

Career options for students with a B.A. in art history

- Teach (and research) at the college level
- Museum career (curator, registrar, educator)
- Work for an auction house, like Christie's or Sotheby's
- Arts Administration (museum administrator, theatre or gallery manager, etc.)
- Art restoration (this requires a strong background in chemistry)
- Architectural restoration
- FBI Art Theft task force
- Art therapy (a new and growing field)
- Art critic/reviewer for news media
- Archivist
- Librarian

ALL of these career paths, with the possible exception of the FBI Art Theft task force and art critic, require advanced academic work at the graduate level. Some require an M.A. and others a Ph.D. Getting into graduate school, regardless of whether it is for Museum studies, Art History, Library Science or Arts Administration is more competitive than ever, as is the job market in these fields, which is why creating the best academic record you can is important.

For students who wish to use their art history B.A. as the focus for a broad, liberal arts undergraduate education, this degree can also be a starting point for a number of graduate programs in other fields including History, Archeology, Journalism, Anthropology, even Law.

As a general guide, UNCG students with GPAs lower than a 3.5 will have a difficult time entering graduate school without outstanding secondary criteria—like fluency in multiple languages, summer/semester or longer study abroad experiences, academic awards, publications, etc. Additionally, most schools require a minimum GRE score—consult each school's application and acceptance process usually found online.

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