

What can I do with a major in...

Art History

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The art historian investigates the significant achievements of artist and architects to determine how their works have contributed to the development of culture. In this program students analyze and evaluate many forms of artistic expression, in painting, sculpture, architecture, and other media.

Students with a bachelor's degree can obtain beginning jobs in museums, galleries, and in art related organizations.

The job titles and hiring institutions which follow are meant to give you an idea of the careers available to art history majors, however many other possibilities also exist. You are encouraged to explore all career paths that interest you.

POTENTIAL JOB TITLES

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| Anthropologist | Interpretative artist |
| Archaeologist | Investigator |
| Archivist | Librarian |
| Art appraiser | Museum preparatory |
| Art auctioneer | Museum technician |
| Art historian | Photographer |
| Art restorator | Program assistant |
| Art therapist | Public relations specialist |
| Critic (art, drama, film) | Research associate |
| Cultural affairs specialist | Research technical advisor (film) |
| Curator (art galleries, museums) | Sample advertisements |
| Editor/writer | Teacher |
| Freelance collection manager | Technician |
| Interior decorator | |

REPRESENTATIVE HIRING INSTITUTIONS

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| Architectural firms | Museums |
| Art galleries | National & state parks |
| Business corporations & industries | Non-profit agencies |
| Colleges, schools, & educational institutions | Photography |
| Department stores | Publishing companies |
| Film companies | Radio/TV industry |
| Historical societies | |
| Libraries | |

WHERE DO UMW ART HISTORY MAJORS GO?

EMPLOYERS/INTERNSHIP SITES

- Acorn Glen Assisted Living
- National Museum of the Marine Corps
- Fredericksburg Area Museum
- Liberty Town Arts Workshop
- University of Mary Washington Galleries
- Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts
- UMW-Gary Melchers Home & Studio
- Taubman Museum of Art
- The George Washington Foundation

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

- The Johns Hopkins University, Master of Arts in Writing (Nonfiction)
- Richmond International University, Master of Arts
- Sotheby's Institute of Art (NY), Master's degree in Art Business
- University of Virginia

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

1. Association of Art Historians: www.aah.org.uk/
2. College Art Association: www.collegeart.org
3. Art History Network: www.arthistory.net/index.html

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