MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF ART HISTORY

The Master of Arts degree in Art History offers students a curriculum that covers a range of historical, theoretical, geographic, and transcultural topics. For some students, the Master of Arts degree is a terminal degree in preparation for curatorial or education careers in galleries and museums; for others, it is preparation to enter a PhD program elsewhere. All students receive training that hones their critical analysis, research, and writing skills. They additionally have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the study of diverse creative practices and visual material.

ADMISSIONS

Admission Deadline: Fall – April 1 (February 1 for fellowship consideration)

Standardized test scores: GRE general test (institutional code 5246). Waived for applicants who hold a JD, MD, or PhD.

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the PTE Academic is required of all applicants except those who hold a bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degree from a college or university in the United States or from an institution located in a country in which English is the official language, provided English was the language of instruction.

Minimum scores for the program are:
- Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 6.0 with no individual score below 5.0; or
- TOEFL: 550 on paper-based or 80 on Internet-based; or
- PTE Academic: 53

Applicants who do not meet minimum English language requirements may be eligible for our full-time Applied English Language program.

Recommendations required:

Prior academic records: Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended must be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission.

Statement of Purpose: In an essay of 250 – 500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study in your chosen field. Include your academic objectives, research interests, and career plans. Also discuss your related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, and any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application. If you are applying for an assistantship or fellowship, you should also describe any teaching experience you have had.

Writing Sample: A recent writing sample is required.

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Frequently Asked Questions (https://columbian.gwu.edu/graduate/admissions/faqs/) page.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences - Graduate Admissions Office
The George Washington University
801 22nd Street NW, Phillips Hall 215
Washington DC 20052

Contact for questions: askccas@gwu.edu ~ 202-994-6210 (phone) ~ 202-994-6213 (fax)
8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationtext).

36 credits in required and elective courses.

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At least one course from five of the following seven categories:

### Ancient
- **CAH 6201**: Proseminar in Ancient Art of the Bronze Age and Greece
- **CAH 6202**: Proseminar in Ancient Art of the Roman Empire
- **CAH 6205**: Topics in Ancient Art
- **CAH 6270**: Special Topics in Art History

### Medieval/Islamic World
- **CAH 6211**: Proseminar in Early Christian and Byzantine Art and Architecture
- **CAH 6212**: Proseminar in Romanesque and Gothic Art and Architecture
- **CAH 6213**: Islamic Art and Architecture
- **CAH 6214**: Art of the Book in the Medieval Muslim World
- **CAH 6215**: Seminar in Medieval Art and Architecture
- **CAH 6265**: Seminar in Islamic Art and Architecture
- **CAH 6270**: Special Topics in Art History

### Renaissance/Baroque
- **CAH 6220**: Proseminar in Italian Art and Architecture of the Thirteenth Through Fifteenth Centuries
- **CAH 6221**: Proseminar in Italian Art and Architecture of the Sixteenth Century
- **CAH 6222**: Proseminar in Early Northern Renaissance Art and Architecture
- **CAH 6223**: Proseminar in Northern Renaissance Art and Architecture
- **CAH 6225**: Seminar in Renaissance Art
- **CAH 6231**: Proseminar in Italian Art and Architecture of the Seventeenth Century
- **CAH 6232**: Proseminar in Northern European Art and Architecture of the Seventeenth Century
- **CAH 6234**: Proseminar in Spanish and Portuguese Art through the Sixteenth Century

### 18th-19th Century
- **CAH 6236**: Seminar in Baroque Art
- **CAH 6270**: Special Topics in Art History

### Modern/Contemporary
- **CAH 6240**: Proseminar in European Art of the Eighteenth Century
- **CAH 6245**: Seminar in European Art of the Nineteenth Century
- **CAH 6251**: Proseminar in American Art in the Age of Revolution
- **CAH 6252**: Proseminar in American Art in the Era of National Expansion
- **CAH 6254**: Seminar in American Art before 1900
- **CAH 6270**: Special Topics in Art History

### Asian/African
- **CAH 6260**: Seminar in African Art
- **CAH 6261**: Seminar in Asian Art
- **CAH 6262**: Seminar in South Asian Art
- **CAH 6270**: Special Topics in Art History

### Pre-Columbian/Latin American
- **CAH 6270**: Special Topics in Art History

### Internship/Independent Study
- **CAH 6400**: History of Exhibitions
- **CAH 6269**: Seminar in Contemporary Art
- **CAH 6270**: Special Topics in Art History
- **CAH 6286**: Preventive Conservation Concepts
- **CAH 6287**: Preventive Conservation Techniques
- **CAH 6260**: Seminar in African Art
Up to 6 credits of graduate coursework may be completed outside the department with approval of the graduate advisor.

One qualifying paper must be submitted in the spring semester of the second year. Part-time students will submit one qualifying paper at date set in consultation with the graduate advisor.

Foreign language proficiency is not required for the master’s degree. However, students have the option of taking an examination in one of the following foreign languages: Arabic, Dutch, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Latin, Persian, Portuguese, or Spanish.

Museum Training Concentration

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<td>Prerequisites and requirements are the same as those for the MA in the field of art history. After completion of 18 credits in art history (AH) courses, students in the concentration take 6 credits of internship through enrollment in AH 6299.</td>
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Visit the program website (https://corcoran.gwu.edu/art-history/) for additional information.