Art History

Courses

ART HS 1100 Introduction to Western Art (MOTR ARTS 100): 3 semester hours
An introduction to major historical movements in Western art.

ART HS 1120 Global Art and Visual Culture (MOTR ARTS 101): 3 semester hours
This course explores transcultural perspectives in Art History. Students will be introduced to creative visual traditions from across the globe. The course examines themes such as death and the afterlife, religious practice, visual persuasion, and design aesthetic in historical Europe, Africa, Asia, the Indigenous Americas and Oceania. This course satisfies the Cultural Diversity requirement.

ART HS 1140 Indigenous Arts of the Americas: 3 semester hours
This course surveys the indigenous arts of the Americas from precontact through the present. Cultures to be covered may include Iroquois and Ojibway of the Northeast; Navajo and Pueblo of the Southwest; Kwagulith and Gitxsan of the Northwest Coast; and Inuit from the Arctic. The relationship of art to religion, philosophy, politics, and social life will be explored. This course satisfies the Cultural Diversity requirement.

ART HS 1150 Introduction to the Art and Visual Cultures of Africa: 3 semester hours
This course surveys major art forms of Africa and the African Diaspora. It addresses traditional media, such as architecture, masquerade, regalia, sculpture, metalwork, ceramics, and textiles, as well as contemporary sculpture, painting, photography, and performance. This course satisfies the Cultural Diversity requirement.

ART HS 1160 Introduction to the Art and Visual Cultures of Asia: 3 semester hours
This course surveys major achievements in architecture, sculpture, and painting of India, China, Japan, and Southeast Asia, with an emphasis on religious, historical, and social context of the arts. This course satisfies the Cultural Diversity requirement.

ART HS 1190 Ideas in the History of Art and Visual Culture: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ART HS 1100 or consent of instructor. This course studies selected works of art, with attention to the social and cultural factors surrounding their creation.

ART HS 2211 Art and Archaeology of The Ancient World: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: ART HS 1100. A survey of art in Egypt, the ancient Near East, Greece, and Rome, beginning in the Neolithic era (8000-4000 BC) and ending with the Barbarian invasions of Italy in the fifth century A.D. The major highlights of architecture and city planning, sculpture, painting, pottery, and the minor arts will be covered.

ART HS 2212 Greek Art and Archaeology: 3 semester hours
General survey or material culture in the Aegean basin, beginning with the Bronze Age (Third Millennium B.C.) and terminating in the late Hellenistic period (Second Century B.C.). For the Hellenistic period the course will trace Greek developments and influences outside of the Aegean, for example in Italy and in Egypt.

ART HS 2225 Medieval Art: 3 semester hours
A survey of the art and architecture of the Mediterranean World and northern Europe from late antiquity to the late Gothic period (300-1300 A.D.). Focus on new styles and subject matter in painting, sculpture and architecture.

ART HS 2235 Italian and Northern European Renaissance Art: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ART HS 1100 or permission of instructor. An introduction to selected artworks, artists and patrons in Italy and Northern Europe throughout the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, beginning with Ghiberti and Van Eyck and ending with Michelangelo and Brueghel.

ART HS 2250 Nineteenth Century European Art: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ART HS 1100 or consent of the instructor. A survey of European art from 1780 to 1880, focusing on developments in England, France, Germany, and Scandinavia. Topics to be addressed include Neoclassicism, Romanticism, Realism, and Impressionism.

ART HS 2261 History of Graphic Design: 3 semester hours
This course examines the rapport of word, image, artist, client, and viewer that is unique to the genres of book arts and graphic design as studied in their historical and contemporary contexts.

ART HS 2265 History of Photography: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: ART HS 1100 or consent of instructor. A study of photography: its historical development, an examination of it as an art medium, and its influence on the development of modern art.

ART HS 2270 American Art to 1876: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ART HS 1100 or consent of the instructor. An overview of the major developments in painting, sculpture, and the decorative arts in the United States to 1876.

ART HS 2280 Modern to Contemporary Art: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: ART HS 1100 or consent of the instructor. This course presents an overview of avant-garde modern art in Europe and the United States from the mid-nineteenth century to the contemporary era. It explores traditional media such as painting and sculpture as well as newer forms such as performance and installation art in the context of changing ideas about art’s traditions, social functions, and philosophical concerns.

ART HS 2291 Issues and Ideas in Art History: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ART HS 1100 or permission of instructor. Intensive studies of a few selected works from various eras and cultures, with special attention to the particular social and cultural factors surrounding their creation. May be repeated for credit with a change of topic and permission of advisor.

ART HS 3350 Studies in Design: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Minimum of one 2000-level course in Art History and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. The course examines selected topics in the history of design, and may include genres such as architecture, material culture, or graphic design. May be repeated for credit with a different topic, for a maximum of 6 credit hours.

ART HS 3376 Gender in the Visual Arts: 3 semester hours
Same as GS 3376. Prerequisites: Minimum of one 2000-level course in art history and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. Selected topics in the role of gender difference in the production and reception of works of visual art and culture. This course will consider examples of historical and contemporary works through gender theories and the analysis of cultural and social factors that contribute to the construction of sexualities and genders.
ART HS 3387 Professional Internship: 1-6 semester hours
Prerequisites: Minimum of two 2000-level courses in art history and ENGL 3100 and consent of instructor. The internship provides experience in museums, historical societies, galleries, design firms, or visual resource collections. Students will assist in the diverse duties associated with the day-to-day functions of the institution, under the joint direction of a faculty advisor and a supervisor at the institution. Course requirements may include readings, research assignments, and/or a paper. This course may be counted for art history or studio art credit with the department's consent.

ART HS 3389 Visual Resources Management: 1-3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Minimum of two 2000-level courses in Art History, ENGL 3100, and consent of instructor. A hands-on course in the Department of Art and Art History's media center that will cover collection development and management as well as technical and theoretical issues in the visual resources profession.

ART HS 3390 Special Study: 1-4 semester hours
Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing. Consent of instructor and Art History advisor. Independent study through readings, reports or field research. May be repeated one time with consent of Art History advisor. May not be used for internship credit.

ART HS 3395 Sophomore/Junior Seminar: Research in Art History: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: Minimum of two 2000-level courses in Art Hist and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. An introduction to research and writing techniques in art history, organized around a topic to be announced. Course includes directed readings, research and writing.

ART HS 4455 Topics in Modern Art: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ART HS 2280 and ENGL 3100, or one 3000-level course in Art History, or consent of instructor. Intensive study of selected topics in art of the nineteenth and/or twentieth centuries. May be repeated for credit with permission of instructor and advisor.

ART HS 4490 Special Study: 1-4 semester hours
Prerequisite: Junior/Senior standing. Consent of instructor and Art History advisor. Independent study through readings, reports, or field research. May be repeated one time with consent of Art History advisor. May not be used for internship credit.

ART HS 4495 Senior Seminar: Methods of Art History: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: ART HS 3395, ENGL 3100 and Senior standing in art history or consent of instructor. An advanced class in art historical analysis. Theoretical perspectives will include connoisseurship, style, iconography, social history, and others.

ART HS 5590 Special Study in Art History: 1-6 semester hours
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of instructor. Independent study through readings, reports, discussions, and/or special projects. May be repeated for credit with consent of instructor.

ART HS 5592 The History of The Visual Arts in American Museums: 3 semester hours
Same as ANTHRO 5592 and HIST 5592. Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of instructor. This course is an introduction to selected topics in the history of museology, focusing on art and anthropology museums as sites for the interpretations of art and culture, and as contested meeting grounds for various views of history and culture.

ART HS 5593 Museum Management and Curatorial Practice: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Consent of the instructor and graduate standing. Museum Management and Curatorial Practice is designed to give students overlapping theoretical and practical experience that will be useful after entry into the museum profession. While exhibitions are at the core of the museum mission, it takes a broad range of skills from different team members to bring shows to fruition. The course provides students with grounded knowledge on how to curate an exhibition for their museum and understand all the elements that serve the mission-driven goals for that institution, and the obligation to uphold best practices as established by the American Alliance of Museums [AAM] and the Association of Art Museum Directors [AAMD] that provide guidance for the field. Students will become familiar with the different types of roles and functions that make museums run (although staffing levels will vary based on the size and budget of the organization), including: executive management, advancement, marketing, curatorial, collections management, education, and others (e.g., archivist, librarian, security, maintenance, groundskeeping, restaurant staff, parking).

ART HS 6036 Foundations of Museology II: 3 semester hours
Same as ANTHRO 6136 and HIST 6136. Prerequisites: ART HS 6035 consent of Director of Museum Studies Program Audience-centered approaches to museology; visitor research and learning theory; philosophical and practical considerations in museum planning; the physical design of museums; creativity; exhibit and program development; collections and curation; the challenge of diversity; the future of museums.

ART HS 6037 Museum Organization and Operations: 3 semester hours
Same as ANTHRO 6137 and HIST 6137. Prerequisites: Consent of Director of Museum Studies Program. This course looks at museum organization and operations in the 21st century. As museums become more focused on visitors, communities, and private donors, their structures, staffing, and practices have changed. This course introduces students to the wide range of museum professions, the evolving function of museums, the effects of new technologies, and the challenges of administration and funding in constrained economic circumstances. The course includes scrutiny of ethical issues such as disputed collections, intellectual property rights, organizational conflicts, and community collaboration and planning.

ART HS 6038 Museum Studies Master's Project: 5 semester hours
Sames as ANTHRO 6138 and HIST 6138. Prerequisites: Consent of Director of Museum Studies Program. Research and writing/exhibit development on a selected topic.