What can I do with a Major in Art History/Museum Studies?

Skills Developed

- Analyze Complex Textual & Cultural Phenomenon
- Communication
- Critical Thinking & Writing
- Critically Evaluate Art
- Innovative Problem Solving
- Interpersonal
- Leadership
- Organization of Ideas & Materials
- Problem Solving
- Project Implementation
- Relating Abstract Ideas & Visual Forms
- Research
- Respect Individual Difference
- Teamwork
- Think & Write Creatively
- Time Management
- Understanding Different Artistic Mediums
- Work Independently

Work Environments

Graduates of the AH/MS program have a very high rate of employment in the museum field. Graduates may find employment in/with museums, art galleries, auction houses, advertising firms, publishing companies, university and research institutions, governmental organizations, fashion companies,
community centres, cultural heritage organizations, media corporations or architectural firms. Graduates may also choose to pursue careers with publishing houses, photo studios, graphic design firms, consumer product companies or company marketing departments.

Key Areas of Specialization:
Heritage Resource Management, Art Conservation, Archival Studies, Art History, Gallery Design, Native American Art

Entry Level Job Titles

These jobs are normally intended for new graduates and require 0 to 2 years of experience. It is important to note that many entry level positions require some related experience or demonstrated ability to perform job-related tasks. Even those positions that do not require experience will still prefer an experienced candidate, if one is available.

• Archival Assistant
• Art Foundation Program Coordinator
• Arts Program Specialist
• Collections Assistant
• Curatorial Assistant
• Display Officer – Museum & Art Gallery
• Education Program Specialist
• Gallery Assistant
• Heritage Interpreter
• Historic Programmer Interpreter
• Museum Assistant
• Museum Attendant/Guide
• Museum Interpreter
• Museum Program Instructor
• Museum Programs Supervisor/Volunteer Coordinator
• Program Coordinator
• Program Facilitator – Arts & Heritage
• Sales & Marketing Assistant Intern

Note: The U of L offers various resources and programs to facilitate students in gaining work and volunteer experience. Find an entry level position on the CES job board or join the Management or Arts & Science Cooperative Education Programs. Summer jobs, part-time work, internship positions and volunteer experience help students to enhance their skillset and accumulate work experience for their future career.

Related Job Titles

These jobs generally require extensive, relevant work experience and/or further education.

• Antique Specialist
• Archivist
• Art Advisor
• Art Appraiser/Consultant
• Art Book Editor
• Art Conservator
• Art Coordinator
• Art Critic
• Art Dealer/Distributor
• Art Educator
• Art Gallery Director
• Art Historian
• Art Insurance Agent
• Art Librarian
• Art Magazine Editor
• Art Researcher
• Art Restoration Specialist
• Art Sales Associate
• Art Teacher
• Artifact Preservation Specialist
• Artistic Coordinator
• Artist
• Arts Administrator
• Arts Programmer (TV/Radio)
• Audience Research & Visitor Studies Specialist
• Audio Tour Developer
• Book/Journal Editor
• Children’s Gallery Planner
• Collection Technician/Manager
• Collections Digitization Officer
• Conservator/Restorer
• Curator
• Curatorial Assistant
• Curriculum Writer
• Documentary Editor
• Editorial Art Director
• Education & Public Programming Officer
• Educational Programmer
• Exhibit/Display Designer
• Exhibition Coordinator
• Fine Art Appraiser
• Fine Arts Handler
• Gallery Assistant
• Gallery Director
• Gallery Programmer
• Grants Officer for the Arts
Thinking Outside the Box: Other Possible Job Titles

On average, people change their careers three to five times in their lifetime. So, no matter what major you choose, you may still be interested in opportunities totally unrelated to your program of study. We encourage you to be open to all possibilities! Your undergraduate degree can be a springboard for other educational pursuits, and your transferable skills and experience can prepare you to work in a multitude of settings.

- Advertising Account Representative
- Advertising Director
- Archaeologist
- Architect
- Architectural Historian
- Architectural Writer/Critic
- Art Therapist
- Artists’ Agent
- Bookbinder
- Calendar Editor
- Camera Operator
- Copyright Lawyer
- Cultural Development Officer
- Cultural Events Planner
- Cultural Festivals Organizer
- Cultural Heritage Consultant
- Design Consultant
- Designer (Fashion/Industrial)
- Digital Image Editor
- Digitization Specialist
- E-Learning Specialist
- Environmental Planner
- Fashion Art Director
- Fashion Consultant
- Fashion Display Director
- Fashion Editor/Writer
- Fashion Merchandiser
- Film Editor
- Filmmaker
- Fine Art Photographer
- Fundraiser
- Graphic Designer/Layout Artist
- Interior Designer
- Interpretive Planner
- Landscape Architecture
- Lawyer with Art Specialty
- Marketing & Public Relations Coordinator
- Marketing Specialist
- Media Relations Coordinator
- Medical Illustrator
- Photo Researcher
- Photographer
- Photojournalist
- Print Journalist
- Sculptor
- Technical/Scientific Illustrator
- Video Producer
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Web & Social Media Developer
- Writer
- Youth Program Facilitator

Useful Resources

Recommended websites to assist in exploring the field of AH/MS and its career opportunities.

University of Lethbridge Art Gallery  
http://www.uleth.ca/artgallery/  
SAAG – Southern Alberta Art Gallery  
http://www.saag.ca

CASA – Lethbridge Community Arts Centre  
http://www.casaLEthbridge.ca  
Galt Museum Lethbridge  
http://www.galtmuseum.com
Calgary Artists’ Society  
http://www.calgaryartistssociety.com

Alberta Museums Association  
http://www.museums.ab.ca

Canadian Museums Association  
http://www.museums.ca

Canadian Heritage Information Network  
http://www.rcip-chin.gc.ca/
Canadian Art Museum Directors’ Organization  
http://camdo.ca/

Association of Art Historians  
http://www.aah.org.uk

Society of Contemporary Art Historians  
http://scahwweb.org

Canadian Conservation Institute  
http://www.cci-icc.gc.ca/

Canadian Association of Professional Conservators  
http://capc-acrp.ca/

International Council of Museums  
http://icom.museum

The Alberta Society of Artists  
http://albertasocietyofartists.com

Alberta Community Art Clubs Association  
http://www.acaca.ab.ca

Alberta Foundation for the Arts  
http://www.afta.ab.ca/

American Alliance of Museums  
http://www.aam-us.org

Museum Jobs  
http://www.museumjobs.com

Cultural Human Resources Council  
http://www.culturalhrc.ca/

**Campus Resources**

Career & Employment Services (CES)  
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/ces/

Career Counselling (Counselling Services)  
http://www.uleth.ca/counselling/

Academic Advising  
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/academic-advising

Native Student Advising  
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/native-student-advising

Student Success Centre – Study Skills, Learning Strategies & Tutoring  
http://www.uleth.ca/student-success-centre/

Accommodated Learning Centre  
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/accommodated-learning-centre/

International Centre for Students  
http://www.uleth.ca/international/

Registrar Office & Student Services  
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/

Scholarship & Students Finance  
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/student-finance/

U of L Students’ Union & Student Clubs  
http://www.ulsu.ca/

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**Career & Employment Services (CES)**

CES assists U of L students and graduates with their career exploration and work search needs.

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1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.