

DEGREES OFFERED

ART, ART HISTORY, AND DESIGN

ART HISTORY

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Art History

The Bachelor of Arts degree program in art history is a 30-credit-hour major. An art history major should strive to achieve a broad knowledge of the development of the art of the Western world. Majors are required to take the Theories of Art seminar (three credit hours) and complete a final thesis in the fall of his or her senior year. The thesis, normally between 20 and 30 pages in length, is done under the direction of one of the regular art history faculty. It is expected to demonstrate the student's ability to treat an important art historical topic in a manner that shows his or her writing skills and methodological training. It is expected that the thesis will be suitable for submission as a writing sample for students intending to apply to art history graduate programs. In addition, the department offers courses in four areas of Western art: ancient, medieval, Renaissance and baroque, and modern (19th, 20th, and 21st centuries). An art history major must take at least one course in each of these areas (12 credit hours). It is strongly recommended that this distribution requirement be fulfilled with 200- or 300-level introductory courses taught by regular art history faculty on campus. The remaining 12 credit hours may be taken in any area. Students must also have taken a minimum of two seminars in addition to Theories of Art in the process of fulfilling the major. The sequence in which the required and elective courses and seminars are taken is left to the discretion of the individual student. The Theories of Art seminar should be taken in either the junior or senior year.

Students with a first major in another department can complete a supplementary major in art history by taking one course in each of the four departmental areas, two art history seminars, and two art history electives (24 credit hours total). It is strongly recommended that the four-course distribution requirement be fulfilled with 200- or 300-level introductory courses taught by regular art history faculty on campus.

Courses taken for the second major or the minor cannot be counted in more than one university program.

BA COURSES

Art History First Major

Ancient Art History
Medieval Art History
Renaissance/Baroque Art History
Modern (19th/20th/21st Century Art History)
Art History seminar
Art History seminar
Art History option
Art History option
Theories of Art
Senior Thesis

Total Hours: 30

Art History options and seminars may be taken in any period.