School of Art & Art History

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The School of Art & Art History unites the theory, practice, and history of the visual arts into an interwoven curriculum designed to produce practitioners who have a strong knowledge of the historical and theoretical underpinnings of their art, alongside historians, theorists, and museum professionals who have an equally strong understanding of visual culture and the creative practice that produces significant work.

Department of Art
The Department of Art offers the BFA in Art and the Minor in Art.

The Department of Art BFA and Minor focus on contemporary art practice and theory, which increasingly require transdisciplinary modes of thinking and discourse. Contemporary art practice has been steadily becoming more interdisciplinary since the 1960s. The Department of Art, with its BFA in Art degree, enables students to push the boundaries of their chosen medium and to reach across disciplines. The BFA in Art program allows the interweaving of theory, practice, and historical-cultural context. The transdisciplinary curriculum enables students to prepare a professional portfolio upon completion of the degree.

Department of Art History
The Department of Art History offers the BA in Art History, the Minor in Art History, and the Minor in Museum and Exhibition Studies (MUSE).

The Department of Art History takes advantage of its location at the heart of the country. Chicago, with its vibrant and often turbulent history, its outstanding contributions to art-making and architecture, and its richly endowed museums and libraries, offers an exceptional setting for the study of art and the urban environment. The department is devoted to the interdisciplinary exploration of artworks, artifacts, and architecture from antiquity to the present, across the world. Connecting the varied creative practices of the College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts, the Department of Art History engages the wider humanist educational mandate of the university as a whole. Art History serves the entire UIC community, with students from all over campus choosing to take our classes for General Education credit and as electives.

BA in Art History
Art history majors pursue careers and graduate education in university teaching and scholarship, museum work, arts advocacy, galleries, cultural foundations, architectural and art publication, public programming, broadcasting, business administration, law, library science, and urban planning.

Degree Programs
- BFA in Art (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/architecture-design-arts/art-ah/bfa-art)
- BA in Art History (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/architecture-design-arts/art-ah/ba-ah)

Minors
- Minor in Art (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/architecture-design-arts/art-ah/minor-art)
- Minor in Art History (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/architecture-design-arts/art-ah/minor-ah)
- Minor in Museum and Exhibition Studies (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/architecture-design-arts/art-ah/minor-mes)