



# ART HISTORY

Studying the relationship between a culture and its art can reveal the important ideas, values and institutions of that culture and their effect upon individuals and society. Art History examines the development of this relationship across cultures and explores the elements of style and aesthetic ideas of particular cultures.

**Sample Career Areas:** Museums, Galleries, Advertising, Public Relations, Performing Arts Centers, Historical Societies, Fundraising Firms, Magazines/Newspapers, Cultural Affairs Agencies, Publishing Firms, Restoration Firms

**Sample Career Titles:** City Culture Events Planner, Production Artist, Public Affairs Specialist, Gallery Director/Manager, Curator, Assistant Curator, Museum Attendant, Archivist, Exhibit Designer, Art Appraiser/Consultant, Archeologist, Library Assistant

**Related Major Skills:** Visual and Data Analysis (thinking critically, analyzing the artistic qualities in everyday objects.); Communication (writing and speaking effectively, describing impressions about art, presenting theories and ideas.); Human Relations (developing sensitivity to cultural viewpoints, interpreting a cultures values and beliefs.); Research (gathering and analyzing information, organizing information/materials..)

**Program options awarded by the University's College of Arts & Sciences:**

Bachelor of Arts in Art History

Art History Certificate

Minor in Art History

**To learn more about the program, course offerings, and the dedicated faculty behind the program, visit the Department of Art History's website at <http://uhaweb.hartford.edu/arthist/>**

**Suggested websites for further exploration:** American Association of Museums ([www.aam-us.org](http://www.aam-us.org)), College Arts Association ([www.collegeart.org](http://www.collegeart.org)), career alternatives for Art Historians ([ww.nd.edu/~crosenbe/jobs.html](http://ww.nd.edu/~crosenbe/jobs.html))

**Consider the following research methods for additional information on preparation for the field, career options, industry and professional profiles:**

- **Read** about the field using online sites, hardcover resources, industry-specific journals...
- **Talk** to professionals, faculty and fellow students about the field of study, possible career paths...through informational interviews
- **Just do it!** Explore at least two different environments, industries, organizations...by becoming a volunteer, part-time employee, intern or participate in job shadowing. Also, consider sitting in on a class (with permission) as a way of learning whether or not you feel you can devote your time and energy into the required coursework - or sit in on a club/organization meeting one night - get out there!

**If you would like to explore a possible major/minor in Art History further or any major offered by the University, let Career Services help you see the possibilities!**