

The Department of Art History

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.

Required Major Courses (33 credits)

The Art History major consists of 33 credits.

Course	Title	Credits
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)

Course	Title	Credits
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.