



# ART HISTORY & MUSEUM STUDIES

EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT ART. IT'S ABOUT LOOKING AT HISTORY *THROUGH* ART. LEARN TO THINK CRITICALLY, WRITE EXPRESSIVELY, AND ANALYZE THE VISUAL WORLD AROUND YOU.

Artists have used their work to reflect on the times in which they live for thousands of years. And museums have been the vital repositories to house that history. By studying everything from ancient cave paintings to museum professions, you'll come to understand the history of humanity through art and artifacts, history's greatest primary source material.

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Your **B.A. in Art History and Museum Studies** will take you around the globe and across millennia as you come to understand the aesthetic, cultural, political, and social significance of art, artifacts, and architecture upon the history of our world. Delve into visual analysis, archaeology, anthropology, literary and art criticism, philosophy, and even science and the business of art, as you explore the inner workings of the museum world and experiment with research methods and conservation techniques.

## BE READY FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL

Armed with a comprehensive overview of human history and thought, and the ability to read critically, write clearly, and speak intellectually, you'll be prepared to continue your studies at leading art-focused institutions such as Pratt, CalArts, and the Art Institute of Chicago.

## GAIN MUSEUM EXPERIENCE

With our department located in our own Smithsonian-affiliated museum, not only will you interact with actual works of art and artifacts, but you'll also participate hands-on in curation and exhibition design and join in the conservation and cataloging of the museum's holdings — all while learning the ins and outs involved in operating a thriving museum.



*The Polk Museum of Art at Florida Southern College is home to world-class exhibitions and a diverse permanent collection of more than 3,000 objects including masterworks by Picasso, Warhol, and many others.*

## COMPREHENSIVE KNOWLEDGE. BROAD APPLICATIONS.

While many students in the Department of Art History and Museum Studies go on to careers in museums, galleries, and academia, others have successfully brought the intellectual skills honed in our courses to the worlds of business, law, medicine, and international relations.



**TAILORED CAREER PATHS** — The major's multidisciplinary nature allows you the flexibility to design the program around your specific career interests. With our Career Paths option, take courses in any discipline — including business, chemistry, or even communications — to prepare you for careers like non-profit management, conservation, and social media/marketing.



**INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL** — On our Junior Journey trips, you'll be astounded by *Mona Lisa* in Paris, *David* in Florence, and *Starry Night* in New York, stand in awe of ancient engineering in Athens and Rome, and experience the pain of WWII on a cultural journey through Berlin.



**EXPOSURE TO NEW IDEAS** — At regional museums and galleries such as the Dalí Museum, the Tampa Museum of Art, and the Orlando Museum of Art, you'll come face to face with art from across time alongside the most recent commentaries on contemporary culture, all challenging you to see your own world from new perspectives.



### INTERNSHIPS ON-CAMPUS & ABROAD

In addition to six-week paid summer internship opportunities with the Polk Museum of Art, our **internship guarantee** has allowed students to work at galleries and museums here and beyond including:

- The Lake Wales History Museum
- The Dalí Museum, St. Petersburg
- ABXY Gallery, New York
- Tally Beck Contemporary, New York

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