Interested in Art, or a career in the museum field?
• Want to improve your public speaking skills?
• Like working with people?

Then, you should be a docent at the AMAM!

Practicum in Museum Education will teach you about the extensive collection of art on display at the AMAM, will train you to give tours to a variety of age groups, help you hone your public speaking, and give you a chance to participate in the many exciting events that take place each semester at the AMAM. This course will mix theory with the practical issues involved in leading gallery learning sessions for K-12 and adult learners. Additionally, this practicum class will provide you with a solid background on the museum’s collection, include planning and research for the development of thematic tours, and include the writing of a paper to be presented during the museum’s Sunday Object Talk series. After completing the practicum, you will be fully prepared to lead tours and presentations at the museum. We provide school tours to several hundred K-12 groups each year, and the student docent program is a critical part of this outreach.

In addition to daily class sessions in the galleries, we meet the professional staff of the AMAM, take at least one field trip to a regional arts museum, and complete practice cover letters and resumes to help prepare you for applying to museum or arts related internships and jobs.

Not an Art or Art History major? NO PROBLEM. The educational tours provided to area schools by the docent program can be applied to most fields, and are a good opportunity to bring YOUR background and experience to a new pursuit.

If you need further information, or are interested in applying, please contact: Jason Trimmer, Curator of Education @: jtrimmer@oberlin.edu, or phone 775-8671