

The Admissions Process: MA or PhD in Art History

The deadline is November 15th every year for the following fall.

Contact the Graduate Program Coordinator, Carla Nielsen, at art255@unm.edu if you have questions or need assistance.

Eligibility: Applicants for admission to the MA program should preferably have an undergraduate major in art history with a minimum of 24 semester hours as well as advanced courses in history, literature, and philosophy. Any deficiencies in this required preparation must be removed during the first year of coursework for the degree. Graduate credit will not be given for courses taken to remove a deficiency, but graduate study courses may be taken concurrently. Candidates for the MA degree will be required to demonstrate a general knowledge of the history of art.

In applying for admission to the doctoral program, the potential candidate is urged to state aims clearly and to specify the field of art history to be investigated. A candidate will not be accepted unless these aims can be realized. Fieldwork and travel will be necessary in support of research at the doctoral level.

Applicants for admission to the Ph.D. program should have an MA in art history, or *exceptional* circumstances as approved by the admitting faculty, in such cognate disciplines as history, anthropology, archeology, or American Studies. Admission to the Ph.D. program without an M.A. in Art History is very rare. Those admitted to the Ph.D. program without the MA in art history may be required to take additional graduate courses beyond the minimum Ph.D. requirement of 48 hours of coursework. Any deficiencies in the required preparation must be removed during the first year of coursework for the degree.

To apply for the MA or PhD in Art History, you need to submit:

- **Online application, \$50 fee**, pay with credit card. <http://www.unm.edu/apply>
- **Letter of intent**
- **CV or Resume**
- **Three letters of recommendation**
- **Transcripts** from every college or university you have attended, whether you earned a degree there or not. (Unofficial transcripts can be uploaded during application; official transcripts must be mailed to the Admissions Office.)
- **A writing sample**, demonstrating your best academic writing. This should be a 7-10 page Art Historical research paper.

All of these requirements should be uploaded on the application website, but official transcripts will still need to be mailed to the Admissions Office.

Please see <http://art.unm.edu> for more information.