

What is Art History?

Art History is the study of visual arts within a cultural and historical context. Art historians understand the importance of human creativity and artistic expression that represent the ethnic, aesthetic, social and cultural traditions over time. Through observation and investigation, art historians seek to understand the styles, techniques and methodologies of the visual arts created throughout the ages. In doing so, they uncover the cultural aspects of societies from a global perspective to gain a deeper understanding of the human experience.

Contemporary issues in Art History: Historical Methodologies, Cultural and Societal Influences, Beliefs and Traditions, Historical Interpretation, Conservation and the Role of Art in Culture.

Where can I go for help?

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Where can I transfer?

Students can transfer to a number of public and private colleges and universities in the U.S., but the Direct Transfer Agreement applies only within Washington. The following colleges in Washington offer a bachelor's degree in Psychology, which may require specific courses for admission. Contact the Psychology department at your chosen four-year school(s) for more information.

[Eastern Washington University](#)
[Pacific Lutheran University](#)
[Seattle Pacific University](#)
[Seattle University](#)

[The Evergreen State College](#)
[University of Puget Sound](#)
[University of Washington – Seattle](#)

[Washington State University](#)
[Western Washington University](#)
[Whitman College](#)

What can I do with a Bachelor's Degree in Art History?

Students who major in Art History develop knowledge and skills that can be applied to a variety of careers that include teaching, research and development, public relations, collection and curatorial management, appraising, marketing, sales, journalism and publishing.

Potential employers include: Museums, galleries, historical societies, public and private schools, colleges and universities, libraries, auction companies, publishing and media companies, businesses, government agencies and non-profit organizations. For more, please visit <http://www.shoreline.edu/counseling-services/career-counseling.aspx>

What courses should I take?*

Below are recommendations for fulfilling the AA-DTA requirements if you are planning to pursue a four-year degree in Art History.

Strongly Recommended
These are commonly **required** for admission. Check with your chosen four-year program(s) to confirm.

Other Recommendations
These courses are well-matched with this major, but are not commonly required for admission.

II. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

Humanities	ARTH 224 ARTH 225	ART&100, ARTH 204, 210, ART 109, 110, 121-123, 131-133, 144, 201-203, 245-247, 250-253, 271-273, HUM 111, 112, 113, 164, 165; Literature, Philosophy, World language may be required for university admission or graduation.
Natural Sciences	--	--
Social Sciences	--	ANTH&100, 204, 206, History, Philosophy and Sociology.

III. GENERAL ELECTIVES

ARTH 226	ART&100, ARTH 204, 210, ART 109, 110, 121-123, 131-133, 144, 201-203, 245-247, 250-253, 271-273, Anthropology, History, Literature, Philosophy, Sociology and World Languages; World language may be required for university admission or graduation.
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What does your chosen four-year school require?

Before choosing classes, become familiar with the four-year program where you want to apply: visit the website, email the department, and/or speak with a Shoreline advisor. Below are examples from Washington schools with different admissions and graduation requirements. Check with the school for world language requirements. (Non-native speakers of English are often exempt from this requirement.)

School	Degrees	Requirements	Course Equivalencies
Seattle Pacific University	B.A. in Art with emphasis in Art History:	Students must complete the online application in BANNER for Declared Major or Minor and provide the following documentation: A personal statement of interest and intent (approximately 1 page in length) and an unofficial copy of their transcript.	ARTH 224-226
Seattle University	B.A. in Art History	Contact the Seattle University Art and Art History Department for up-to-date information about admissions requirements.	ARTH 204, 210, 224-226
University of Washington – Seattle	B.A. in Art History	Students transferring into the UW may declare the major during orientation. A 2.5 cumulative GPA is required to declare the Art History major. To declare the major, set up an appointment with an art adviser to discuss your learning goals, talk about course requirements, and learn about all the learning options in the program.	ARTH 224-226
Washington State University	B.F.A. with Art History Option	Contact Department of Fine Arts: Email finearts@wsu.edu or Phone 509-335-8686	ARTH 224, 226
Western Washington University	B.A. in Art History	Complete A/HI 275 (No SCC Equivalent) and two 200-level art history surveys or pre-approved equivalent courses. Students must have a B average or higher in these classes to be considered for the Art History program.	ARTH 204, 210, 224-226

**** This unofficial guide is intended to support you as you prepare for your major. Please consult with an advisor and your chosen four-year school(s), as program and admissions requirements vary and may change without notice.**