Doctor of Philosophy in History of Art

The department offers Ph.D. degrees in European/American and East Asian art history. The Ph.D. degree offers the opportunity for advanced research and concentration to students who hold the M.A. degree in art history from KU or elsewhere. The Combined M.A./Ph.D. is intended for students who want to pursue the Ph.D. in art history at KU, but who do not yet hold the M.A. degree in art history. Both the Combined M.A./Ph.D. and Ph.D. students are eligible for competitive funding packages and GTA, GFA, and GA positions.

Admission to Graduate Studies

An applicant seeking to pursue graduate study in the College may be admitted as either a degree-seeking or non-degree-seeking student. Policies and procedures of Graduate Studies govern the process of Graduate admission. These may be found in the Graduate Studies (http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies) section of the online catalog.

Please consult the Departments & Programs (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences) section of the online catalog for information regarding program-specific admissions criteria and requirements. Special admissions requirements pertain to Interdisciplinary Studies degrees, which may be found in the Graduate Studies section of the online catalog.

Graduate Admission

Applicants for the Ph.D. are expected to hold an appropriate M.A. degree.

Admission to the Ph.D. program for students who receive the M.A. degree from KU:

The M.A. student who wishes to be considered for admission to the Ph.D. program must complete and sign the Petition for Continuation in the Ph.D. Program form, which will be distributed at the M.A. exam and collected with the completed exams on day two of testing. It is expected that such students will already have expressed this interest to a potential major field advisor and received that faculty member’s support. The student must pass the M.A. exam in order for his/her petition to be considered by the graduate faculty. After receiving departmental approval for the petition and completing all requirements for the M.A. degree, the student will automatically be entered into the Ph.D. program and will be expected to maintain his/her enrollment as per Graduate Studies guidelines.

M.A. students who do not submit the petition at the time of the M.A. exam will need to reapply for admission to the art history graduate program.

The Combined M.A./Ph.D. student does not need to submit the Petition for Continuation in the Ph.D. Program form. He/she will be automatically evaluated by the graduate faculty upon successfully passing the M.A. exam to determine whether he/she remains eligible to continue to the Ph.D. or if the M.A. is the appropriate terminal degree. In most cases, Combined M.A./Ph.D. students will enter the Ph.D. program upon completion of the requirements for the M.A. degree.

Completed applications must be submitted by January 1 for fall admission. The Graduate Record Examination general test is required.

Submit your graduate application online (http://graduate.ku.edu/prospective-students).