Art (Museum Studies), BA

The museum studies degree has a strong focus on the curatorial and management areas of the museum world, preparing students for careers in museums, galleries and arts organizations. Renowned faculty members in the art history program support museum studies students in finding placements in museums, galleries and nonprofit arts institutions.

Program Description

The BA program in art with a concentration in museum studies undergraduate program at ASU is one of the most rigorous in the U.S.

Museum studies students explore:

- art galleries
- art history
- art museums
- public art programs
- visual arts organizations

The program ensures that students are knowledgeable in:

- art history
- critical writing skills
- foreign languages
- museums, galleries and visual arts organizations

The curriculum includes art history courses taught by faculty with diverse specialties. Museum professionals and arts administrators teach specialized classes in their areas of expertise. Internships enable students to work directly with working arts professionals in their field of interest.

Students must take courses in:

- art history
- galleries and museums
- research
Coursework may also include classes in nonprofit management and arts policy.

Students must also demonstrate an ability to read at least one foreign language.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
  
  OR MAT 142 OR MAT 119

- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2018 - 2019 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Accelerated Degrees

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

Creative Enterprise and Cultural Leadership, MA

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

**Additional Requirements:**

Students meeting the university requirements for admission may matriculate in the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts. Separate admission procedures and approvals are required for some programs within the college. Students must contact specific departments or schools for details.

Freshmen students applying to the Herberger Institute School of Art enter ASU as art exploratory majors in the School of Art. There is no portfolio review process at the time of admission to ASU for freshmen.

Typically students in their second year interested in studio art and art education submit a portfolio for review once they have completed their core requirements and are completing the last of the 12 hours of 200-level art requirements, or if they are interested in art history or museum studies they submit a declaration form in the semester in which they complete 30 hours.

**Transfer Admission Requirements**

Direct transfer of courses from other accredited institutions to the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts are subject to the existence of parallel and equal courses in the college's curriculum and subject to departmental or school evaluation of studio courses with respect to performance standards.

Every candidate for the bachelor's degree must earn a minimum of 30 hours in resident credit at ASU. Transfer students enrolled in the college must complete a minimum of 15 hours of resident credit in the major as approved by the faculty.

**Change of Major Requirements**

An ASU student who would like to change majors to one offered by the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 (scale is 4.00 = "A"). Students should refer to https://students.asu.edu/changingmajors for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Transfer Options**
ASU is committed to helping you thrive by offering tools that allow you to personalize your transfer path to ASU. Students may use the **Transfer Map search** to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools, and resources and help students save time and money in their college journey. Learn more about these programs by visiting the [Admissions site](#).

### Global Opportunities

#### Global Experience

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/).

### Career Opportunities

Museum studies graduates find employment in art galleries, art-based organizations and entry-level positions with art publications and museums. A graduate degree is necessary for professional positions. An MA prepares individuals to teach at community colleges and to gain entry into positions at museums, auction houses and publishing companies. The PhD is necessary for employment as a faculty member at a university or for administrative posts in museums and higher education.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<th>Career</th>
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Talent Agent

4.7%  $64,940

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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