

Anthropology 484/684 - Museum Internship
Star of the Republic Museum at Washington-on-the-Brazos
Washington, Texas

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Introduction

The course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to learn about museum operations including administration, educational programming, collections management, and exhibit planning. Students spend four hours per week for 15 weeks at the museum. The internship provides an overview of basic museum operations and may include research, data entry, scanning documents, transcribing documents, photographing artifacts, inventorying collections, etc.

The program is operated in collaboration with the Star of the Republic Museum at Washington on the Brazos State Park and Blinn College. The onsite coordinator for the program is Dr. Shawn Carlson, PhD, Curator of Collections at the museum.

Learning Objectives

Students receive behind-the-scenes experience in museum collections by working with artifacts and documents dating from the Texas Republic period (1836-1846). In the course of the semester students will learn the basic museum functions including management, educational programming, collections, and exhibits. They will participate in one or more of these functions depending on their experience and the current needs at the museum.

The Star of the Republic Museum is located 30 miles from College Station via State Highway 6 south to Navasota, west on Highway 105 to FM1155, and south on 1155 to Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historical Site.