B.A.

Using a wide variety of methodological approaches, art history faculty help students develop an awareness, knowledge, and appreciation of the visual environments from all periods of history.

All 1xxx courses and most 3xxx courses do not have prerequisites and are intended for general audiences. Students who intend to apply for graduate school are strongly encouraged to take as many 5xxx courses from as many different professors as possible. In addition to the B.A., the department offers the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in art history.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete at least 120 credits to graduate, including at least 29 credits in the major. All courses used to fulfill major requirements must be taken A-F; independent study courses may not be used.

Required Courses

- One course (4 cr) in art practice (consult the director of undergraduate studies)
- Three courses (12 cr) selected from the following: ArtH 3005, 3008, 3009, 3011, 3012, 3013, 3014, 3015, 3921
- Four additional art history lecture courses (minimum of 12 cr), including at least two 5xxx courses.

Electives

Some courses from the Departments of American Indian Studies, American Studies, Architecture, Classical Civilization, Classical and Near Eastern Studies, East Asian Studies, and Medieval Studies may be applied toward the major. Consult the director of undergraduate studies.

Final Project

ArtH 3971—Major Project or ArtH 3971V—Honors Major Project (1 cr). In this course, the research paper required for any 5xxx course or for the junior-senior seminar is developed into a major project, a polished research paper of about 15 pages with notes, bibliography, and illustrations.

Minor Requirements

The art history minor consists of at least 18 credits distributed as follows:

- Three courses (12 cr) selected from the following: ArtH 3005, 3008, 3009, 3011, 3012, 3013, 3014, 3015, 3921
- Two 5xxx art history lecture courses (minimum of 6 cr)

All courses for the minor must be taken A-F; independent study courses may not be used.

For honors in art history, consult with the CLA Honors Program and the art history director of undergraduate studies.

What can I do with a major in art history?

Skills

Art history majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers. These skills include:

- Verbal and written communication skills
- Analytic problem-solving skills
- Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program Form with your major adviser
- filed a copy with the major department
- filed a copy with your CLA student community
- be sure to keep a copy for yourself