Art History and Master of Library Science: New technologies have made art history and fine arts available to people in new, dynamic ways. This dual-degree program—which combines the Master of Library Science and the Master of Arts in History of Art, offered by IU’s Henry Radford Hope School of Fine Arts—prepares you to connect people with the arts.

You can work in visual arts user services, public library arts divisions, academic library humanities collection planning, art museums, digital collections, and much more. You’ll also earn two degrees in fewer credit hours—and less time—than it would take to earn them separately.

How to Apply

You must apply for admission to—and meet the admission requirements for—both programs. See our program’s information for domestic students and international students.

Requirements (Minimum of 62 Credit Hours)

M.L.S. Foundation Requirements (18 cr.)

M.L.S. digital literacy requirement.

Complete one course from each of the foundation areas below.

Approach professional issues with understanding (3 cr.)

- Z510 Introduction to Information Studies: Must be fulfilled before you complete 18 credit hours
Assist and educate users, and develop and manage collections of information resources (3 cr.)

- Z501 User Services and Tools

Represent and organize information resources (3 cr.)

- Z503 Representation and Organization

Manage and lead libraries and other information organizations (3 cr.)

- Z551 Library Management
- Z552 Academic Library Management
- Z553 Public Library Management
- Z671 School Media

Use research effectively (3 cr.)

- Z505 Evaluation of Resources and Services
- Z506 Introduction to Research: Z501 and Z502 are prerequisites.

Deploy information technologies in effective and innovative ways (3 cr.): Courses in this list that are also M.I.S. requirements can count for both requirements.

- Z511 Database Design
- Z512 Information Systems Design
- Z516 Human Computer Interaction
- Z517 Web Programming
- Z532 Information Architecture for the Web
- Z534 Information Retrieval
- Z554 Library Systems
- Z556 Systems Analysis and Design
- Z634 Metadata
- Z636 Semantic Web
- Z637 Information Visualization
- Z652 Digital Libraries
- Z656 Information Technology Standardization
- Z661 Concepts and Contemporary Issues in Human-Computer Interaction

Additional M.L.S. Requirements (9 cr.)

- Z521 Humanities Information
- Z605 Internship in Library and Information Science
- Z651 Art Librarianship

M.L.S. Electives (3 cr.)

Choose one of these courses:

- Z532 Information Architecture for the Web
- Z533 Online Searching
- Z633 Indexing
- Z652 Digital Libraries
M.A. Requirements (32 cr.)

Learn about the M.A. in History of Art requirements in the University Graduate School Bulletin.

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Graduation

You will graduate after you finish both degrees—the degrees must be awarded simultaneously.

Tuition Rates

Different Indiana University schools charge different graduate tuition rates. For dual degrees, you will be coded in one of the two schools and pay that school’s tuition rate. To switch to the other school’s tuition rate, contact that department’s recorder as you near the halfway point in your program.

IU Resources and Professional Development

- Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA)
- Art Libraries Society of the U.K. and Ireland
- Arts Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)
- Department of Studio Art
- Fine Arts Library at IU
- Grunwald Gallery of Art
- IU Art Museum
- Museums, Arts, and Humanities Division of the Special Libraries Association (SLA)
- Society of Art Librarianship Students
- Visual Resources Association (VRA)

Pre-Fall 2013 Requirements

If you began the M.L.S. / M.A. in History of Art before fall 2013, you have different requirements. See the requirements »