



College of Arts and Sciences ART HISTORY



Why Major in Art History?

Humankind's cultural inheritance is encoded in the language of art. UD's Department of Art History offers students critical insights into this inheritance and the ways that art and cultural expression have developed over time and across the continents. We deepen students' knowledge of the past and the ways that the past shapes the present. We sharpen students' visual skills, essential for success in an increasingly visual world. We develop students' writing abilities, an essential foundation for any career. We spark students' imaginations with images and objects that have endured centuries and have been worshipped or violated, stirred revolution or gone missing, delighted or outraged. In keeping with the university's global mission, we offer courses in American (including Native American, African American and Latin American), European, African, Asian and Islamic art and architecture. Through the study of the full range of artistic creativity, we challenge students to become citizens of the world.

Uniqueness of Our Program

Our department ranks among the top programs in the nation. Our faculty has an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research. We are in a unique position at the center of constellation of units that emphasize the art object, including Art and Design, Art Conservation, Museum Studies, Material Culture Studies, and the University Museums, among others. By virtue of its proximity to major cities, UD exposes students to world-class collections of art and architecture.

Art History Major

Career Paths

Art history educator

Museum curator

Collections manager

Art appraiser/dealer

Preservation professional

Art journalist/critic

Art lawyer

Graduate school for

Art History

Architectural Studies

Curatorial Studies

Material Culture Studies

Historic Preservation

Cultural Studies

Law School

and more!

TURN OVER



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Our Curriculum

Our courses emphasize critical thinking, looking and writing. You will develop the intellectual and visual skills necessary for a wide array of professions in museums and the arts, but also for several professional careers. The University Museums and Special Collections often serve as laboratories for students interested in testing their talents as critics and curators. Our Art History Club provides opportunities for visiting museums and art exhibitions, as well as to learn about careers in the field. Through the Summer Scholars and McNair Scholars programs, students can engage in independent research. Students are also encouraged to study abroad and seek internships.

Course topics you will explore:

- Visual and Media Studies
- Material Culture Studies
- Architecture, Urban Design and the Environment
- Art, Politics and Society
- Race and Gender in Art
- Globalization and the Art Market
- Art, Literature and Performance and more!

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The Art History Curriculum:

To earn a bachelor's degree, students must complete 124 credits and meet specific requirements as outlined in the online catalog. The following plan is one example to obtain a Bachelor of Arts in Art History (with Distinction, for students choosing the senior thesis option), as not every student takes every course in the same order.

FRESHMAN YEAR

FALL

UNIV 101 - First Year Experience (1 cr.)
ENGL 110 - Critical Reading and Writing (3 cr.)
ARTH 100-level (ARTH 153 or ARTH 154 recommended, 3 cr.)
Foreign language
University Breadth

SPRING

MATH 113 - Contemporary Mathematics (3 cr.)
ARTH 100-level or higher (3 cr.)
ARTH related work and/or College Breadth A (3 cr.)
Foreign language
University Breadth

SOPHOMORE YEAR

FALL

ARTH 200-level in distribution area (3 cr.)
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ENGL 202 - Biblical and Classical Literature (3 cr.)
ARTH related work and/or College Breadth C (3 cr.)
Foreign language

SPRING

ARTH 200-level in distribution area (3 cr.)
ARTH 200-level in distribution area (3 cr.)
ARTH related work and/or College Breadth C (3 cr.)
College Breadth D with lab (4 cr.)
Minor course

Study abroad during winter session is strongly encouraged! 6 credits

JUNIOR YEAR

FALL

ARTH 301 - Research and Methodology (3 cr.)
ARTH 200-level or higher (3 cr.)
ARTH related work or free elective (3 cr.)
College Breadth D
Minor course

SPRING

HIST 200/300-level (3 cr.)
ARTH 200-level or higher (3 cr.)
ARTH related work or free elective (3 cr.)
Minor course
Free elective

Students may earn up to 3 credits with an internship at a museum or other art related venue

SENIOR YEAR

FALL

ARTH 400-level Seminar (3 cr.)
UNIV 401 - Senior Thesis or free elective (3 cr.)
Minor course
Minor course or free elective

SPRING

ARTH 300-level or higher (3 cr.)
UNIV 402 - Senior Thesis or free elective (3 cr.)
Minor course or free elective
Free elective