

Arts Priori Student Organization Constitution

Article I — Name of Organization

The name of this organization shall be “Arts Priori.”

Article II — Organization Purpose

Arts Priori aims to promote and provide representative, academic, professional, administrative, and social services specifically for the graduate students in the field of arts administration, education, and policy at The Ohio State University.

Article III — University Regulations

Section A — Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

Arts Priori agrees that it will not engage in sexual misconduct nor any harassment or discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis in accordance with the Student Organization Registration Guidelines.

Section B — Hazing

Arts Priori agrees to maintain a zero-tolerance policy for hazing, in compliance with the Ohio State University and Collin’s Law. All members must conduct themselves in a manner that supports an environment free from hazing. Hazing includes any activity, regardless of consent, that causes or creates a substantial risk of physical, mental, or emotional harm or humiliation to any individual as part of a membership or affiliation with the student organization. If found responsible for hazing, members and/or the organization may face disciplinary actions.

Section C — Bylaws

Arts Priori retains the right to maintain separate bylaws to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included in the previous articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements set forth by local, state, and federal laws, The Ohio State University’s regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Student Organization Registration Guidelines. Organizations may make amendments and changes to the bylaws without consulting the Ohio Union & Student Activities department, and changes to bylaws do not require approval. All elements of

organizational bylaws shall be consistent with the organization's currently approved constitution on file and CSA constitution requirements.

Article IV — Membership

Section A — Membership Eligibility

All graduate students currently enrolled in an AAEP program (M.A., Ph.D., or non-degree) at The Ohio State University are eligible to become members of Arts Priori.

Section B — Member Selection

All eligible students can email any of the individuals in the executive board or the general Arts Priori email to be added as a member.

Section C — Membership Timeline

Members are added upon their first contact to anyone of the executive board members or the general email. Members are removed upon graduation, departure from the program, or voluntarily leaving the group by way of notifying the executive board or the general email.

Section D — Member Removal

If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization's constitution or by-laws, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law, the member may be removed through a majority vote of the officers in consultation with the organization's advisor. In the event that the reason for member removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending), the executive board, in consultation with the organization's advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member.

Article V — Advisor

Section A — Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

The advisor for Arts Priori is responsible for advising officers through tasks and approval on the online Student Organization Management System.

Section B — Advisor Term

The advisor is eligible to be advisor until they remove themselves of their duties, officers elect to choose another advisor, or upon their departure from the department.

Section C — Advisor Selection

The advisor is chosen by the officers of Arts Priori. There must be a 2/3rds majority in agreement to select the advisor.

Section D — Advisor Replacement

Upon the need for the advisor replacement, Arts Priori officers will choose a new advisor as soon as possible.

Article VI — Organization Leadership

Section A — Officer Positions

President and Graduate Representative:

The President and Graduate Representative serves as leader for Arts Priori and acts as liaison between graduate students and faculty in the Department of Art Administration, Education, and Policy at The Ohio State University. Attends (or appoints another officer to attend) department faculty meetings and departmental graduate studies committee meetings to represent, voice opinions, and vote on behalf of Arts Priori members. Reports back to Arts Priori, keeping membership abreast of information and items of concern and/or interest. Presides over Arts Priori meetings and oversees programs, activities, and initiatives of Arts Priori.

Vice President:

The Vice President assists the President in leading Arts Priori and acts as a secondary liaison between graduate students and faculty in the Department of Art Education at The Ohio State University.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer manages the financial affairs of Arts Priori. Attends a Student Organization Services Treasurer training workshop at The Ohio State University to gain knowledge needed to best serve in this capacity.

Social Media Coordinator:

The Social Media Coordinator creates and maintains relevant social media and online outreach, marketing, calendars, and accounts.

Section B — Officer Eligibility

Anyone who is a member of Arts Priori may serve as an officer.

Section C — Officer Selection Process

The Graduate Representative and other Arts Priori officers are to be elected in the spring semester and begin in the fall. Current leadership will circulate a call for nominations for officers among the entire membership in late February, with elections to be held in late March. Ballots will be created using Google Forms attached to an Arts Priori Gmail account. Membership will ratify the election outcomes in April before the close of the semester.

Section D — Officer Removal

In the event of impeachment or resignation of an officer, the remaining officers will cover that officer's duties until a special election can be called. Remaining officers will circulate a call for nominations as soon as possible and will hold elections within two weeks of the call. Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization's advisor. In the event that the reason for member removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending), the executive board, in consultation with the organization's advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend an executive officer.

Article VII — Organization Dissolution

Section A — Dissolution Requirements

This organization may be dissolved by a 2/3 vote of its members, provided that notice of a vote of dissolution is furnished to the members at least 60 days prior to the vote.

Section B — Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

Prior to dissolution, Officers must return all borrowed assets and repay all debts. The bank account in association with Arts Priori and all leftover funds must be donated back to the Department of Arts Administration, Education, and Policy. Officers must contact Student Organizations to officially and finally dissolve the organization.

Article VII — Amendments

Section A — Amendment Process

Amendments to the Constitution are proposed by written submission of the amendment to the President. Once a proposal for an amendment is submitted, the President is responsible for notifying all members of the organization at least 1 week prior to holding a meeting in which a vote will be taken on said amendment. At this meeting, a vote will be taken on the proposed amendment, and a favorable majority of those in attendance is required to pass the amendment.