

What about a major in...?

Art History



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What is Art History?

Using a wide variety of methodological approaches, art history faculty help students develop an awareness, knowledge, and appreciation of the visual environments from all periods of history. All 1xxx courses and most 3xxx courses do not have prerequisites and are intended for general audiences. Students who intend to apply for graduate school are strongly encouraged to take as many 5xxx courses from as many different professors as possible. In addition to the B.A., the department offers the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in art history.

What are the major requirements?

Go to www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html and select “undergraduate majors.”

How do I declare an Art History major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to learn more about the field of Art History.
2. When you decide upon an Art History major, meet with the director of undergraduate studies in Art History to complete a Major Program form.
3. If you decide to change your major, contact your CLA student community to learn about your new major’s declaration process.

What can I do with a major in Art History?

Skills

Art history majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers.

These skills include:

- Verbal and written communication skills
- Analytic problem-solving skills
- Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
- Ability to work well with diverse groups
- Research skills

Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- Education—teaching, research, advising, student affairs, community outreach
- Arts and Entertainment—conservators, archivists, curators, writing, development
- Business—marketing, human resources, sales, consulting, recruiting, arts administrator, advertising, public relations
- Nonprofit—fundraising, programming, management

For more information:

About the Art History major:

Undergraduate Advising
415 Heller Hall
(612) 625-2379
<http://www.arthist.umn.edu>

About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:

CLA Arts Student Community
560 Heller Hall
(612) 624-7504
<http://arts.class.umn.edu>
or
CLA Martin Luther King, Jr. Program
19 Johnston Hall
(612) 625-2300
<http://www.class.umn.edu/mlk/>
mlk@class.cla.umn.edu

About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:

Career and Community Learning Center
135 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7577
www.cclc.umn.edu
cclc@class.cla.umn.edu

About graduation with honors:

CLA Honors Division
20 Nicholson Hall
(612) 624-5522
www.cla.umn.edu/honors/
honors@class.cla.umn.edu

Career Alternatives for Art History:

<http://www.nd.edu/crosenbe/jobs.html>



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Today's workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

The Career & Community Learning Center provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

Remember!

You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program form with your major adviser,
- filed a copy with the major department,
- and filed a copy with your CLA student community.

Don't forget: keep a copy for yourself!