



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

# HISTORY OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS GUIDE

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## Welcome to the Department of the History of Art and Architecture!

We're happy you're interested in art history and that you chose our department to be your academic home in the College of Design. You may be at the beginning of your exploration, or perhaps you loved art and history and have already taken many classes from us. Regardless, we are excited to welcome you to our HASA community. This brochure provides you with a quick guide to our major requirements and answers some FAQs to help you get your bearings in our program. Your advisors are here to help, so please contact us if you have any questions.

We look forward to having you in our classes and meeting you in person!

## Requirements at a Glance

### Minimum total credit: 56 credits

#### Lower-Division Art History Courses (16 graded credits)

- 100-200 level courses, ARH 314 or ARH 315

#### Upper-Division Courses (at least 32 graded credits)

- 300- and 400-level courses, except ARH 314, ARH 315, and ARH 411
- Residency requirement: At least four courses must be taken in residence at UO
- Level requirement: At least four courses must be taken at the 400 level
- Distribution requirement (24 credits): Two courses must be taken in any three of the following four chronological breadth areas: Ancient; Medieval; Early Modern; Modern/Contemporary
- Elective requirement (8 credits): The remaining two courses may be taken in any area

#### ARH 411: Critical Approaches to Art Historical Study (4 graded credits)

- Formerly ARH 300
- Typically offered only once a year

#### Studio Art (4 credits)

- Any studio-based classes (e.g., drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography, or design)

#### Grading requirement

- All art history courses must be taken for letter grades and must be passed with a C- or better

#### Language requirement

- Art history majors must complete the language requirement as described under the UO's Bachelor of Arts Requirements ([registrar.uoregon.edu/current-students/ba-language-satisfying-courses](https://registrar.uoregon.edu/current-students/ba-language-satisfying-courses))

# FAQ

## What is ARH 411 and why is it important?

In ARH 411 (Critical Approaches to Art Historical Study), you will acquire the methodological toolkit to become an independent thinker. The toolkit will also help you succeed in the research and writing assignments you'll be asked to carry out in our upper-division courses. ARH 411 is only offered once a year, so plan to enroll in it at the earliest opportunity.

## Why do I need lower-division courses?

The lower-division courses teach the broader context to the more focused investigations conducted in the upper-division courses. They also provide opportunities for you to explore new cultures and artistic traditions, so that you are better informed about the world and may discover interests you never knew you had.

## What is a “distribution requirement” and why do we have it?

Art history is a transdisciplinary and global study that also covers a broad timespan from the ancient to contemporary periods. The more you learn about the broader world and different time periods, the better equipped you will be to gain a deeper understanding of the aspect of art/architectural history that you are truly passionate about. In addition to depth, your breadth prepares you to engage and connect with people of different cultural backgrounds regardless of the career path you choose to pursue upon graduation.

## What is the HASA Honors Program?

The HASA Honors Program allows you to conduct independent research under the guidance of a faculty member. It is a great opportunity to produce something concrete and high quality as you complete your program. The honors essay you produce may be used as a writing sample (if you are considering applying to graduate schools) or evidence of your analytical skills and writing proficiency as you apply for jobs. If you are interested, please visit [design.uoregon.edu/arhistory/apply/honors](https://design.uoregon.edu/arhistory/apply/honors) or contact the director of Undergraduate Studies ([arthistoryugrad@uoregon.edu](mailto:arthistoryugrad@uoregon.edu)) to find out if you are eligible.

## Are there Departmental Scholarships and Awards?

Yes, there are. We have annual scholarships and awards for promising and distinguished undergraduate students. We also offer travel awards to support undergraduate research and conference presentations. Please contact the director of Undergraduate Studies ([arthistoryugrad@uoregon.edu](mailto:arthistoryugrad@uoregon.edu)) for further information.

## Further Questions?

- **Major Requirements, Honors Program, and Awards/Scholarships:** Director of Undergraduate Studies ([arthistoryugrad@uoregon.edu](mailto:arthistoryugrad@uoregon.edu))
- **CoreEd Requirements and Student Life:** HASA advisor at the College of Design Student Services ([design.uoregon.edu/student-services](https://design.uoregon.edu/student-services))
- **Not sure where to start?** Please contact or visit the College of Design Student Services ([design.uoregon.edu/student-services](https://design.uoregon.edu/student-services))
- **HASA website:** [design.uoregon.edu/arhistory](https://design.uoregon.edu/arhistory)

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