The Program in Art History is unique at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Though housed in the School of Art and Design in the College of Fine and Applied Arts, the Program in Art History offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in the History of Art from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences administers admission to the major in the History or Art; however, the Program in Art History advises all History of Art majors.

The curriculum in the History of Art requires 120 credit hours and offers a broad historical and cultural education related to the visual and build world. The curriculum provides sound preparation for the graduate study required for museum work or teaching at the college level.