

ART HISTORY, BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) [VCUQ]

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The Bachelor of Arts in Art History is a liberal arts program composed of an academic course of study exposing the student to the scholarship, theoretical perspectives and research methods of not only the history of art, but related disciplines in the humanities. Courses focus on cultures, historical periods and regions. The program also includes possibilities for directed research projects as well as museum internships. This curriculum provides students the best possible background for future graduate work in art history.

Student learning outcomes

Upon completing this program, students will know and know how to do the following:

- Demonstrate a command of art historical terminology and the ability to identify key works of art in relationship to historical contexts
- Demonstrate the ability to interpret works of art in relationship to the historical, cultural and/or geographical contexts in which they were made
- Demonstrate the ability to read critically and apply art historical research methods in research papers
- Demonstrate the ability to conduct rigorous research and write papers that incorporate visual analysis and current scholarship in the interpretation of artworks

Special requirements

Art history majors must earn a minimum grade of C in each ARTH course to be applied to the curriculum requirements.

Degree requirements for Art History, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Course	Title	Hours
General education (https://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-study/general-education-curriculum/)		
Select 30 credits of general education courses in consultation with an adviser.		30
Major requirements		
• Major core requirements		
ARTH 103	Survey of Art I	3
ARTH 104	Survey of Art II	3
ARTH 292	Writing for Art History	4
ARTH 293	Professional Practices for Art History	2
ARTH 302	Introduction to Museums	3
ARTH 390	Art Historical Methods	4
ARTH 490	Senior Seminar in Art History	4
• Additional major requirements		
ARTH 260	Islamic Art Survey	3
• Major electives		
Cluster A (select two courses from the list below)		6

Cluster B (select two courses from the list below)		6
Unrestricted ARTH electives (select any two additional ARTH course)		6
Ancillary requirements		
UNIV 101	Introduction to the University	1
ARBC 202	Intermediate Arabic II	3
or FREN 202	French for Careers	
or GRMN 202	Intermediate German II	
or ITAL 202	Intermediate Italian II	
or SPAN 202	Intermediate Spanish II	
Fine arts studio (CRAF, SCPT, PAPP, PHTO, IDES, GDES, or FASH)		3
HIST (any)		3
HIST 3XX (any 300-level HIST course)		9
Humanities 3XX (AFAM, AMST, ANTH, ENGL, GSWS, HUMS, HUSI, INTL, PHIL, PSYC, POLI, RELS, SCTS, SOCY, WRLD)		9
Open electives		
Select any course. ¹		18
Total Hours		120

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Includes language (101,102 and 201, if needed)

The minimum number of credit hours required for this degree is 120.

Major electives

Course	Title	Hours
Cluster A		
ARTH 311	Early Islamic Art in a Global Context	3
ARTH 312	Islamic Art in a Global Context 1200 to 1600 CE	3
ARTH 321	Islamic Art in a Global Context 1600 to 1800 CE	3
ARTH 465	Islamic Art in a Global Context 1800 to 1900 CE	3
ARTH 466	Modern and Contemporary Art in the Middle East	3
Cluster B		
ARTH 300	Prehistoric and Ancient Art and Architecture	3
ARTH 303	History of Art Museums	3
ARTH 304	Art of Ancient African Cultures and Kingdoms	3
ARTH 305	Classical Art and Architecture	3
ARTH 310	Medieval Art and Architecture	3
ARTH 315	Renaissance Art and Architecture	3
ARTH 320	Baroque and Rococo Art and Architecture	3
ARTH 324	18th-century Art in Europe	3
ARTH 325	19th-century Art in Europe	3
ARTH 335	Pre-Columbian Art and Architecture	3
ARTH 338	Colonial Art and Architecture of Latin America	3
ARTH 339	Modern and Contemporary Art and Architecture of Latin America	3

ARTH 342	African-American Art	3
ARTH 344	American Art History	3
ARTH 347	Studies in Asian Art	3
ARTH 348	Art of the African Diaspora	3
ARTH 357	Women, Art and Society	3
ARTH 358	African Art and Architecture	3
ARTH 365	Modern Art	3
ARTH 366	Contemporary Art	3
ARTH 372	History of Photography	3
ARTH 374	Studies in Film	3
Miscellaneous		
ARTH 201	Banned! Art and Controversy	3
ARTH 291	Special Topics ²	3
ARTH 359	Studies in Aesthetics, Theory and Criticism of Art	3
ARTH 361	The Human Condition: An Arts Perspective	3
ARTH 369	Studies in Museum Methods	3
ARTH 391	Special Topics ²	3
ARTH 493	Museum Internship	3-6
ARTH 489	Topics in Advanced Art History ²	3
ARTH 497	Directed Research Project	3

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Students must seek department approval to apply ARTH 291 or ARTH 391 toward the appropriate required elective category.

What follows is a sample plan that meets the prescribed requirements within a four-year course of study at VCU. Please contact your adviser before beginning course work toward a degree.

Freshman year

		Hours
Fall semester		
ARBC 101	Beginning Arabic I (or open elective if language requirement is met)	3
or		
FREN 101	or Beginning French I	
or	or Beginning German I	
GRMN 101	or Beginning Italian I	
	or Beginning Spanish I	
or		
ITAL 101		
or		
SPAN 101		
ARTH 103	Survey of Art I	3
UNIV 101	Introduction to the University	1
UNIV 111	Introduction to Focused Inquiry: Investigation and Communication (satisfies general education UNIV foundations)	3
Play course	Investigation and Communication (satisfies general education UNIV foundations)	
video for		
Introduction to Focused Inquiry:		
Investigation and Communicatio		
HIST (any)		3

General education course	3
Term Hours:	16

Spring semester

ARBC 102	Beginning Arabic II (or open elective if language requirement is met)	3
or		
FREN 102	or Beginning French II	
or	or Beginning German II	
GRMN 102	or Beginning Italian II	
	or Beginning Spanish II	
or		
ITAL 102		
or		
SPAN 102		
ARTH 104	Survey of Art II	3
UNIV 112	Focused Inquiry II (satisfies general education UNIV foundations)	3
Play course		
video for		
Focused Inquiry II		
General education courses		6

Term Hours: 15

Sophomore year**Fall semester**

ARBC 201	Intermediate Arabic I (or open elective if language requirement is met)	3
or		
FREN 201	or Intermediate French	
or	or Intermediate German I	
GRMN 201	or Intermediate Italian I	
	or Intermediate Spanish I	
or		
ITAL 201		
or		
SPAN 201		
ARTH 260	Islamic Art Survey	3
ARTH 302	Introduction to Museums	3
UNIV 200	Advanced Focused Inquiry: Literacies, Research and Communication (satisfies general education UNIV foundations)	3
HIST 3XX (any 300-level HIST course)		3

Term Hours: 15

Spring semester

ARBC 202	Intermediate Arabic II (or open elective if language requirement is met)	3
or		
FREN 202	or French for Careers	
or	or Intermediate German II	
GRMN 202	or Intermediate Italian II	
	or Intermediate Spanish II	
or		
ITAL 202		
or		
SPAN 202		
ARTH 292	Writing for Art History	4
ARTH 293	Professional Practices for Art History	2
HIST 3XX (any 300-level HIST course)		3

Humanities 3XX (AFAM, AMST, ANTH, ENGL, GSWS, HUMS, HUSI, INTL, PHIL, PSYC, POLI, RELS, SCTS, SOCY, WRLD)	3
Term Hours:	15
Junior year	
Fall semester	
ARTH major electives ¹	6
HIST 3XX (any 300-level HIST course)	3
Fine arts studio (CRAF, SCPT, PAPR, PHTO, IDES, GDES or FASH)	3
General education course	3
Term Hours:	15
Spring semester	
ARTH 390 Art Historical Methods	4
ARTH major electives ¹	3
General education courses	6
Humanities 3XX (AFAM, AMST, ANTH, ENGL, GSWS, HUMS, HUSI, INTL, PHIL, PSYC, POLI, RELS, SCTS, SOCY, WRLD)	3
Term Hours:	16
Senior year	
Fall semester	
ARTH major electives ¹	6
General education course	3
Humanities 3XX (AFAM, AMST, ANTH, ENGL, GSWS, HUMS, HUSI, INTL, PHIL, PSYC, POLI, RELS, SCTS, SOCY, WRLD)	3
Open elective	3
Term Hours:	15
Spring semester	
ARTH 490 Senior Seminar in Art History	4
ARTH major electives ¹	3
Open electives	6
Term Hours:	13
Total Hours:	120

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See degree requirements for course distribution.

The minimum number of credit hours required for this degree is 120.