Art History (AH)

Courses

AH 404. Topics in Architecture, Art and Design. 3 or 4 hours.
Selected topics in the history of European and North American
architecture, art and design. Course Information: 3 undergraduate
hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated up to 2 times if topics vary.
Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s):
3 hours of art history at the 200 level or consent of the instructor.

AH 407. The Power of the Image: Roman Sculpture as Propaganda. 3
or 4 hours.
Historical and thematic examination of the use of Roman sculpture, by
emperors and private individuals of all social classes, as an instrument of
personal and political propaganda. Course Information: Same as CL 407
and HIST 407. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s):
one of the following courses: AH 204, AH 205, AH 110, CL 101, CL
103, CL 203, CL 204, CL 205, HIST 203, HIST 205; or consent of the
instructor.

AH 420. History of Architecture I. 4 hours.
Introduction to architecture, urbanism, and architectural theory worldwide
from antiquity to 1450. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Graduate
standing.

AH 421. History of Architecture II. 4 hours.
Introduction to architecture, urbanism and architectural theory worldwide
from 1450 to the present. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Graduate
standing and AH 420.

AH 422. Topics in the Literature of Architecture. 3 or 4 hours.
Discussion of selected readings in the theory and criticism of architecture.
Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May
be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours in the history of
architecture or consent of the instructor.

AH 423. Topics in Modern and Contemporary Architecture. 4 hours.
Selected topics in modern and contemporary architecture. Course
Information: May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): Graduate
standing, and four hours in the history of architecture or consent of the
instructor.

AH 424. Topics in Architecture and Urban Form in Chicago. 2-4
hours.
Topics on the development of the built environment of the Chicago and
metropolitan area, and the effect on its architecture of social, political and
economic forces.

AH 430. Contemporary Photography. 3 or 4 hours.
Developments in the history of photography since 1950. Course
Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated
if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours in the history of photography or
consent of the instructor.

AH 431. Photographic Theory. 3 or 4 hours.
Developments in photographic theory from its prehistory in the camera
obscura and linear perspective through its heyday in the machine
age up to its place in our image world today. Course Information: 3
undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Recommended Background: AH
150 or any photography studio course.

AH 432. Topics in Film and Video. 3 or 4 hours.
Selected studies in genres, schools, individual artists, critics, and
theorists of film and video. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4
graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): Graduate
standing or 3 hours in the history of film or consent of the instructor.

AH 434. Women and Film. 3 or 4 hours.
Roles and representations of women in classical Hollywood, European
art and independent feminist cinemas. Course Information: Same as
ENGL 472, and WGS 472. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.
Prerequisite(s): ENGL 302 or ENGL 342 or ENGL 361 or ENGL 362 or
ENGL 363; and senior standing or above; or consent of instructor.

AH 435. Topics in Modern and Contemporary Design. 3 or 4 hours.
Topics in modern and contemporary design. Course Information: 3
undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary.
Prerequisite(s): 3 hours in the history of design or consent of the
instructor.

AH 441. Topics in Medieval Art and Architecture. 3 or 4 hours.
Selected topics in European art and architecture of the Middle Ages.
Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May
be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of medieval art and
architecture or consent of the instructor.

AH 450. Topics in Renaissance Art. 3 or 4 hours.
Selected topics in Early Renaissance, High Renaissance, or Mannerist
Art and Architecture. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4
graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours in art history at the 200 level or
above; consent of the instructor.

AH 460. Topics in Modern and Contemporary Art. 3 or 4 hours.
Selected topics in nineteenth- and twentieth-century modern and
contemporary art. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4
graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours
of modern art and architecture or consent of the instructor.

AH 463. Topics in North American Art and Architecture. 3 or 4 hours.
Selected topics in North American art and architecture from colonial times
to 1945. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.
May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of North American
art and architecture or consent of the instructor.

AH 464. Topics on Art in Chicago. 2-4 hours.
Topics on the survey of art in Chicago, from the nineteenth century to the
present, with an emphasis on contemporary Chicago art expressions.

AH 465. Arts of the Black Atlantic. 3 or 4 hours.
Interdisciplinary and discursive explorations of the visual and artistic
expressions of artists of African descent in the New World. Course
Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

AH 466. Material Worlds: Topics in Material Culture Studies. 3 or 4
hours.
Examines current theories of material culture, drawn from art history,
archaeology and anthropology to reflect on technologies of production
and social life of things. Case studies will be drawn from ancient,
medieval and modern historical context. Course Information: Same as
ANTH 466 and CL 466. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

AH 470. Topics in Indigenous American Art, Architecture, and Visual
Culture. 3 or 4 hours.
Selected topics in the art, architecture and visual culture of the
indigenous Americas. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4
graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary. Students may register for
more than one section per term. Recommended Background: 3 hours of
Art History (undergraduates); Graduate standing (graduates).
AH 471. Topics in Asian Art and Architecture. 3 or 4 hours.
Selected topics in the art and architecture of Asia. Course Information:
Same as GLAS 471. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May
be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): 3 hours of Asian art and/or
architecture or consent of the instructor.

AH 480. Collecting Art and Building the Art Museum. 3 or 4 hours.
The history of art collections and of art museums: public, academic,
and private collections of art, and the architectural development of
art museums. Formation of the earliest collections of art, and history of
American collectors. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4
graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): AH 110 and AH 111 or consent of the
instructor.

AH 481. Museum Practices. 3 or 4 hours.
Administration of visual arts organizations, their budgets, staffing,
structures, accreditation, and long-range planning. Course Information:
3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): AH 480 or
consent of the instructor.

AH 482. Museology Internship. 6 or 8 hours.
Practical supervised experience in institutions serving the visual arts.
Placements in museums, community art centers, college, commercial,
or non-traditional galleries, and public agencies. Course Information:
Prerequisite(s): AH 481 or consent of the instructor.

AH 483. Internship. 1-4 hours.
Introduction to professional practice offering students the opportunity to
couple academic learning with professional experience in an off-campus
placement. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only. May be
repeated. Field work required. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

AH 485. Introduction to Historic Preservation. 3 or 4 hours.
Preservation planning, historic building restoration, and the political and
economic factors affecting the conservation of historic resources. Course
Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated.
Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s):
3 hours of art history at the 200 level or consent of the instructor.

AH 490. Honors Thesis. 3 hours.
Individual study on a project selected with the approval of the
adviser. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only.
Prerequisite(s): Open only to seniors.

AH 491. Study Abroad in Art History. 0-12 hours.
Study abroad within an approved foreign exchange program or
department-sponsored program. Course Information: May be repeated
with approval. Approval to repeat course granted by the department.
Prerequisite(s): Approval of the department.

AH 492. Readings in Art and Architecture History. 1-4 hours.
Individually planned readings on selected topics under the supervision of
a faculty member. Course Information: 1 to 3 undergraduate hours.
2 to 4 graduate hours. May be repeated to a maximum of 9 hours for
undergraduate students or 12 hours for graduate students. Students
may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Junior
standing and 3 hours of Art History above the 100 level and consent of
the instructor. Enrollment priority will be given to majors and graduate
students in Art History.

Examines some of the intellectual underpinnings of art history, theory and
criticism and explores ways of doing research and making arguments in
art history. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing in art
history or consent of the instructor.

AH 511. Toward New Histories of the Visual Arts, 1960 to the
Present. 4 hours.
Examines the transformation of Art History, theory, and criticism since
1960 with regard to issues of gender, class, ethnicity, popular culture,
post-colonialism and contemporary aesthetics. Course Information:
Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing in art history or consent of the
instructor.

AH 512. Art History Teaching Seminar. 0 hours.
Theoretical and practical aspects of teaching in undergraduate courses
in the history of the visual arts. Course Information: Satisfactory/
Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated up to 1 time(s).
Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing in the art history program and
appointment as a teaching assistant in the department.

AH 513. PhD Proseminar. 4 hours.
Historical, theoretical, and critical issues in art history. Course
Information: May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite(s): Open only to
Ph.D. degree students; or consent of the instructor.

AH 522. Issues in Architecture, Design and Urbanism. 4 hours.
Theories and contemporary critical issues relating to the history of
the environment created and modified by people. Readings and
presentations on historic and regional variations.

AH 530. Seminar in The History of Photography. 4 hours.
Selected topics in the history of photography with emphasis on primary
source materials for research purposes. Course Information: May be
repeated if topics vary.

AH 532. Museum Collections. 4 hours.
Practical, theoretical and institutional settings of the museum and
exhibition professions. Students meet in seminar environments, read
and discuss core texts and ideas; travel to representative exhibition
and cultural heritage sites. Course Information: Extensive computer use
required. Prerequisite(s): Approval of the Department.

AH 540. Topics in Medieval, Byzantine and Islamic Art and
Architecture. 4 hours.
Selected topics in the art, architecture and archaeology of the Medieval
west, Byzantium and Islam. Course Information: May be repeated if
topics vary. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

AH 542. Exhibition Practices. 4 hours.
Core course in exhibition making history and practices. Exposure to the
mechanics of preparing exhibitions in physical and virtual environments;
exhibition planning, design, management, and marketing. Course
Information: Prerequisite(s): Approval of the Department.

AH 543. Writing for Exhibitions. 4 hours.
Practicum in producing texts for sites across physical and virtual museum
and exhibition environments, from labels to exhibition catalogs. Includes
digital and virtual exhibition venues. Course Information: Prerequisite(s):
Approval of the Department.

AH 544. Public Engagement in Museums. 4 hours.
Development of methods of audience and public interaction with
exhibiting institutions and forms. Includes practicum in publicity,
promotion, audience-development assessment. Course Information:
Prerequisite(s): Approval of the Department.

AH 545. Museum Genres, Practices and Institutions. 4 hours.
History of museums, cultural heritage sites, other sites of preservation
and exhibition; includes discussion of contemporary sites of virtual
display. Course Information: Field trips to multiple cultural sites in the
Chicago area. Prerequisite(s): Approval of the Department.
AH 546. Seminar in Museum and Exhibition Studies. 4 hours.
Investigation of a problem, topic or issue relevant to the interdisciplinary field of Museum and Exhibition Studies. Content varies. Course Information: Field trips required at a nominal fee. Prerequisite(s): Approval of the Department and Program Director. Recommended background: AH 532 and AH 543 and AH 545.

AH 550. Seminar in Renaissance and Baroque Art and Architecture. 4 hours.
European art and architecture of the Renaissance. Course Information: May be repeated if topics vary.

AH 560. Seminar in Modern Architecture, Art, and Design. 4 hours.
North American and European art, architecture and design between 1780 and 1945. Course Information: May be repeated if topics vary. Students may register in more than one section per term.

AH 561. Seminar in Contemporary Architecture and Art. 4 hours.
Selected topics in recent North American or European art, architecture and design. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

AH 562. Issues in the Art of the Americas. 4 hours.
Historical, theoretical and critical issues in the art of the Americas and the Caribbean; indigenous, imported, and diasporan cultures and the interaction between them.

North American art and architecture from the colonial period to 1945. Course Information: May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

AH 570. Seminar in Non-Western Art and Architecture. 4 hours.
Selected topics in Pre-Columbian, North American Indian, African, and Oceanic art.

AH 582. Supervised Internship in Museum and Exhibition Studies. 4 hours.
Practical supervised experience in institutions serving the visual arts. Placements in museums; community arts centers; college, commercial, or non-traditional galleries; public agencies, and commercial and not-for-profit sites. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. Prerequisite(s): Approval of the Department.

AH 590. MA Paper Research. 0-4 hours.
Student will work with advisors on two qualifying papers. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated to a maximum of 4 hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

AH 592. Preliminary Examination Research. 0-16 hours.
Supervised research and reading in preparation for the preliminary examinations. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours. Prerequisite(s): Open only to Ph.D. degree students. Only by consent of the Director of Graduate Studies and after all other coursework has been completed.

AH 596. Readings in Art and Architecture. 1-4 hours.
Individually planned readings on selected topics under the supervision of a faculty member. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

AH 597. Project Research. 0-8 hours.
Capstone project appropriate to area of study, developed in consultation with graduate advisor. Projects may cover areas of visual exhibition or professional practice that fall outside traditional boundaries of scholarly research. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): Approval of the Department.

AH 598. Master's Thesis Research. 0-8 hours.
Individual research under faculty direction. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

AH 599. Ph.D. Dissertation Research. 0-16 hours.
Supervised research on the part of the student. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated to a maximum of 24 hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor and satisfactory completion of the preliminary examination.