Why Study Art History & Archaeology at UMD?

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND ART HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY students focus on visual expression to understand culture, studying an expansive history of objects from the fine arts (painting, sculpture, architecture) to street art. In the classroom and with leading D.C.-area arts institutions, you will refine your thinking about visual culture. In the process, you develop your creative and critical thinking, visual and information literacy, skills in oral and written communication and analytical strategies—qualities crucial for any career.

ART HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY CURRICULUM

The undergraduate curriculum is designed to develop your critical understanding of visual culture. Art history majors are offered a diverse selection of courses that explore regions of the world including Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe. The major is highly flexible and allows you to pursue your passions by learning art history and archaeology with a range of world-class faculty and students across the broad spectrum of artistic and humanistic disciplines in the College of Arts and Humanities. The department has a growing number of double majors studying anthropology, biology, computer science, journalism, government, mathematics and physics. We also offer a minor.

SAMPLE COURSE TITLES

- Art and Difference
- Leonardo’s World: Art and Experience in Renaissance Italy
- Monuments and Memory in America
- Japanese Art in the 20th Century: Empire, War, and Occupation
ART HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY DEGREES IN ACTION

92% of recent ARHU graduates are either working full time, interning or pursuing graduate studies.* Here's where some of our art history & archaeology graduates are working or studying:

- The Kreeger Museum, Head of Public Relations and Membership
- The National Gallery of Art, Development Assistant
- Glenstone Museum, Museum Guide
- The University of Maryland Global Campus, Technical Virtual Labs Manager
- The Washington Post, Human Resource Information System Analyst
- The George Washington University, Master of Arts, Museum Studies
- American University, Master of Arts, Art History
- University of Maryland, Master of Journalism

*Placement rate is based on the May 2019 university graduation survey

FOR MORE INFORMATION and to apply, visit arthistory.umd.edu or call 301.405.1479.

TIPS FOR CAREER SUCCESS

It's never too early to start planning for your career after graduation. Make an appointment to talk with the University Career Center @ARHU. We'll work with you to assess your skills, values and interests and use them to find opportunities that meet your goals. Academic and career advisors will help you incorporate internships, living-learning programs, global experiences, research and more into your academic plan. Research shows that having one or more internships increases your ability to land a full-time position after graduation. Learn more at careers.umd.edu.

BE WORLDWISE. GET WORLDREADY. CAREER INITIATIVE

The “Be Worldwise. Get Worldready.” initiative prepares students to adapt and thrive in the workplace and shapes the kind of global citizens they can become. It creatively integrates career development in the ARHU academic experience by offering strategic career preparation and academic advising; engages faculty to develop new and reimagined courses, majors and minors; and provides opportunities to apply scholarship to practice. Students learn to communicate the real-world value of their arts and humanities degree through this initiative.

SOPHIE HUGET ’15, ART HISTORY
Historic Interpreter, Harriet Beecher Stowe Center

“I learned to connect visual and written culture with the people and places around me. In my position, I interact daily with people who hold worldviews quite different from my own. Connecting with others, celebrating others and staying curious are the skills I gained in ARHU.”

ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES (ARHU)

ARHU is home to 14 departments and 79 bachelor’s degrees, minors and certificate programs, so you can tailor your degree (or double major) across various fields of study, including performing and visual arts, languages, literatures and cultures. With an 8 to 1 student to faculty ratio, ARHU offers you the benefits of a tight-knit community with access to the resources of a large, public research institution near the nation’s capital.