

## 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.

**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

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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.

## SAMPLE JOB TITLES

Gallery Director  
Curator  
Museum Administrator  
Museum Educator  
Art Consultant

Art Librarian  
Auctioneer  
Editor  
Professor  
Art Lawyer

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & INTERNET RESOURCES

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

**American Federation of Arts (AFA)**  
afaweb.org

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

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

**Association of Art Museum Directors (AAMD)**  
aamd.org

**Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance**  
philaculture.org

**International Council of Museums (ICOM)**  
icom.museum

**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

## DREXEL DEPARTMENTS

**Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts & Design**  
URBN Center, 3501 Market Street  
215.895.2396  
drexel.edu/westphal

**Career Services Library  
Careers Collection**  
Hagerty Library  
33<sup>rd</sup> and Market Streets, Room 136  
215.895.6843  
libguides.library.drexel.edu/careers

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