WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH YOUR DEGREE?

ART HISTORY AND VISUAL STUDIES

University of Victoria

Your career is a journey and there's more than one "right" path. This resource includes some of the ways that you can explore your career journey—find even more at **uvic.ca/coopandcareer/degree**.

EXPLORE POTENTIAL CAREERS

Your education, experience, knowledge, skills and attributes can help you excel in many directions. Here are a few sample jobs and fields of work that relate to your program:

• Curator • Exhibit designer • Interpretive assistant • Gallery assistant • Specialist librarian	• Communications coordinator • Arts and culture coordinator • Heritage planning • Teacher/instructor • Fund development	• Archivist • Marketing • Event planning • Program coordinator • Entrepreneur

Some of these roles may require post-graduate studies or training.

What steps can you take to find a career that fits?

✦ Explore how your interests align with career paths during an appointment with a career educator at **uvic.ca/coopandcareer/advice**

✦ Look for career ideas by searching for job postings with your program name at **learninginmotion.uvic.ca**

✦ Take part in the Horizons program to generate career ideas and decide on your next steps at **uvic.ca/coopandcareer/careerprograms**

GAIN EXPERIENCE AND MAKE CONNECTIONS

Gaining experience in the community and workplace can help you gain insight and build your network. We've put together a list of some of the hands-on learning opportunities available in your program area.

Opportunities **within** your academic program	Opportunities **outside** your academic program
• **Co-op Program:** Alternate academic study with paid work terms to gain workplace experience	• **Work Study position (uvic.ca/work-study)**
• Learn about a wide range of **hands-on learning opportunities**, including Community Service Learning courses, course-based experiences and more at **uvic.ca/coopandcareer/hands-on**	• **Volunteering** is a great way to gain work experience, give back to your community and build skills to boost your résumé—learn more at **uvic.ca/coopandcareer/volunteer**

What networks can you connect to?

Your friends, family, professors and colleagues are all part of your network—ask them how they've navigated their career paths. You can also connect with professional associations related to your field—here are just a few:

• Canadian Society for Education through Art **(csea-scea.ca)** • Association of Art Historians (UK) **(aah.org.uk)**	• Association for Canadian Studies **(acs-aec.ca)**

TIP: Learn all about effective networking (plus other work search resources) at **uvic.ca/coopandcareer/worksearch**.

BUILD YOUR SKILLS

Every experience helps you develop competencies—knowledge, skills and attributes that are valuable to employers. We can help you understand and describe your competencies, which comes in handy when you're searching for work.

What competencies do all employers look for?

Here are the 10 core competencies that are valuable in every workplace (these align with UVic's Learning Outcomes):

• Personal management • Communication • Managing information • Research and analysis • Project and task management	• Teamwork • Commitment to quality • Professional behaviour • Social responsibility • Continuous learning

What competencies will you develop through your program?

Here are some of the competencies specific to your academic program (full list at **uvic.ca/coopandcareer/degree**).

• Develop awareness of global artistic, aesthetic and visual traditions of art history • Employ a systematic method of enquiry in order to understand and interpret art-historical artifacts	• Understand artistic practices and art-historical artifacts in their historical, social and cultural contexts • Reevaluate existing understandings of the past as new information and new interpretations of old information arise

You can also develop intercultural competencies and professional competencies.

TIP: Visit **uvic.ca/coopandcareer/buildskills** to learn how to assess and describe your competencies.