

Art History Major Overview:

The Art History major focuses on the study of visual art, architecture, and cultural artifacts across time periods and cultures. Students examine the history, context, and significance of art movements, as well as the techniques and materials used by artists. The program emphasizes critical thinking, research, and analysis, helping students develop an understanding of art's role in society and history. Graduates are prepared for careers in museums, galleries, education, publishing, and cultural institutions, where they can preserve, interpret, and share the legacy of visual art.

Typical Industry Sectors:

1. Museums and Galleries
2. Higher Education and Academia
3. Art Conservation and Restoration
4. Cultural Heritage and Preservation
5. Publishing and Media

10 Sample Entry-Level Job Titles:

1. Museum Curatorial Assistant
2. Gallery Assistant
3. Art Auction House Assistant
4. Art Conservation Technician
5. Art Research Assistant
6. Archivist
7. Exhibition Coordinator
8. Art Education Assistant
9. Art Collections Manager
10. Art Librarian Assistant

5 Hard Skills:

1. Art Historical Research and Analysis
2. Knowledge of Art Movements and Periods
3. Museum and Gallery Management
4. Art Conservation Techniques
5. Database and Cataloging Software (e.g., PastPerfect)

5 Soft Skills:

1. Critical Thinking
2. Communication
3. Attention to Detail

4. Organization
5. Problem-solving

Additional Training or Certifications:

While an Art History degree provides a strong foundation, many careers in art history require a Master's degree or higher, especially for roles in academia, curation, or conservation. Further specialized training or certifications in art conservation, museum studies, or archival management can enhance career prospects. Internships and field experience in galleries, museums, or cultural institutions are highly beneficial for gaining hands-on experience.

Student and National Organizations:

1. [College Art Association \(CAA\)](#)
2. [National Art Education Association \(NAEA\)](#)
3. [American Alliance of Museums \(AAM\)](#)
4. [International Council of Museums \(ICOM\)](#)