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 GWS 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, or 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 531. Seminar in Asian Art. 4 hours.
This graduate seminar examines topics in the art, architecture, and visual 
culture of Asia. Course Information:.

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.

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 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 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.