ART HISTORY

The art history major is based on a thorough curriculum in the history of art and is very flexible to enable students to tailor their coursework to fit their personal career aspirations. The program incorporates Drexel's nationally known co-op experience through which students, while pursuing their degree, can work for six months in relevant professional contexts such as museums, galleries, auction houses, art foundations, and publications. The goal of the art history major is to provide an excellent interdisciplinary liberal arts education with a sound foundation in the history of visual arts and a strong competence in writing, research, and critical thinking. The major will foster a hands-on approach and will involve students in the close study of art objects from many museums in Philadelphia and from our own Drexel collection of art and artifacts, the well-known Fox Historic Costume Collection, and the rotating exhibitions of the Leonard Pearlstein Gallery.

Students entering the Westphal College Art History program can opt for the following paths:

Art History as a Major – BS
A solid undergraduate degree that prepares students for a variety of art-related careers, graduate studies in the humanities and professional programs such as law, architecture, or medicine.

Art History as a Dual Major – BS
The curriculum is designed with great flexibility to enable students to pursue an additional degree in one of the University's more than 80 majors without extending their time at the University.

Art History Major combined with Master in Arts Administration or Museum Leadership – BA + MS
The four-year art history degree leads directly into the Westphal College Masters programs in Arts Administration or Museum Leadership.

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Examples of Employers Where Drexel Students Could Work:

- The Barnes Foundation
- Philadelphia Museum of Art
- Moderne Gallery
- Mural Arts Program
- RagoArts Auction House
- Metropolitan Museum of Art NY
- Christie’s NY
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & INTERNET RESOURCES

American Alliance of Museums (AAM)  
aam-us.org

Association of Art Museum Directors (AAMD)  
aamd.org

American Federation of Arts (AFA)  
afaweb.org

Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance  
philaculture.org

The Association of Art Museum Curators (AAMC)  
artcurators.org

International Council of Museums (ICOM)  
icom.museum

National Association for Museum Exhibition (NAME)  
name-aam.org

National Art Education Association  
arteducators.org

CAREER RESOURCES

Writing Your Résumé  
drexel.edu/scdc/professional-pointers/application-materials

Interviewing  
drexel.edu/scdc/professional-pointers/interviewing

Workshop Calendar  
drexel.edu/scdc/calendars-events/workshops

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