What can I do with a major in... ART HISTORY

The study of Art History develops a knowledge of the different ways in which civilizations express themselves artistically, in addition to shaping a critical analysis of the quality, purpose and meaning behind diverse art works.

INDUSTRIES:
Art Sales, Museums/Galleries, Architectural Restoration, Government, Media, Education

Salary
$30,000 - $40,000
ENTRY LEVEL
$53,000 - $59,000
MEDIAN LEVEL

Common Job Titles
Appraiser
Art Consultant
Art Administrator
Museum Technician
Conservator
Curator
Archivist
Gallery Assistant
Historical Preservation Coordinator
Antiques Dealer
Researcher

Skills
Written and Verbal Communication
Visual and Data Analysis
Manual Dexterity
Critical Thinking
Problem Solving
Global/Intercultural Fluency and Sensitivity
Gathering, Analyzing and Organizing Information
Attention to Detail

Tools
Information retrieval or search software
Database user interface and query software
Document management software
Graphics or photo imaging software
Web page creation and editing software
Email communication

Knowledge
Arts and Humanities
Business and Management
Communications/Multimedia
Sociology, Geography and Anthropology
Education and Training
Popular Employers

Federal Government
Auction Houses
Conservation Firms
Foundations

Galleries/Museums
Libraries
Nonprofit Organizations
Colleges/Universities

Related Occupations

Art History Teacher/Professor
Freelance Writer/Art Critic
Art Publisher
Art Editor
Art Librarian

Advice from professionals is great

Make Connections. It’s important for art history majors to network and build relationships when attending professional events. Professional associations allow for networking, mentoring, learning the industry trends and finding career or internship opportunities. Professional associations within the art history industry include:

Professional Associations

American Historical Association
American Alliance of Museums
Association of Art Museum Curators
National Art and Antique Dealers Association of America
Society of American Archivists
College Art Association
American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works
Art Museum Network
Appraisers Association of America
Art Libraries Society of North America

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