The study of art history expands visual literacy, deepens critical reading and writing skills, and increases students’ abilities to think across fields. The discipline is profoundly multidisciplinary, and it enhances awareness of cultural diversity around the globe and throughout time. Students majoring in art history have a wide variety of career opportunities. Graduates with a strong background in art history are employed as college and university professors; as museum professionals (in curatorial, educational, and administrative positions); as art librarians and archivists; as development officers; as journalists; as art gallery or auction house staff members; as art conservators and restorers; as art specialists in the diplomatic service and at all levels of government; and in other careers in industry, film, and television. Some of these specialties require additional study and professional preparation beyond the bachelor’s degree. Other art history majors who have fulfilled the required prerequisites go on to attend law, medical, or business school. Increasingly, familiarity with global visual culture is desirable for those pursuing careers well outside the field (for example, engineering students).

The graduate programs in art history are offered as part of the exceptional joint program in art history of Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Museum of Art. Most classes, undergraduate and graduate level, are held in the museum, and some courses are offered or co-taught by museum curators who hold adjunct appointments in the department. Students taking advanced-level courses use the museum’s extensive research library, and all students have an opportunity to study original works of art in the museum’s superb collections and conservation laboratories.

Art Education Programs

There is a temporary pause in admissions to the Art Education Programs.

The Art Education Programs’ mission is “to prepare proactive, scholar-practitioner art educators who will develop into leaders, teachers, and talented artists in the field of art education.”

The undergraduate and graduate degree programs in art education are offered in conjunction with the Cleveland Institute of Art. Art education majors have the advantage of pursuing their academic studies in a university environment and their studio studies at a professional art school that educates artists and designers. Students participate in educational field experiences conducted in many of Greater Cleveland’s urban and suburban school systems, museums, and cultural institutions. Graduates of the Art Education Programs have pursued careers as teachers, supervisors, and consultants in public and private schools, colleges, art schools, and museums; as administrators of galleries and art organizations; as designers of educational programs for industry; and as practicing artists. The programs are especially proud of their record in recruiting and graduating students from diverse backgrounds.

Art Studio Program

For students seeking to develop and nurture their artistic and creative talents, the Art Studio Program offers a variety of introductory art courses in a variety of art media. Courses in drawing, painting, design, ceramics, enameling and jewelry, textiles, photography, digital media, and architecture are taught at various skill levels by experienced, professional artists. These courses can be taken as university electives or to fulfill minors in art studio, photography, or architecture. The program offers pre-architecture as a second major and as a minor for students who expect to continue architectural studies at the graduate level or who simply wish to pursue an area of interest to complete a second major in pre-architecture. At the end of each semester, there is a comprehensive public art exhibition of student work in the Art Gallery.

Department Faculty

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Elizabeth Bolman, PhD
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*Ruth Coulter Heede Professor in Art History*  
American art

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*Adjunct Assistant Professor*  
Physical examination of works of art

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History of photography

Holly Witchey, PhD  
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Photography, creative photography
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**Lecturer**  
Enameling and jewelry

Adriel Meyer, MA  
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**Lecturer**  
Fibers and textiles

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Design

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**Dual Degrees**

- Art History and Museum Studies, MA/Law, JD
- Programs toward Graduate or Professional Degrees