

Bachelor of Arts

History of Art

College of Arts and Sciences

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

Science and Technology

Architect[#]
Historic Preservationist[#]

Education

Professor[#]
Librarian[#]
Museum Educator[#]
Visual Resources Curator
Teacher K-12

Government/Politics

Arts Policy Analyst
Lobbyist

**Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

Graduate degree(s) required

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.

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

**This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here:*

<http://ccss.osu.edu>

Professional Links:

History of Art Undergraduate Society: <http://history-of-art.osu.edu/haus>

College Art Association: <http://www.collegeart.org>

Midwest Art History Society: <http://www.hahsonline.org>

Society of Architectural Historians: <http://www.sah.org>

Association of Historians of American Art: <http://www.ahaaonline.org/>