Introduction to Nature History Museums examines the history, structure, organization, policies, and procedures of work in a natural history museum. This course includes a variety of topics: museum administration, collections management, curatorial practices, specimen preservation and conservation, emergency preparation and planning in museums, and the use of specimens in research, education, and exhibition.

**Learning Objectives**

- Summarize the general history and function of the natural history museum.
- Demonstrate an understanding of a museum as an institution, including the responsibilities of staff members, the role of interpretation in exhibits, collections management, and the purpose of the museum mission.
- Work collaboratively with others in team based learning exercises.
- Demonstrate a functional understanding of the key concepts in museum studies.
- Articulate the role of museums in society and debate museum ethical issues in written and oral contexts.

**FALL 2015**

**Tuesdays/Thursdays, 5:30pm – 6:45pm**

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**Prerequisites:** BIOL 197 or consent of instructor.