ABOUT THE MINOR IN ART HISTORY

The Art History minor at St. John’s University allows you to choose from a wide selection of courses focusing on the history and criticism of visual art in world cultures. You learn the methods and vocabulary of visual analysis, which is the foundation for studying architecture, painting, photography, sculpture, video art, and other facets of material culture through a variety of interdisciplinary interpretative strategies. Art history draws on disciplines that include anthropology, forensic science, history, journalism, and literature to consider how objects embody aspects of the time and culture in which they were created. You learn to contextualize visual artworks using primary research materials and attention to issues of gender, iconography, patronage, politics, production techniques, religion, and socioeconomic factors.

The 18-credit minor requires four courses: an introductory-level studio art course; History of Art I; History of Art II; and Historical Modernism: Art 1848-1945. In addition, you will complete two elective courses that allow you to study across global cultures and learn different interpretive methods as they apply to various subjects.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MINOR IN ART HISTORY?

Trained art historians develop a wide range of skills applicable outside of the arts. These include critical analysis, detail-oriented research skills, effective writing and communication, and public speaking. Art History minors are prepared for jobs in art-related fields such as:

- Art publishing and writing
- Artist foundations
- Corporate settings with art collections
- Federal and state government offices related to the promotion and preservation of art and culture
- Museums and galleries.

You may also pursue graduate study in art education, curatorial studies, collection management, or preservation and archival technology. St. John’s offers a Master of Arts degree in Museum Administration that encompasses these related fields.
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A GLOBAL EDUCATION

In addition to learning about art history in New York City’s vibrant intellectual culture, you can enhance your education at the global level by taking advantage of St. John’s extensive study abroad opportunities. The Office of Global Studies offers semester-long, summer, and winter intersession programs around the world that offer courses applicable to the Art History minor electives. For more information, please visit www.stjohns.edu/global.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

The University strives to place an outstanding higher education within the financial reach of all qualified applicants. Each academic year, the Office of Student Financial Services awards more than $500 million in aid to students who demonstrate financial need. The Office of Undergraduate Admission also awards competitive academic scholarships. For more information about scholarships and financial aid, please visit www.stjohns.edu/admission-aid/tuition-and-financial-aid.

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