

Art History and Archaeology, AM

Master's Candidacy

To earn a master's degree at Washington University, a student must complete all courses required by their department; maintain satisfactory academic progress; fulfill all academic and residence requirements; and file an Intent to Graduate. For a general layout of master's degree general requirements in Arts & Sciences, including an explanation of Satisfactory Academic Progress, students should review the Master's Degree Academic Information page of the Arts & Sciences *Bulletin*.

Program Requirements

- **Total Units Required: Minimum 36**
- **Degree Length: 4 Semesters / 2 Years**
 - **Note:** Students must be enrolled in 9 graduate credits each semester to retain full-time status. As students complete their course work, if enrolled in fewer than 9 graduate credits, they must enroll in a specific Arts & Sciences graduate course that will show 0 units but does count as full-time status. Students should connect with their department to ensure proper enrollment prior to Add/Drop.
 - **Funding Assurance:** Students in the Masters program are eligible for tuition remission from the School of Arts and Sciences as well as a Masters scholarship issued by the Department of Art History and Archaeology.

Applicants for admission to the graduate program are normally expected to have completed 18 units of undergraduate study in art history. However, the department welcomes applications from students with less background in art history who show strong preparation in such fields as classics, history, philosophy, literature, anthropology, and Asian studies.

Requirements for the Masters degree in Art History and Archaeology are 36 minimum units of graduate-level courses, normally taken as three courses per semester over four semesters, including Art-Arch 510 Graduate Seminar: Methods in Art History and Art-Arch 595 Qualifying Papers for the MA degree, which serves as a capstone course in the fourth semester in which the candidate revises two seminar papers for presentation to the faculty as qualifying papers. In addition, students must demonstrate competency in a foreign language. For students in Asian art, this language should be an Asian language. Students in ancient art may be required to demonstrate reading knowledge in an ancient language. Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Units
Art-Arch 510	Graduate Seminar: Methods in Art History	3
Art-Arch 595	Qualifying Papers for the MA degree	3
Total Units		6

Qualifying Examinations

No comprehensive examinations are required for the degree. Every student fulfilling the requirements of the MA degree in the Department of Art History and Archaeology will prepare two Qualifying Papers (QP). Together the QPs will constitute the capstone experience of the MA degree, and the demonstration of potential for more advanced graduate study. A student fulfilling MA requirements will receive credit for one 3-hour course, Art-Arch 595 Qualifying Papers for the MA degree, in the fourth semester of study.

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