

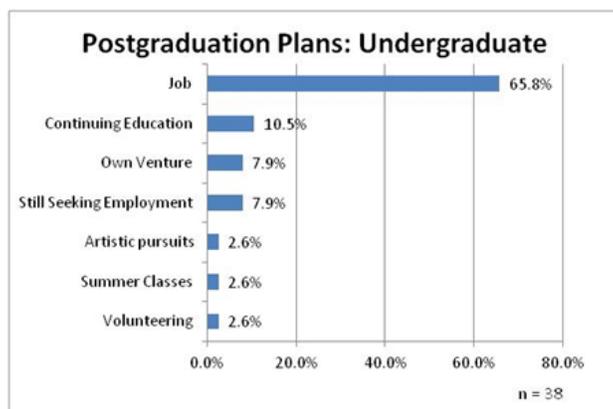
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR
Career Education

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A DEGREE IN **ART HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY?**

Where do Art History & Archaeology majors go?

According to the 2015 Graduating Student Survey (with a 74.5% response rate for undergraduates in the Art History & Archaeology department):

- 76.3% of graduates were employed or going to graduate school.
 - 65.8% were employed
 - 10.5% had secure plans to attend grad school



Here are some examples of organizations that have hired Columbia Art History & Archaeology majors in recent years:



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Examples of graduate schools that have accepted Columbia Art History & Archaeology majors in recent years include:

- Columbia University
- HEC Paris
- University of Michigan–Ann Arbor

What jobs do Art History & Archaeology majors do?

A degree in Art History & Archaeology provides knowledge and skills relevant to a wide variety of jobs across the career spectrum, including:

- **Museums and Galleries:** Administration, Curation, Preservation and Conservation, Restoration, Collections Management, Exhibit Design/Preparation, Archive Management, Education, Publications, Development, Docent Coordination, Public Relations, Reproductions and Retailing, Membership, Audience Engagement, Research
- **Art Sales:** Art Advising, Art Acquisition, Appraisal, Sales
- **Archaeology:** Cultural Resource Management, Research, Excavation, Field Work

- **Education:** Teaching, Research, Administration, Library/Information Sciences, Visual Resources Curation, Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, Community Education
- **Media:** Publishing, Editing, Freelance Writing, Arts Journalism, Art Direction, Communications, Event Planning, Set Design, Costuming, Image Licensing
- **Non-Profit:** Administration, Management, Development, Research, Grant Writing, Direct Service, Volunteer Coordination
- **Government:** Surveying, Site Management, Legislative Compliance Review, Program Management and Evaluation, Social and Environmental Impact Assessment, Policy Analysis, Urban Planning, Translation/ Interpretation, Immigration, Epidemiology
- **Business:** Management, Market Research, Creative Design, Human Resources, Insurance, Real Estate

Use CCE's [Industry Exploration](#) webpages to learn more about these, and other fields.

What do employers want?

Most of the skills/qualities sought by employers are transferrable and/or soft skills that students can gain through classes, extracurricular activities, internships, volunteer experiences, or part time jobs including:

1. *Ability to work in a team structure*
2. *Ability to make decisions and solve problems*
3. *Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization*
4. *Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize work*
5. *Ability to obtain and process information*
6. *Ability to analyze quantitative data*
7. *Technical knowledge related to the job*
8. *Proficiency with computer software programs*
9. *Ability to create and/or edit written reports*
10. *Ability to sell or influence others*

Source: National Association of Colleges and Employers, 2015 Job Outlook

Your major can definitely demonstrate relevant coursework and knowledge to a prospective employer, but your studies aren't the only aspect of your experience that employers are evaluating. They select people who they believe can do the job (have the right skills), want the job (have demonstrated an interest in the field) and are a personality fit for the team and organization.

What value do Art History & Archaeology majors bring?

According to the Art History & Archaeology department at Columbia, the Art History & Archaeology curriculum helps you to develop the following skills:

- Analytical skills and ability to synthesize
- Ability to discern visual cues and make perceptive judgments
- Ability to use critical reasoning to evaluate arguments and form opinions
- Research skills
- Verbal and written communication skills
- Interpersonal and cross-cultural skills
- Collaboration and teamwork skills

What if I'm an international student?

For international students at Columbia under student visas, selecting your major can play a significant role if you plan to work in the US after completion of your degree. Optional Practical Training is a work authorization that allows an international student to work in a job directly related to the student's major area of study either before or after degree completion. Employer sponsored H1B Visas also have similar strict requirements. Students with more questions about this should visit the International Student & Scholars Office (ISSO) and view CCE's International Students webpage at careereducation.columbia.edu/students/International-Students.