

MASTER'S DEGREE IN ART HISTORY AND ARCHEOLOGY

UNIVERSITÉ PSL

The Master's degree in Art History and Archeology from Université PSL, hosted by EPHE-PSL, offers leading-edge training focused on research and documents, all in the heart of Paris. The wealth of lectures held at EPHE-PSL provides quality teaching. The curriculum, featuring seminars in art history and archeology that in most cases are given at the Institut National d'Histoire de l'Art (INHA), capitalizes on the program's proximity to specialized libraries (notably the INHA library) and France's heritage collections (such as the Musée du Louvre and the Bibliothèque Nationale de France). The onsite libraries make it easier for students to prepare textual commentaries and master bibliographical resources. Individual tutoring allows students to make optimal use of the resources available. Part of PSL's graduate programs in Historical Sciences, this Master's degree is designed to train specialists in art history and archeology on a research-based education. It operates in partnership with research centers that are overseen solely or jointly by EPHE-PSL and that play an active role in the field.

MAIN ASSETS

- **An emphasis on research-based training**, with a time investment compatible with intensive work in the library and on documents.
- **Immersion in EPHE-PSL conferences** with direct access to documentation.
- **A strong methodological framework** in which students are brought up to the same level in art history and archeology during Year 1.
- **An international study environment** that includes students from outside France, particularly in the international track, with its focus on southern Italy in archeology and art history, and especially in the AMAC track (Arts, Museology, Curatorial Activities).
- **Training that is recognized for the quality of the internships** performed in museums and at archaeological sites.
- **A convenient base for doing work in central Paris:** thanks to the INHA's location, students can make the most of opportunities for networking and symposia.
- **An unparalleled campus life in the very heart of Paris**, benefiting from the opportunities available at Université PSL to meet students from several institutions and move among a variety of campuses.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The first year of this Master's program offers comprehensive training in art history and archeology that is designed to help students master basic methodology across a broad chronological and thematic range and guide them gradually toward specialized study. The program also places an emphasis on oral skills through public presentations in the form of a major oral examination at the end of both the first semester (topical bibliography) and the second semester (commentary), including short written reports. The second year is focused on preparing the research thesis, which is defended before a jury at the end of the year. The work in research libraries serves as preparation for that written work. The internship, which is arranged as opportunities arise during academic activities, is equivalent to one credit unit.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Doctorate in art history or archeology.
- Careers and competitive exams in the heritage sector.

CURRICULUM

Master's year 1 (60 ECTS)

Two academic tracks are available

- Art History and Archeology
- Archeology and Art History (international track)

Final oral exam

- 1st semester : bibliography
- 2nd semester : commentary

Mini-theses

Master's year 2 (60 ECTS)

4 academic tracks are available

- Art History
- Archeology
- Archeology and Art History (with one or two semesters at the University of Basilicata in Matera, Italy)
- Art, Museology and Curatorial Activities (international track; dual degree with the University of Bologna)

Research thesis

Years 1 & 2 : research seminars + internship

ACADEMIC TRACKS

Master's year 1

— M1 Art History and Archeology

This track includes the seminar of the Research Director, two presentations of the mini-theses in the form of a final oral exam, a methodology course as well as courses opening up to other disciplines or ancient languages and a language course, while maintaining a high flexibility in orientation.

— M1 Archeology and Art History (French-Italian international track)

Students enrolled in the EPHE – PSL in France for the international program follow the same courses as for the national program. They must imperatively choose a language course in Italian.

Master's year 2

— M2 Art History

This course includes the seminar of the Research Director, as well as introductory seminars. Focused on the writing of the final thesis, it aims at acquiring the methods and necessary tools for research work in art history.

— M2 Archeology

The track covers the archaeology of the ancient worlds of Europe and the Mediterranean, from the Protohistory to Islamic archaeology. In addition to research seminars, students receive practical training through internships in prospecting, excavation and study in a series of dedicated sites as well as in heritage institutions.

— M2 Archeology and Art History (Franco-Italian international track)

Concentration in the fields of archaeology and Italian art History and possibly archaeology of the western and central Mediterranean. Students spend at least one semester at the University of Basilicata, where they follow the courses best suited to the chosen concentration and begin preparing their thesis. They can participate in the archaeological workcamps proposed by the University

More information

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of Basilicata and the EPHE – PSL in Southern Italy.

— M2 Art, Museology and Curatorial Activities (Franco-Italian international track)

Specialization in the fields of museology and museum practices.

ADMISSIONS

Prerequisites

— **Master's year 1** : Students who hold a Bachelor's degree in art history and archeology, history, literature, philosophy, humanities, anthropology, social sciences or political science, or who have obtained 180 ECTS from a Bachelor's-level program or the equivalent. Students from the École du Louvre are especially encouraged to apply.

A certificate of proficiency in French is needed for degrees obtained outside France.

— **Master's year 2** : first year of a master's degree or equivalent in the fields of study mentioned above.

Selection process: based on application

LOCATIONS OF TRAINING

In the heart of Paris, on the INHA campus (2 rue Vivienne, 75002 Paris), and for 2nd year international students, in Matera, Italy, on the campuses of the University of Basilicata or the University of Bologna.

DIPLOMA DELIVERED

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