Why Should I Major in Art History at Seton Hall?

Seton Hall University’s art history major is a vibrant program that has attracted an outstanding faculty with Ph.D.s from the most prestigious American universities. Because of the University’s proximity to the world-class museums of New York City, art history majors have the unique opportunity to study major masterpieces first-hand. A special feature of the program is the option, offered to students who have completed their sophomore year with a minimum GPA of 3.0, to enroll in the five-year Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts Program in Museum Professions. This program allows students to graduate in five years with not only a bachelor’s degree in art history but also a master’s degree in museum professions. For more on this option, including a list of jobs held by program graduates, see artsci.shu.edu/artmusic/museum/index.htm.

The Curriculum:

The art history curriculum includes general survey courses in western and American art, as well as a choice of period courses, from classical to 20th-century art. Topical courses, such as “Leonardo and Michelangelo,” or “Van Gogh and his Contemporaries” and thematic courses, such as “Women and Art,” are also offered. With permission of their adviser, students are allowed to take courses in archaeology and anthropology. Studying abroad is also strongly encouraged.

What Does It Take to Graduate?

To attain a Bachelor of Arts in Art History students must earn 130 credits. In addition to the core curriculum, they complete 36 credits in their art history major. The remaining credits are completed through elective courses. To graduate, students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0.

Career Opportunities:

Internship and career opportunities for those with a bachelor’s degree in art history include work in museums, art galleries, as well as cultural and educational institutions. Art history majors also are qualified for all jobs that require a liberal arts background. Past graduates include a judge, a teacher, an artist, a photographer, an interior designer, a writer, a business owner, a caterer and more. A bachelor’s degree in art history is an excellent foundation for graduate school. Opportunities for continued studies include art history, museum studies and art education, as well as business, law and medicine.

How Do I Apply for Admission?

Complete your application to Seton Hall University and include the $55 non-refundable application fee ($45 if applying online). Freshman applicants must submit official high school transcripts and any college or university transcripts where credit was attempted, plus the results of the SAT I or ACT assessments. Transfer students must submit transcripts from each college or university where credit was attempted. Those with fewer than 24 earned credits must complete the freshman requirements. Applications are available at admissions.shu.edu.

Can I Get Financial Aid?

Almost 90 percent of the students who entered Seton Hall last year received some form of financial aid, and 75 percent of these students received money directly from the University. The four types of financial aid include scholarships, grants and discounts, loans, and part-time jobs on campus. For further information, visit admissions.shu.edu/FinancialAid.htm or call (973) 761-9532.
Art History Requirements:

Core Curriculum Requirements*

A. English Language (6 credits)
B. Communication (3 credits)
C. Mathematics (3 credits and prerequisites)
D. Natural Sciences (6 credits) and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)
E. Western Civilization (6 credits), Foreign Language (6 credits) and American Civilization/African, Asian and Latino Civilizations/ForeignLiterature/Advanced Language (6 credits)
F. Ethical Questions (3 credits)
G. Philosophy and Religious Studies (9 credits)

* Please see Undergraduate Catalogue

Art History Major — 36 credit hours, including:

ARTH 1101 Art of the Western World
ARTH 1111 Classical Art
ARTH 1113 Italian Art of the Renaissance
ARTH 1116 19th-Century Art: From Neoclassicism to Impressionism
ARTH 1118 20th-Century Art
ARTH xxxx Art History Electives (21 credits)

Art History Minor — 18 credit hours, including:

ARTH 1101 Art of the Western World
ARTH xxxx Art History Electives (15 credits)

* Please see Undergraduate Catalogue for a complete list of electives.

Degree Requirements: 130 total credit hours

Students can minor or double major in any of the College of Arts and Sciences disciplines.

For more information, call an admissions counselor at 1-800-THE-HALL, send an e-mail to thehall@shu.edu or visit admissions.shu.edu.

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