

Art History and Archaeology

The Department of Art History and Archaeology offers the degrees of **Master of Arts (AM)** and **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**. Particular areas of strength include ancient art, European art of the Renaissance and early modern periods, Asian art, and modern and contemporary art of Europe and the Americas. The size of our graduate program ensures that our students receive an exceptional level of advising and mentoring. Every student has a faculty advisor, and the research of PhD students is supervised by a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) made up of a core group of three members of the faculty. As part of their professional preparation, PhD students gain teaching experience within the department or in other programs either as a Mentored Teaching Experience (MTE) or as instructors of record.

Our faculty prepares students to acquire skills in empirical and theoretical methods in art history; museum, archival and site research; visual and textual analysis; and descriptive and analytic writing. Students also take advantage of curatorial or research internships at the university's Kemper Art Museum, the Saint Louis Art Museum, and other local institutions as well as art museums outside the region. The department supports students' professional development and research projects through funded field trips to major art centers and financial subvention of travel for research and presentation of conference papers. Such education and support prepares our students for a variety of professional opportunities at the highest level.

Students with a PhD from the department pursue a diverse array of career paths, including teaching appointments at colleges and universities; positions as curators, registrars, and educators in art museums; jobs in university administration; and jobs with auction houses, arts publications and art dealers. Students with the AM degree from the department have pursued doctoral studies at Washington University or in other PhD programs; they have also taken a variety of positions in museum curation and education, arts journalism, art libraries, art advising, and commercial art galleries.

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