

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEPAUL MAJOR IN

HISTORY OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE?

A degree in the History of Art and Architecture provides students with a broad understanding of the field and also allows students to minor in History of Art and Architecture, Museum Studies, or a Cities minor. This department equips students with the skills needed to think critically about the influence and impact art and architecture on individuals and societies. Students with this major develop a strong skill set in critical and creative thinking, research and analytical skills, interpreting and understanding historical contexts of artwork. In addition, students

gain knowledge of artistic materials and techniques, methods of analysis and interpretation, and written, oral, and visual communication skills. The major also prepares students to strengthen their visual literacy skills and navigate an ever evolving digital world. With that said, keep in mind that History of Art and Architecture majors have also found success in a much wider variety of professions. To learn more about where some of DePaul University's History of Art and Architecture alumni have found their success, visit ask.depaul.edu



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MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES Students interested in museum and galleries will gain an understanding of interpretation and historical context of artwork to successfully pursue a career in various specializations including curation, administration, preservation/conservation, exhibition design, collections/archive management, operations, programming, public relations, and docent coordination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art museums • Colleges and universities • Archives • Historical societies • Galleries • Natural and living history museums • Private collections 	<p>Sharpen Your Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have strong oral and written communication skills • Be knowledgeable of modern languages • Strengthen research and analytical skills <p>Gain Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain relevant experience through an internship or volunteer position in a museum/gallery setting • Seek out museum specialists to understand roles, functions, and collective contributions • Attend lectures and exhibits to strengthen understanding of best practices and trends • Consider studying abroad <p>Pursue a Minor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider a minor in a modern language <p>Pursue a Graduate Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider a graduate degree as specialties vary in required qualifications and training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Hellenic Museum • Arts Club of Chicago • Chicago History Museum • Prints Unlimited Galleries • The Art Institute of Chicago • Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Program Coordinator • Registrar • Coordinator of Special Projects • Gallery Assistant • Public Relations Coordinator • Art Administrator • Public Programs Intern • Facilitator • Visitor Services Associate • Exhibition Installer • Coordinator of Community Programs

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NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS				
<p>Students interested in non-profit organizations which support the arts can strengthen their skills in impacting various populations while building a presence in the community. Students may pursue a career in program development, administration, curating, fundraising, public relations, grant writing, research, and other areas of direct service.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local and national nonprofit organizations Associations Libraries Foundations Private and public museum settings Historical sites Historical societies Hospitals 	<p>Sharpen Your Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn to work with people of different cultures Get involved in student organizations to build skills in collaboration, leadership and programming Strengthen creative problem solving skills Strengthen ability to interpret art to public audiences <p>Gain Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer or complete an internship at a nonprofit organization Lead course projects to build exposure to implementing and communicating ideas Seek opportunities to shadow professionals in specializations <p>Pursue a Minor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depending on area of interest, identify minors that will complement your skill set like community service, modern language, or graphic design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp Chicago Festival Association Playworks Galileo Learning Meyhew Program Tree Street Youth Joffrey Ballet History Makers Guild Literary Complex Woman Made Gallery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Program Coordinator Art Librarian Art Administrator Team Facilitator Community Engagement Manager Oral Video History Researcher Administrative Assistant Deputy Development Director Project Coordinator Public Information Officer
ART SALES AND APPRAISAL				
<p>Students interested in art sales or have an entrepreneurial spirit have opportunities to direct their skills in applying their knowledge of art, research, art trends and the market through careers in appraisal, consulting, sales, or acquisitions/investments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Galleries Commercial stores Auction house Specialty stores Freelance Design firms Insurance agencies Antiquities Art dealers Galleries Auction houses Interior design firms Specialty commercial stores Insurance agencies 	<p>Sharpen Your Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen communication and public speaking skills Find opportunities to work on independent projects Seek out opportunities to join entrepreneurial clubs Network with alumni in gallery, auction, and commercial settings <p>Gain Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek out internship opportunities or part-time employment to strengthen sales experience in commercial spaces <p>Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct informational interviews with appraisers, art dealers, gallery owners, and others to understand practices of engaging clients, establishing networks, and combining interests in business and art history <p>Pursue a Minor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider taking on a business or communications minor to strengthen knowledge in business and public relations practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buffett Art Studio and Gallery Main Street Hub Mosaic Sales Solutions Dressler FLOR Potter and Potter Auctions Wright Auction House 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retail Manager Inside Sales Art Consultant Purchasing Coordinator Creative Sales Manager Account Executive Auction Assistant Executive Assistant



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<p>COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA</p> <p>Students interested in communications and media have an opportunity to combine their passion for art and engaging with a range of other people by lending their voice to discussions around art, leading presentations, coordinating events at arts-based corporations, or independently promoting their own art.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art magazines and journals • Commercial publishing houses • Radio and TV dtations • Internet dites • Production companies • Newspapers • Photosgencies / studios • Graphic design firms • Company marketing departments • Independent event coordination • Entrepreneur • Independent director / storyteller • Human resources 	<p>Sharpen Your Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop strong writing and editing skills • Strengthen skills in front end web design for online projects • Seek opportunities for freelance writing, writing contests, or conference proposals • Critically think about how messages are sent through media and art • Strengthen ability to interpret art to public audiences • Strengthen research abilities • Strengthen oral communication skills • Develop business, marketing and social media skills <p>Gain Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek out opportunities to work for campus newspaper • Present to large or small groups around interest areas • Seek out internships in relevant organizations • Volunteer at a local art or publishing house to carry out programming or events • Design materials for student organizations or internships • Contribute to the discourse online and offline regarding art <p>Pursue a Minor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider pursuing a minor in areas of PR/ advertising, marketing, journalism, media studies, radio/tv and new media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTTW • Friedman Fine Art • Art Institute of Chicago • Mabbly • Starcom Mediavest Group • Rise Interactive • Illinois Department of Transportation • Morningstar • The Art Institute of Chicago • Norton Simon Museum • The University of Chicago • James Drury Partners • Murci Media • Scranton Gillette Communications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web Editor • Assistant Editor • Production Assistant • Associate Director of Marketing • Writer • Communications Coordinator • Intelligence Manager • Content Marketing Manager • Digital Marketing Specialist • Junior Art Director • Creative Services Manager



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<p>GOVERNMENT</p> <p>Students interested in government will be able to support and protect the rights of artists, the ongoing artistic effort of organizations, public affairs, writing/editing as well as be involved in the legal conversations around copyright violations, art investments, and estate contests.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State art agencies (National Assembly of State Art Agencies) • Museums and galleries • Libraries • Cultural affairs agencies • Local, state, and national art councils • Foundations • Grant issuing / receiving organizations • Governmental agencies • Legal firms • Art law • Law enforcement • Asset agreement / trade • Historical commissions 	<p>Sharpen Your Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop strong writing and editing skills • Strengthen ability to understand and appreciate art from a wide array of geographies and chronologies • Be knowledgeable of world languages • Develop sound judgement and logical reasoning <p>Gain Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek out opportunities to complete an internship within an area of government • Engage with a variety of different mediums of art • Visit art galleries, non-profit art spaces, and museums • Research current market for art sales and trends • Take law classes in copyright and trademarks • Network with historians, lawyers art scholars and professionals in government settings <p>Pursue a Minor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider pursuing a minor in areas of communications <p>Pursue a Graduate Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those with an interest in law require advanced degrees and many positions in government settings may require advanced degrees which could strengthen content knowledge and expertise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Urbana • Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning • City of Chicago • Colorado Parks and Wildlife – Navajo State Park • TekSystems • Pueblo City County Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Associate • Learning Services Manager • Public Affairs Assistant • Technical Writer • Audiovisual Assistant Producer • Special Assistant • Learning Services Manager • Public Programs Assistant • Volunteer Coordinator • Education and Program Coordinator • Curator of Exhibits and Public Art • Assistant Manager of Development



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<p>FOR PROFIT</p> <p>Students interested in business who would like apply their analytical skills and knowledge of art, as well a focus in interpersonal skills may be interested in pursuing a career in areas of management, sales, public relations, market research, and creative design.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consulting firms • Corporations • Hotels • Restaurants • Financial institutions • Insurance companies • Commercial retail stores • Service organizations • Real estate agencies • Product and service organizations • Banks and financial institutions 	<p>Sharpen Your Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continually build interpersonal skills • Develop strong writing, analytical and editing skills • Excellent organizational skills • Ability to interpret and communicate conceptual elements to clients • Strengthen technology skills to create databases and market trends • Strengthen ability to work independently and collaboratively <p>Gain Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join a student organization in an area of business • Seek out opportunities intern in a business with specific art focus <p>Pursue a Minor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider pursuing a minor in areas of business including marketing, management, or sales 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nordstrom • Circa Lighting • Entertainment Cruises • Oasis Collections • Cambridge Educational Services • Intel Corporation • Capital One 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Advisor • Corporate Art Consultant • Art Sales Representative • Art Handler • Corporate Curator • Event Coordinator • Collections Manager • Hotel Arts Consultant • Production Artist • Editorial Assistant • Manager of National Partnerships • Multichannel Assistant Buyer • Client Services Specialist • Consultant • Account Manager



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<p>EDUCATION</p> <p>Students interested in education who would like opportunities to educate others on specific areas of discipline, provoke discourse through research, and support the arts community within a higher education setting can consider a specific focus ranging in areas of teaching, research, administration, library sciences, student affairs, community education, and academic affairs.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public and private schools • Universities and colleges • Art libraries • Museums • Department offices • Student Affairs offices 	<p>Sharpen Your Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop strong communication and research skills • Strengthen ability to develop workshops and curriculum contemporary art • Consider learning another language • Consider obtaining a certification in teaching for Secondary level • Consider a graduate degree in Secondary Education or Arts Education to teach in public schools • Seek out campus leadership positions in student organizations in order to lead groups and discussion <p>Gain Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek out opportunities to complete an internship within an area of higher education • Engage with a variety of different kind of art • Seek out opportunities to assist with teaching a course/workshop • Join art-related professional and student organizations • Seek exposure to art by visiting museums around country and abroad • Seek out opportunities to shadow professionals in higher education settings <p>Pursue an Advanced Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those interested in information science or college student development or higher education administration often earn a graduate degree • Ph.D is required for teaching and research in universities and colleges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Chicago • DePaul University • Computer Systems Institute • University of British Columbia • Harold Washington College • University of Illinois at Chicago • Miami Dade College • Conservation Corps Minnesota • CUNY School of Professional Studies • University of Minnesota 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curator of Academic Programs • Development and Events Coordinator • Writer and Project Manager • International Services Coordinator • Adjunct Lecturer • Communications Coordinator • Special Assistant • Department Coordinator • Outreach and Engagement Coordinator • Stage Manager • Visual Communications Associate • Student Service Specialist