

# Art History Major

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## About

The Art History Program at Villanova provides students with the knowledge and skills to interpret and critically evaluate art – and its production, reception, and materiality – from the perspectives of different societies across time. We encourage students to investigate art not only as cultural artifacts that record and reflect particular aspects of the human experience, but also as a dynamic force that has shaped complex interactions of social, political, and economic processes both in the past and the present.

In harmony with the university’s Augustinian mission and unique identity, the Art History Program emphasizes the benefits of a broader, liberal arts education. More particularly, art history students can expect to leave Villanova as sophisticated viewers and critical consumers of the visual imagery that surrounds us.

**Program:** [Art History](#)  
**Type:** Bachelor of Arts

## PRIMARY MAJOR (122 credits)

### Required Major Courses (33 credits)

The Art History major consists of 33 credits.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
AAH 1101	His West Art:Ancient-Med	3
AAH 1102	His West Art:Renaiss - Cont	3
	AAH Pre-1700 Elective	9
	AAH Post-1700 Elective	6
AAH 4010	Interpreting Art	3
	AAH Senior Research Seminar	3
	Non-AAH Elective	3-4
	Upper-Level AAH Elective	3

## Core Curriculum Requirements (41 credits)

Art History Majors meet the following core requirements in the major and therefore are omitted from the summary below:

- Fine Arts (3 cr)

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ACS 1000	Ancients	3
ACS 1001	Moderns	3
THL 1000	Faith, Reason, and Culture	3
PHI 1000	Knowledge, Reality, Self	3
ETH 2050	The Good Life:Eth & Cont Prob	3
	Mathematics or Statistics (1 course)	3
	Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)	8
	Literature and Writing Seminar (1 course)	3
	History (1 course)	3
	Social Sciences (2 courses)	6
	Upper-Level Theology (1 course)	3
	Language Requirement	
	Diversity Requirement (2 courses)	

## Free Elective Requirement (48 credits)

Students with a Art History primary major have forty-eight (48) required free elective credits.

## Degree Credit Summary

- **Major Credits:** 33 credits
- **Core Credits:** 41 credits
- **Free Electives Credits:** 48 credits
- **Total Required Credits:** 122 Credits

*Note: The above credit totals are based on the minimum number of required credits in each degree area. The minimum number of required credits in each area listed above must be met. Credits taken beyond the required minimum for one area may not be applied to another area.*

## SECONDARY MAJOR

Students who declare Art History as a **secondary major** must complete the Required Major Courses to achieve this major. Students are able to count any eligible course taken in their primary major, the core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives toward these requirements.

# Category Descriptions

## AAH Pre-1700 Elective

Credits: 9

Choose three courses from the following list. AAH 4003 also satisfies this requirement.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
AAH 2000	Ancient Art	3
AAH 2001	Medieval Art	3
AAH 2002	Early Renaissance Art in Italy	3
AAH 2003	Age of Rembrandt & Bernini	3
AAH 2012	High Renaissance Art in Italy	3
AAH 3007	The Art of Ireland	3

## AAH Post-1700 Elective

Credits: 6

Choose two courses from the following list:

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
AAH 1103	Visual Arts in US 1607-1876	3
AAH 1104	Visual Arts in US 1877-Present	3
AAH 2004	Modern Art	3
AAH 2005	Modern Architecture	3
AAH 2009	Contemporary Art	3
AAH 3001	Women in Art	3
AAH 3002	Art of Philadelphia	3
AAH 3003	Romantic to Post-Impress	3
AAH 3005	Gender Sexuality Visl Culture	3
AAH 3006	History of Photography	3
AAH 4005	Picasso and Friends	3

## AAH Senior Research Seminar

Credits: 3

Choose a Senior Research Seminar option from those listed:

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
AAH 5010	Senior Research Seminar	3
AAH 5515	Independent Research	3

## Non-AAH Elective

Credits: 3-4

From the following list, choose one course related to art history in another discipline; or:

- A team-taught interdisciplinary course with one Art History faculty member (GIS, History, etc.)

- Occasionally courses offered in various departments meet this requirement at the discretion of the Program Director.
- This list also includes PHI 2750.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
CLA 2051	Cities of Ancient Greece	3
CLA 2052	Rome: The Ancient City	3
COM 1300	Film Analysis	3
COM 3340	Film History	3
COM 3341	Gender and Film	3
COM 3243	Performance Art	3
COM 3342	International Cinema	3
COM 3343	Contemporary Cinema	3
ENG 2350	Narrative Television	3
ENG 2360	Adaptation:Film as Literature	3
FFS 2075	Introduction to French Cinema	3
FFS 2076	Intro To Francophone Cinema	3
HIS 2309	Artifacts in History	3
HUM 3600	Amer Architecture since 1865	3
ITA 3075	Visual History of Italy	3
MSE 2303	CHM:The Science of Art	4
PHI 4150	Philosophy & Film	3
SAR 2010	Intro to Calligraphy	3
SAR 2020	Basic Watercolor Techniques	3
SAR 2021	Basic Drawing Techniques	3
SAR 2022	Basic Oil Painting	3
SAR 2150	Intermediate Watercolor	3
SAR 3031	Special Topics in Studio Art	3
SAR 4007	Painting of Icons	3
SAR 5004	Basic Printmaking	3

### Upper-Level AAH Elective

Credits: 3

Choose an upper-level Art History course from AAH 2000 to AAH 4999.

### Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)

Credits: 8

Non-science majors meet the Core Curriculum Natural Science requirement by taking two semesters of Mendel Science Experience (MSE), thematically-based lecture/laboratory courses designed for non-science majors; or two semesters of lecture/laboratory courses designed for science majors.

Science (AST, BIO, BIOC, CHM, CBN, CSC, ENV, MAT, PHY - B.S. only, PSY - B.S. only) majors meet the science requirement through the regular program of study in their major.