A MAJOR IN ART HISTORY

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Bachelor of Arts Major in Art History
at University of Michigan-Flint
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What is art history?
Art historians study the way in which art reflects and shapes diverse cultures throughout human history, using historical-based study of the symbolism, subjects, and styles in visual media across the ages. For art historians, who study art rather than make it, art and architecture offer clues to understanding the history of ideas, culture, and human expression, whether the artefact studied is a building, sculpture, stained-glass window, quilt, or a performance using the artist’s body.

Did you know....
that the arts generate 166 billion dollars a year in the U.S. economy? Studying art history gives you a solid foundation in the liberal arts through an academic program. Students of art history learn skills to prepare them for the job market or graduate studies in countless ways, through the program’s emphasis on critical thinking, visual analysis, research and writing, professional workplace behaviour, and engagement with the community. As graduates of a B.A. in art history, students will have developed analytical skills by learning to think and express themselves objectively, and will qualify for application to Master’s and certificate programs. Additionally, they will be promising contenders for many careers working in museums, galleries, auction houses, and personal well-being. In the Department of Communication and Visual Arts, art-history majors will enjoy many opportunities to study works in person, and will be able to apply for the program’s annual symposium, as well as study abroad and service-learning community projects.

The art history program at UM-Flint...
is exceptional in its preparation of graduates for success, its introduction of students to connoisseurship and community service, and its access to state-of-the-art lecture and research facilities, including a world-class art collection at the Flint Institute of Arts, which offers free memberships to college students, public lectures by artists and historians, and showings of independent films. At UM-Flint, students can count on receiving the quality of a University of Michigan education, which includes opportunities for a full and exciting student life, support through counselling and tutoring, and access to the conveniences of a twenty-first education, such as course websites, online databases, digital imagery, and lively campus cultural events. The arts are thriving in the Flint community, with an exciting Artwalk every month, and successful local galleries and arts councils.

Students in UM-Flint’s art-history program....
will learn about the history of art, architecture, craft, and other media spanning the prehistoric paintings of the Old Stone Age to the present. The program offers courses in European, North American, South American, and African cultures, amongst others, through which students will explore topics like ancient Rome, Greece, and Egypt, and styles such as the Italian Renaissance, Impressionism, and Surrealism.

antique dealerships, community colleges, universities, conservation firms, government agencies, and many other commercial, non-profit, historical, and educational organizations.

Why UM-Flint?
Teachers in this program care about the success of all students, and ensure positive learning experiences through small classes, internships, and attention to each student’s needs. UM-Flint’s faculty members care about their students’ futures, and their professional