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ART HISTORY *College of Humanities and Social Sciences*

OVERVIEW

Art history majors learn to look carefully, analyze information, and produce research-informed narratives that clarify why art matters. To this end, students learn about major movements, artists, and artworks in relation to their sociocultural contexts. Courses provide a chronological overview of the history of world art, in-depth study through practicing critical analysis and research writing, and opportunities for obtaining real-world experience.

DEGREES

Art History, Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Art History, Minor
Museum Studies, Certificate

QUALITY OF OUR PROGRAM

Accreditation:

The Department of Art is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, insuring that professional standards for teaching and research are met or surpassed.

Faculty:

All of our full-time faculty hold terminal degrees. Our art historians and art educator hold PhDs and our studio artists hold MFA degrees. Our faculty have established a significant record of achievement as teachers and scholars, including grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Minnesota State Arts Board, and other prestigious foundations and arts organizations. The work of our studio faculty has been widely exhibited in local, regional, national, and international shows.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Student/Faculty Ratio:

A very strong sense of community has been established in the department through small class sizes and a faculty/student ratio of 1:15.

Scholarly Work:

Opportunities for the encouragement and financial support of student scholarly and artistic endeavor are provided by the Minnesota State Mankato Undergraduate Research Conference, which promotes students to engage in research or creative projects under the supervision of a faculty mentor.

Facilities:

Nelson Hall studio spaces provide the equipment, workspaces, and technology to prepare students for contemporary applications of their art education.

Graphic Design has two fully-equipped computer labs and a production space with additional equipment, such as, a laser cutter and large format printers. In the 3D areas of ceramics, sculpture, and installation we have wood/metal shops and a large ceramics studio. We also have an installation workspace and campus-wide locations for art installation projects.

In 2D areas, our program has drawing studio spaces for introductory and advanced work, a large painting studio, and a printmaking studio with facilities for traditional and contemporary approaches. Our photography area has a darkroom and digital printing equipment. Nelson Hall also has classrooms for foundations, art education, and art history.

Chapters/Organizations:

The department supports student chapters of the American Institute of Graphic Arts and the National Art Education Association as well as our Art History Round Table, our Exposed photography club, our Mudworks ceramics group, Works on Paper printmaking club, and our Student Art League. These seven student groups sponsor various activities, travel opportunities, and other programs that strengthen the educational experience.

Scholarships:

The department awards scholarships to returning students based on academic merit and need.

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SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM (ART HISTORY, BA)

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
ART 101 Design Foundations (3) ART 260 Art History Survey I (3) World Languages Course, Goal Area 8 (4-5) General Education, Goal Area 3 (3) General Education, Goal Area 11 (1-2)	ART 261 Art History Survey II (3) World Languages Course (4-5) General Education, Goal Area 3 (3-4) General Education, Goal Area 7 (3)
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
ART 460 Ancient Art (3) General Education, Goal Area 1A (4) General Education, Goal Area 5 (4) General Education, Goal Area 8 (4)	ART 417 Medieval Art (3) OR ART 467 Art of the Islamic World (3) OR Elective Course in Major (3) ART 462 Renaissance Art (3) General Education, Goal Area 4 (4) General Education, Goal Area 10 (3) General Education, Goal Area 1B (3)
Third Year (Fall)	Third Year (Spring)
ART 466 Realism to Postmodernism (3) Elective Course in Minor (3) General Education, Goal Area 5 (4) General Education, Goal Area 9 (3) General Education, Goal Area 11 (1)	ART 467 Art of the Islamic World (3) OR ART 417 Medieval Art (3) Elective Course in Major (3) Elective Course in Major (3) Elective Course in Minor (3) Elective Course in Minor (3)
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)
ART 391 Portfolio Review (0) Elective Course in Major (3) Elective Course in Major (3) Elective Course in Minor (3) Elective Course in Minor (3) 3xx/4xx General Elective Course (4)	ART 496 Senior Thesis (1) Elective Course in Major (3) Elective Course in Major (3) Elective Course in Minor (3) Elective Course in Minor (3) 3xx/4xx General Elective Course (3)

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