and Specific methods according to discipline such as archaeology, art, anthropology and sciences. Disposing museum collections-
Meaning and purpose of disposal, methods and procedures of disposal, terms and conditions of disposal.
Classifying storage: meaning, importance and types, Planning establishing collection storage needs in terms of space, accessibility, retrieval, conservation, security and relationship with collection support areas and other museum facilities. Storage systems, specific storage conditions for different types of collections.
Security: Nature and assessment of risks: physical planning in terms – construction of building, doors, windows, showcases, storage systems, etc. Management of security personnel, internal procedures, Protection from fire prevention, detection and counteraction, Electronic security , Emergency , measures. Damage assessment and procedures after a damage has been done, insurance and indemnity.

**Course 9: Documentation and Research**

Meaning, purpose and scope of documentation. Documentation policy including accessioning, deaccessioning and temporary arrivals. Introduction to systems and process of documentation, Modern documentation techniques.
Types of documents entry, Accession, Classified, Location, Movement and Deaccessioning Registers: Index and Catalogue Cards. Methods of taking filed notes on archaeological anthropological and natural history expeditions. Methods of documenting oral history.
Numbering the objects: Purpose : systems Simple, Bipartite and Tripartite; standard locations for numbering objects; applying numbers : processing unnumbered objects or objects having old numbers found in collections.
Documentation standards – Importance, format of various types of documents, use of standard terminology. Objects ID concept of an international standard for describing art, antiques and antiquities: guidelines for writing descriptions and photography . Management of current and archival records acquired or generated by a museum- access, retrieval, storage, maintenance, safety, etc.
Definitions, objectives and scope of research in museums, classification of museum research, research policy, Methods of research , writing research proposals and reports.
Practicals : Writing description of objects using general terms used for describing objects, images edifices etc, and specific terms according to conventions of various types of collections . Preparing various types of documents.

**Course 10 : Museum Education and Interpretation**

Museum as an educational institution, Education role of museums in developing countries. Concepts of education, learning, Interpretation, Continuing education, adult education, life-long


Basic theories of learning, Learning needs and characteristics of various target groups. Making provisions for visually impaired, physically challenged, deaf learning disabled, mentally retarded etc., people. Liaison with education authority, community and tour operators etc.

Methods of museum education and interpretation: direct teaching, discovery based activities, role play, live interpretation, activity sheets, tactile experiences etc. Developing appropriate programmes for various target groups such as school children, teachers, families, tourists, and people with disabilities. Feedback.

Practicals: preparation of education material such as activity sheets, lesson plans, preparation of feedback forms and conducting surveys in local museums. Interpretation of exhibits, etc.

**Course 11: Museum Extension Services and Publications**


School loan services: Purpose: linkage with curriculum: cross-curricular links; school museum liaison: loan kits: contents, lesson plans, Inventory, design factors, storage, delivery and maintenance, Role and responsibilities of the borrowers, Resource requirements staff, funds and physical resources. Feedback. Case studies of school-loan services.

Travelling and mobile exhibitions: origin and growth, choosing a theme, development of exhibitions: Organisation of travelling exhibitions: resource requirements, packing and transportation, design and safety considerations, planning and scheduling Operation of Mobile exhibitions: types and design of mobile units, instruction manual for staff, Feedback. Case studies of travelling and mobile exhibitions.


Practicals: Developing and visualizing concept of loan kits, travelling and mobile exhibitions etc. Layouting various types of publications.

**Course 12: Curatorial Conservation**

Meaning and significance of preventive conservation. Professional conservation versus curatorial conservation: specific roles of curator and conservator in preventive conservation.
House-keeping in and around museum building: meaning and significance of housekeeping; principals of housekeeping; correct methods of cleaning; visual scanning of various areas of hygienic conditions, microbial growth, insect activities, physical and chemical changes in objects/specimen. Cleaning schedules; supervising the housekeeping staff; safe and eco friendly methods of waste disposal.

Handling of museum collections: Significance of proper handling of objects; general rules of handling museum collections; specific rules of handling small delicate objects; flat and flexible objects; large flat textiles; books and manuscripts; furniture; framed objects; heavy and awkward objects. Packing and transportation of museum objects for various purposes.

Methods of examination and diagnosis, analysis of deteriorated objects in the museum with a view to decide methods of curative and preventive conservation.

Practicals: Critical study of the museum galleries and collection stores to understand preventive measures (including maintenance of environmental standards) taken by museums. Preparation of reports.

**Course 13: Ancillary Museum Techniques, Part II**

Photography: Types of lenses, films, filters and other accessories.

Basic principles of museum photography. Practical exercise of taking photographs of museum objects.


Molding and Casting: Preparation of models in various mediums: clay / ceramic clay, oil-based clay, polymer clay, paper mache, and wax.

**Course 14 : Project**

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**Proposed Syllabus for MVA Museology, Part II**

**Semester III**

**Course 15 : Legislations and Conventions related to Heritage**

UNESCO and its role in heritage related issues.

International Conventions (Part I) on:
- Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (2005)
- Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003)
- Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (2001)
International Conventions (Part II) on:
- Stolen or illegally Exported Cultural Objects (1995)
- Protection of the world Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972)
- The Means of Protecting and Preventing the Illicit Export, Import and Transfer of Ownership of cultural property (1970)
- Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954)

Indian Antiquarian Laws:
- The Indian Treasure Trove Act, 1878.
- The ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958
- The Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972

Indian Legislation related to Natural History:
- Wild Life Protection Act, 1972
- Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act

Miscellaneous Legislation:
- Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995
- Protection of Copyright and Neighboring Rights Act (1952)
- RTI Act 2005

Course 16: Professional Conservation Part I

Low and high tech methods of preventive and curative conservation:
Gold, Silver and its alloys objects:
Copper, Iron and its alloys objects.
Lead, tin and pewter objects, Enamel and lacquer works.
Conservation of siliceous material – stone, pottery, terracotta, glass etc.

Practical: Identification of materials by various methods, Ways of identifying corrosion products, methods of Examining the type and extent of deterioration, methods of treatment and preservation. Method of preparing case study report for different kind of deteriorated objects.

Course 17: Museum Exhibition, Part I

Exhibition as a communicating systems. Definitions and models of communication in the context of museum, exhibitions. Purpose of museum exhibition, Types of museum exhibitions permanent and temporary: historical, chronological, systematic, thematic and ecological: Evocative emotive, didactic and recreational.

Exhibition policy, Ethics of exhibitions. Strengths and weakness of exhibition as a communication system. Understanding exhibition as a complex environment exhibit components and their configuration, extra exhibit factors; and impact of exhibit components and spatial relationship on visitors. Ingredients of a good exhibition.
Exhibition text meaning, purpose, format and language. Methods of assessing, readability and comprehensibility. Signage meaning, purpose and types. Typography in relation to exhibition text and signage. Methods of calculating size of the type.
Exhibition lighting – types of light, principal ranges of lamps for exhibition purposes and their characteristic features, fiber optics, track lighting various arrangements, methods of calculating position of lamps, computer controlled lighting system, lighting levels according to demands of collections and users.

Practical: Critical analysis of exhibitions, writing and assessing exhibition text, lighting etc.

Course 18: Museum Exhibition, Part II

Designing of exhibits- concepts of design elements of design colour, texture, layout meaning, types and methodology to evaluate exhibition layouts, light: principles of design-balance, rhythm, emphasis, unity, simplicity and scale, etc. Human ergonomics and its relation to exhibition design.

Design of exhibition furniture: show case, pedestals, display boards etc. Purpose and types of showcases. Factors governing design of showcases, dioramas, period rooms, etc. Qualities of a good showcase.

Exhibition planning – stages and strategies, exhibition team, preparation of exhibition brief and/or exhibition script, schedule of work. Exhibition planning checklist. use of critical path Analysis and Simple Bar Method in planning exhibitions.

Exhibition evaluation: Meaning and significance: Types front-end analysis, formative and summative: Methods: observation studies, experiments and surveys.

Practicals: Analysis of design factors, use of Critical Path Analysis and Simple Bar Method: Evaluation Studies observing visitor behavior in exhibitions and preparing questionnaires and conducting surveys.

Course 19: Specialised Museology

Students will select a particular type of Museum from the following groups and its study peculiarities in detail under the guidance of a teacher. They will take up a project on any topic of museological interest and submit a report in written form.

1. Art, Archaeology, Anthropology, Ethnology and History museums
2. Natural History and Science and Technology
3. Specialised museums such as children’s museum, personalia museum, eco-museum, and virtual museum, etc.

Course 20: Ancilliary Museum Techniques, Part III

Photography: Practical exercise of taking photographs of museum objects, Introduction to printing, types of prints.

Taxidermy: Stuffing of a small mammal, Preparation of a cabinet specimen killing, skinning, preserving and filling, Preparation of mounted specimen killing skinning, preserving, modeling, mounting and labelling.

Molding and Casting: Preparation of moulds in various mediums: Plaster of Paris, rubber/silicon, clay, fiberglass, paper, cement etc.

Course 21: Project

Students will select a topic from the courses taught during the third semester and study it in detail as an extension of the topic under the guidance of a teacher. They will submit a project report in written form (3000 to 4000 words) and also make an oral presentation. The weight age of written report and oral presentation will be 75% and 25% respectively.
Semester IV

Course 22: Museum Architecture
General considerations affecting building decisions: site location, nature and size of collections, contents other than collections: types and number of users, pattern of use, requirements of staff and public amenities, etc. Space requirements, organization of spaces with relation to movement of people and material, landscape and aesthetics.
Technical requirements in terms of security, conservation, safety, lighting, ventilation and disasters and calamities. Adaptation of existing buildings for museums: advantages and disadvantages, feasibility in terms of use and technical requirements.
The building process: Specific roles of director/curator, architects and engineers, and building committee in a building project (new building, renovation and expansion). Preparing the brief: purpose, process and components. Basics of building maintenance.
Case studies of museum building in India and some examples of new approaches and experiments in India and abroad.

Course 23: Preservation of Architectural Heritage
Approaches to architectural conservation: preservation, rehabilitation, restoration and reconstruction. Introduction to building material used in ancient, medieval and present times. Need for hiring a conservation architect for conserving a historic building.
General remedial measures. Repair and strengthening of structures. Documentation of preservation and conservation efforts.
Ethics of architectural conservation.
Case studies of at least three major projects of architectural conservation. Visit to historic sites and analyses of their state of preservation. Writing structure and conservation reports.

Course 24: Professional Conservation Part II
Introduction to organic chemistry, study of characteristics of different organic natured objects in museums and their requirements in terms of preservation.
Conservation of organic materials: archival material, textile, wood, leather, bone, ivory, horn/antlers, photographs, etc;
Conservation and restoration of painting on canvass, wood, wall, textile, paper etc.

Preservation of Natural History specimens.

Practicals: Identification of materials by various methods, methods of examining the type and extent of deterioration, methods of treatment and preservation. Various methods of Dry and Wet preservation, Herbarium Preparation and method of preparing case study report for different kind of deteriorated objects.

**Course 25: Museum Marketing**


The Product concept: definitions products life cycle and marketing strategies in different stages of product life cycle. Types of products and their characteristics: goods and services: Museum as a product, Multi-product organization and service.


Museum marketing process: consumer research- meaning, significance, types and methods: Organization, meaning and need for a market-oriented structure: Planning situation analyses, strategy formulation and action plan: control of marketing operation.

**Course 26: Dissertation**

Students will select a topic of musiological interest and study it in detail under the guidance of a teacher. They will learn research methodology and mechanics of writing; do an in depth study of the selected topic: and present the findings of the study in the form of a written dissertation (10,000 to 12,000 words)

**Course 27: Practical Training: Report and Presentation**

The students will undergo practical training for four weeks in museums of repute any time during the entire course of study including vacations. The training may be organized in a single museum or more than one museum depending upon the opportunities.

They will submit a written report of the training (3,000 to 4,000 words) and also make an oral presentation. They will be awarded marks/ grades on the basis of report and presentation and weight age will be 75 % and 25 % respectively.