The School of Art and Art History offers two tracks in our Art History MA degree program: Art History and Art History with a Museum Studies concentration. Our program of about 20 students emphasizes a collegial student-faculty atmosphere. The Art History program offers courses in most areas of world art, with special emphasis on the arts of Europe and the Americas and global contemporary art. In addition to our own Vicki Myhren Gallery, our partnerships with the Denver Art Museum and other cultural institutions in Denver provide opportunities for museum internships and exhibition-based courses.

Our graduates are competitive in sought-after positions. Some go on to doctoral studies in the United States or overseas; others hold respected jobs at distinguished art museums or take the road less traveled, entering careers with art-related nonprofit organizations.

At the School of Art and Art History we offer many advantages:

- small classes and personal attention
- in-depth training in Art History and research methods
- an on-site art gallery
- practical museum training
- museum internships in local and national institutions
- a strong alumni network
- vibrant and diverse cultural activities in Denver

Master of Arts in Art History

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Standardized Test Scores

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English Language Proficiency Test Score Requirements

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Complete an additional 32 credits in ARTH courses

Art History seminars

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Total Credits

Minimum credits required for degree: 56 credits

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