**Freshman**

- **Course Selection**
  - 1000-level courses introduce students to visual analysis and impart basic information in the discipline: the major monuments, artists, styles, issues, methods and theories associated with the history of art.

- **Career Planning**
  - This is a field with a heavy emphasis on advanced education. Pursue multiple internships and research opportunities to be competitive. You will also need to maintain a high GPA and perform well on the GRE to qualify for admission.

**Sophomore**

- **Course Selection**
  - Art History majors also complete studio art courses (12 hours).
  - Coursework becomes more specialized at the 3000-level and above.
  - These courses require higher level readings of primary and secondary sources, the development of research skills and a greater amount of critical discussion and writing.

- **Career Planning**
  - Begin to think about whether you want to apply to graduate school as most Art History professions require graduate training.

**Junior**

- **Course Selection**
  - There are a number of courses beyond those offered for the distribution requirements that you can take toward the 15 hours of Art History electives.
  - These include courses on visual constructions of gender and race, the history of photography, art of the United States, and seminars in art history.
  - There is a required capstone seminar in Art History, which you take during your final year of study.
  - You will consider a range of methods in art history and undertake an in-depth research project, which you present orally and in writing.

- **Career Planning**

**Senior**

- **Course Selection**
  - Art History students often pursue internships, whether locally, regionally, nationally, or internationally.
  - Students have recently held internships at the Smithsonian Museum, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, the Phillips Collection, the High Museum, The Birmingham Museum of Art, the Montgomery Museum, the Wiregrass Museum, the Ojelika Arts Association, and the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Art.
  - Your Art History advisor can also help you to meet the distribution requirements that you can take toward the 15 hours of Art History electives.

- **Career Planning**
  - Contact them to set up informational interviews and shadowing opportunities through the department internship coordinators for more information.

**ASK FOR ASSISTANCE**

- Be sure that you start your time at Auburn well by regularly meeting with your academic advisor.
- Every semester you should meet with your Art History advisor and your registration is blocked until you do so.
- The Department of Art and Art History does pre-enrollment of classes, which ensures that our majors get the classes they need.

- Your art history advisor can also help you to meet the distribution requirements and consider internship, study abroad, and career opportunities.

- Join Studio 5; a student organization that hosts conferences where scholars present their research and interview for academic jobs.

**GAIN EXPERIENCE**

- Participate in a study-abroad trip (current opportunities include Paris, Rome, and Wales).

- Archeological field training is another great opportunity: a number of opportunities are open to undergraduates to excavate both within the United States and abroad.

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- Ask your Art History professor for more information.

**GET INVOLVED**

- Attend conferences including the South East College Art Conference (SECAC) and “Kalamazoo,” the interdisciplinary medieval conference at Western Michigan University.

- Join area specific organizations, such as Sixteenth-century Studies, Eighteenth-century Studies, Nineteenth-century Studies, Renaissance Society of America, Archæological Institute of America, American Oriental Society, American Research Center in Egypt, and Society for American Archaeology.

**Museum Curator**

- Minimum Education: M.A.
- Entry Level Salary Range: $28.4K-$50.6K

- These are just three options out of many that art history majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out “What Can I Do With a Major In...” on auburn.edu/career.

**Archivist**

- Minimum Education: M.A.
- Entry Level Salary Range: $28.4K-$49.1K

**Appraiser**

- Minimum Education: B.A.
- Entry Level Salary Range: $37.2K-$61.2K

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