DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ART HISTORY

The program leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Art History is designed to prepare students for scholarship and for teaching at the college level. Applicants must have the Master of Arts in Art History or the equivalent. Students earning the master’s degree must pass the qualifying examination with a high score and write a thesis or research paper of superior quality in order to be admitted to the doctoral program. Students taking the master’s degree elsewhere must satisfy the Graduate Committee on the History of Art and Architecture as to their preparation to undertake work on a doctoral level. Students usually elect to major and write a dissertation in one of various fields:

• Classical
• Medieval
• Renaissance
• Baroque
• Modern
• Contemporary
• American
• African
• Asian or Latin American

Coursework Hours (in residency on this campus) 32

Language Requirement: An effective reading knowledge of two languages chosen with the approval of the student’s academic adviser and the program chair is required. Language requirements must be met before the student has earned 32 hours of graduate credit beyond the requirements for the master’s degree.

ARTH 599 Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree) 32

Total Hours 64

Other Requirements ¹

Other requirements may overlap

Students also elect a minor in another field of art history in consultation with their major adviser and appropriate faculty.

Masters Degree Required for Admission to PhD? Yes
Qualifying Exam Required Yes
Preliminary Exam Required Yes
Dissertation Deposit Required Yes
Minimum GPA: 2.75

¹ For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s graduate studies requirements and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).