The History of Art major explores the historical significance of the world's greatest achievements in artistic production from pre-historic times to the present moment. Students learn to assess works of art in terms of their formal logic and aesthetic value as well as to comprehend art's broader cultural and ideological import. Although the History of Art major at OSU is designed to familiarize students with a broad array of historically and geographically diverse works of art in a range of media (painting, sculpture, architecture, prints, photography, video and film), the program also allows for concentrated study in particular areas of interest. Students are thereby prepared to undertake post-graduate work in the history of art and related disciplines.

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

**Management and Industry**
- Artistic Director
- Museum/Gallery Director
- Advertising Professional
- Curator
- Archives Manager
- Art Appraiser/Art Dealer
- Art/Intellectual Property Lawyer
- Auction House Professional
- Travel Professional

**Communication and Media**
- Art/Film Consultant
- Art/Film Critic
- Publisher or Editor
- Marketing/Advertising Agent
- Not-for-Profit Professional
- Architect
- Historic Preservationist

**Science and Technology**
- Professor
- Librarian
- Museum Educator
- Visual Resources Curator
- Teacher K-12
- Government/Politics
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*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.

**Transferable Skills:**

The program provides students with foundational skills that are essential in an ever-changing world in which employers are seeking those who can be taught to meet new and evolving challenges. In an environment in which visual forms play an increasingly important role in communication, an understanding of how images construct meaning and evoke responses is a critical asset.

- Visual Literacy
- Analytical Skills
- Critical Thinking
- Writing Skills
- Research Skills
- Attention to Detail
- Language Proficiency
- Critical Reading
- Social Awareness
- Creativity/Imagination
- Public Speaking
- Historical Awareness
- Cross-Cultural Understanding
- Editing
- Articulating Ideas

*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here: [http://ccss.osu.edu](http://ccss.osu.edu)*

**Professional Links:**

- History of Art Undergraduate Society: [http://history-of-art.osu.edu/haus](http://history-of-art.osu.edu/haus)
- College Art Association: [http://www.collegeart.org](http://www.collegeart.org)
- Midwest Art History Society: [http://www.hahsonline.org](http://www.hahsonline.org)
- Society of Architectural Historians: [http://www.sah.org](http://www.sah.org)

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