

# THE ARTS MAJOR: ART HISTORY OPTION (B.A.)

<http://cola.unh.edu/art-and-art-history>

## Description

The art history curriculum provides a comprehensive, in-depth study of Western art from the ancient world to the present as well as some exposure to non-Western cultures and artistic traditions. All courses in the program teach basic skills of interpretation and critical analysis within the framework of broad cultural perspectives that connect the visual arts to larger historical developments. They also teach good writing and research skills. In addition, art history majors typically branch out into other fields, such as history, literature, and foreign languages. By the time they graduate, most majors are well equipped to pursue such traditional careers in the field as museum and gallery work, teaching, publishing, or librarianship. But because art historical education is so broad, it also prepares students for a variety of other, more flexible options, such as law, business, or architecture.

## Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 10 courses (40 credits). The following courses are required:

ARTS 480	Introduction to Art History	4
ARTS 532	Introductory Drawing	4
ARTS 795	Art Historians and Their Styles	4
ARTS 799	Seminar in Art History	4
Select six 600- or 700-level art history courses:		24
Select one each from Pre-Renaissance, Renaissance/Baroque, and Modern areas		
Select three in any area		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>40</b>

These courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C-. Art history students receive preferential placement in ARTS 532 Introductory Drawing. Students contemplating graduate school should learn German, and, if possible, either French, Italian, or another language relevant to their areas of interest.

The Discovery Program capstone requirement may be fulfilled by completing ARTS 795 Art Historians and Their Styles.

The required minimum overall GPA in major coursework is 2.0.

Candidates for a degree must satisfy all of the University Discovery Program requirements in addition to satisfying the requirements of each individual major program. Bachelor of arts candidates must also satisfy the foreign language proficiency requirement.

Major department courses may not be used to satisfy Discovery category requirements except in the case of a second or dual major.