

Bachelor of Fine Arts: Art History

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art History affords students the unique opportunity to study the discipline of Art History through traditional academic means as well as through professional settings provided by internships, field trips, and visiting artists and scholars. A major in Art History will strongly prepare students for career opportunities related to cultural tourism, as well as work in museums, galleries, auction houses, art conservation and more.

Career types associated with Art History

(Is this a good fit for you? Are you a...)

- Artistic - “Creator”
- Investigative - “Thinker”
- Social - “Helper”

Related skills, values, and qualities

- Ability to communicate ideas, thoughts, and feelings visually
- Hands on
- Fascinated by the past
- Ability to think creatively
- Familiarity with traditional art approaches as well as other new and digital media
- Intuition and innovation in understanding and extracting ideas to generate visual concepts
- Organization and attention to detail
- Strong interpersonal and networking skills
- Love/Appreciation for history
- Ability to compete in a changing market that is exciting and highly competitive
- Problem Solving

Courses Art History majors typically enjoy

- Art
- History
- Drawing
- Painting
- Photography
- Watercolors
- Printmaking
- Textiles
- Ceramics
- Anthropology
- Professional Writing
- Library Science
- History

Common interests of Art History majors

- Working part-time or volunteering in an art studio, museum, or gallery
- Photography
- Digital imaging
- Drawing and painting
- Attending art shows and other visual art events
- Traveling
- Marketing & Branding

For more information about the major

Contact Department of Art and Design
311 Sharadin, 610-683-4619

KU Majors related to Art History

Art Education, Crafts, History, Anthropology, History, Professional Writing, Library Science

FOUR STEPS TO SUCCESS

EXPLORE

DISCOVER

EXPERIENCE

IMPLEMENT

1ST YEAR

2ND YEAR

3RD YEAR

4TH YEAR

- Enroll in the Career Exploration Certificate.
- Attend info sessions to learn about career development and personal branding.
- Take a career assessment to identify and confirm interests.
- Get involved in campus clubs and organizations.
- Develop basic workplace skills through jobs or volunteer work.
- Talk with professors, family, and friends about career ideas.
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals working in fields of interest.
- Develop a relationship with your professors and faculty advisor.
- Meet with CDC career coach.
- Attend info sessions to learn about resume writing, and externships.
- Confirm your choice of major and consider options for double major or minor.
- Research careers of interest.
- Complete a job shadowing (externship) experience.
- Seek meaningful employment or volunteer work in a field related to your major.
- Explore options for undergraduate research and study abroad.
- Write a resume and have it reviewed by the CDC.
- Manage your online presence.
- Enroll in the Career Success Certificate.
- Complete an internship and/or undergraduate research.
- Attend info sessions about internships, interviewing, job search strategies, and grad school.
- Build a LinkedIn profile and continue to monitor your online presence.
- Complete a mock interview.
- Build skills through research projects, part-time employment, and volunteer work.
- Participate in employer panels, site visits & networking events.
- Attend internship & job fairs.
- Take on a leadership role in a student organization or work.
- Consider graduate school options and prepare for admissions tests.
- Attend your Senior Kick-off session and other info sessions to prepare for job search/grad school.
- Update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
- Create cover letter drafts.
- Gain experience through internships and/or undergraduate research.
- Secure references for job/grad school applications.
- Create your “30 second” commercial/elevator pitch.
- Meet with CDC to develop job search strategies.
- Research employers.
- Network with professionals through events and social media.
- Join a professional organization in your discipline.
- Attend the senior etiquette luncheon or dinner.
- Participate in job fairs and on-campus interviewing.

Sample Career Titles

Art History majors can be found working in a wide variety of career fields. Here are just some career titles that may be of interest. Please note that some jobs may require further education and training.

To learn more about these careers, visit <http://online.onetcenter.org> or www.bls.gov/oco.

Art Advisor
 Art Administrator
 Antiquarian Book Trade
 Antiques Dealer
 Architectural Conservator
 Art Gallery Manager
 Art Investment
 Art Lawyer
 Art Preservationist
 Art Publicist
 Artist Representative
 Art Librarian
 Arts Organization Consultant
 Auction House Assistant

College Professor
 Corporate Curator
 Curatorial Consultant
 Estate Appraiser
 Freelance Collection Manager
 Freelance Writer
 Independent Producer
 Museum Curator
 Museum Educator
 Museum Registrar
 Teacher
 Sample Advertisements
 Visual Resource Curator

Common Internship Sites and Employers

Art History majors often find internships and employment in the following fields/industries.

- Photo Studios
- Art Studios
- Galleries
- Mural Projects
- Publishing Firms
- Archives
- Printmaking Workshops
- Community Arts Organizations
- Magazines/Newspapers
- Museums
- Archeology
- Auction Houses

Handshake

Handshake is the primary online resource for preparing and connecting students and alumni with employers.
www.kutztown.edu/handshake

Useful Websites for Art History Majors

Whether you are researching related career fields, applying for internships or jobs, or planning to join a professional association, these websites are for you!

Industry/Employment Information

National Endowment for the Arts
www.arts.gov

NY Foundation for the Arts
www.nyfa.org

ResArtis
www.resartis.org

TransArtists
www.transartists.org

WOOLOO
www.wooloo.org

Arts and Art Deadlines
www.artdeadlineslist.com

Allentown Art Museum
www.allentownartmuseum.org

Philadelphia Museum of Art
<http://www.philamuseum.org>

Job/Internship Search Boards

Museum Jobs
www.museumjobs.com

Greater Phila Cultural Alliance
www.philaculture.org

LinkedIn Jobs
www.linkedin.com/jobs

Professional Associations

College Art Association
www.collegeart.org

American Association of Museums
www.aam-us.org

Southern Graphics Council
<http://sgcinternational.org>

Related Area Employers

Allentown Art Museum
Alternative Gallery
ArtsQuest
Brandywine River Museum of Art
Clay On Main
Everhart Museum of Natural History
Goggle Works
Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites
Lehigh Valley Arts Council
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
Philadelphia Museum of Art
Reading Public Museum

Building Your Resume for a Career in Art History

Building a strong resume for your career field starts long before you ever start your job search. Employers want to hire graduates who not only have the necessary educational background but also have experience applying that knowledge.

Arthur History

sstud000@live.kutztown.edu, www.linkedin.com/in/arthur, 555-555-5555

PROFILE

Interested in being a Museum Curator for the Allentown Art Museum.

EDUCATION

B.F.A. Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

Major: Art History

GPA: 3.68

Kutztown, PA

May 20xx

University of Florence

Study Abroad: 9 credits completed

Florence, Italy

June 20xx

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Allentown Art Museum

Conservation Intern

- Developed appropriate methods of handling, preserving, and interpreting cultural materials
- Examined the condition of selected objects—cleaning and repairing them for exhibition or loan
- Appraised and selected items for permanent retention on the basis of documentary value

Allentown, PA

Summer 20xx

Please Touch Museum

Museum Experience Host

- Implemented creative ideas using art and imagination to engage children and families
- Deliver interactive programming to educate visitors
- Organize activities and materials for patrons

Philadelphia, PA

Summers 20xx & 20xx

COMMISSIONED WORK & EXHIBITIONS

Please Touch Museum

- Created commissioned painting for permanent collection, Philadelphia, PA
- Solo Exhibition.** Senior Exhibition, Mariin & Regina Gallery, Kutztown, PA
- Group Exhibition.** A Celebration of Art, Dixon Center, Harrisburg, PA
- Group Exhibition.** Emergence in the Arts, Eckhaus Gallery, Kutztown, PA

June 20xx

May 20xx

April 20xx

June 20xx

CAMPUS LEADERSHIP

Art Club, Kutztown University

President

- Organize and facilitate weekly club meetings
- Promote and support club via on-campus information sessions and fundraisers

Fall 20xx-Present

Spring 20xx-Present

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Americans for the Arts

Career Success Certificate, Kutztown University Career Development Center

Career Exploration Certificate, Kutztown University Career Development Center

Spring 20xx

Spring 20xx

Fall 20xx

Learn more about your field and develop the necessary skills for employment by gaining hands-on experience through internships.

Utilize summer breaks to acquire valuable experience via volunteer or employment opportunities related to your major.

Develop professionally through campus involvement and professional memberships. This illustrates responsibility, leadership abilities and time management skills.