Art and Art History

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Art Studio

Major: Nine Studio Art courses: 113, 211 and 323; a three-dimensional course (222 or 232); a two-dimensional course (233 or 234); Three additional Studio Art electives; and 471 (culminating experience). Two Art History courses: a Western Art History course (112 or 328) and an Eastern Art History course (111, 346 or 347). Junior Portfolio Review*, 401, and a comprehensive evaluation with a passing grade.
Total of 11.25 major courses.
*The “junior portfolio review” is required but carries no grade or credit. It provides an opportunity for the Studio Art faculty and the student to discuss the student’s development at the end of the junior year.

Minor: 113; a three-dimensional course (222 or 232); a two-dimensional course (233 or 234); and 2 additional Studio Art electives. Total of 5 minor courses.

Art 110. Introduction to Art. The development of an understanding and appreciation of art forms. A blending of history, aesthetics and art criticism. A combination of seminar and studio experiences.

Art 113. Drawing I. An introduction to drawing and composition using largely black and white media to develop figurative and nonfigurative expression. Topics include basic fundamentals, perspective, anatomy, landscape, still life and personal expression. Fee charged.


Art 222. Ceramics. Through hand-building and throwing techniques, this course introduces the nature of clay and emphasizes the process of creating ceramics from concept to finished product. Fee charged.

Art 223. Drawing II. A continuation of Drawing I; further exploration of the figure with emphasis on color, pen and ink, charcoal and mixed media. Prerequisite: 113 or permission of instructor. Fee charged.

Art 232. Sculpture. This course introduces three-dimensional, non-utilitarian art forms, space, and content while developing an individualized creative process. A variety of material will be used with the emphasis on wood assembly and construction techniques. Fee charged.

Art 233. Printmaking. A basic understanding of printmaking as an art form. An introduction to basic techniques such as monotype, relief, and intaglio. Prerequisite: 110, 113, or 211. Fee charged.

Art 234. Painting. Introduction to the techniques of painting; composition; techniques; media; styles. Subjects include preparations of painting surfaces, painting processes and framing and exhibiting. Prerequisites: Either 113 or 211. Fee charged.

Art 243. Photography. An introduction to the photographic process as applied to creative art forms, history and philosophy. Extensive studio experiences emphasizing the black and white still photograph as an art form. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. Fee charged.
Art 260. Special Topics.

Art 307. Directed Study. .50 unit.

Art 323. Mixed Media. An interdisciplinary exploration of the combination of methods used in both two- and three-dimensional art forms, allowing students to work toward an integration of material, image, and artist, leading to creation of work based on connections discovered among music, poetry, literature, performing, and visual arts. Fee charged.

Art 324. Advanced Three-Dimensional Art. Students develop an individual direction and an awareness of definitions and criticism of three-dimensional art making. Students work in one or a combination of the following three-dimensional media: wood, plaster, resins, concrete, clay, or any appropriate material. Prerequisite: 222 or 232. Offered on demand. Fee charged.

Art 325. Advanced Two-Dimensional Art. Students develop an individual direction, awareness and criticism of two-dimensional art making. Students work in one or a combination of the following two-dimensional media: drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, digital design or any appropriate material. Prerequisite: Art 113 and one of Art 223, 233, 234 or 243. Fee charged.

Art 350. Drawing Abroad. Focus on the development of ideas and visual stimuli through sketchbook investigations. Extensive drawing done on site from master art works in major museums abroad.

Art 357. Internship. Off-campus supervised experience in art.

Art 360. Special Topics.

Art 370. Directed Study. One unit.

Art 401. Senior Seminar. Focuses on the professional development of the artist, including learning to give an artist lecture; short studies; write a vita; solicit exhibitions; write artist statements; hang and light exhibitions; frame, package, and ship works; and present a graduate portfolio. Prerequisite: Junior portfolio review (at end of junior year). .25 unit.

Art 457. Art Internship. Supervised off-campus educational experience in a professional environment. May be used as a senior culminating experience if taken in the senior year. Majors only. Offered on demand.

Art 471. Independent Study.

Art History

Major: Eight Art History courses: 111 and 112; five additional Art History electives (328, 339, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347); and either 457 or 471 (culminating experience). Two Studio Art courses: Art 211 and one Studio Art elective. Total of 10 major courses plus a comprehensive evaluation with a passing grade.

Recommended: two courses in both French and German.

Minor: either Art 110 or ArtH 112; plus four additional art history courses. Total of 5 minor courses.

ArtH 111. History of Eastern Art. A general introduction to the art of the ancient civilizations and traditional arts of Asia, focusing on India, China and Japan. Topics covered include Buddhist and Hindu art, landscape painting, sculpture, the woodblock print, and important monuments in East Asian art. (replaces ArtH 338; not open to students with prior credit in 338) Satisfies the Other Cultures LADR.
ArtH 112. History of Western Art. A historical survey from cave paintings to present. The course deals basically with Western art forms derived from the Near East, Europe and the United States. (replaces ArtH 218; not open to students with prior credit in 218)

ArtH 260. Special Topics.

ArtH 328. Contemporary Art. Analysis of contemporary art, its forms and display. Role of museums as exhibitor. Study of modern criticism and its role as interpreter of contemporary art. Field trips to major museums and galleries.

ArtH 339. Ancient Art and Architecture. The exploration of the history of painting, sculpture and architecture in the art of ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, Greece and Rome. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: ArtH 112 or 218 or permission.

ArtH 341. Medieval Art and Architecture. A concentration on monasteries, cathedrals and castles with their related manuscripts, sculptures and stained glass during the Romanesque and Gothic eras. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: ArtH 112 or 218 or permission.

ArtH 342. Renaissance Art and Architecture. A focus on the development of Italian art from the Late Gothic through Mannerist periods, studied in its social context. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: ArtH 112 or 218 or permission.

ArtH 343. Baroque and 18th-Century Art and Architecture. European art seen in relation to the periods of the Counter-Reformation, the Age of Absolutism and the Enlightenment. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: ArtH 112 or 218 or permission.

ArtH 344. 19th-Century Art and Architecture. A survey of art extending from the revolutionary eras in America and France to the beginnings of modernist art at the turn of the century. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: ArtH 112 or 218 or permission.

ArtH 345. Art in the United States. A survey of American art and architecture from the revolution to World War II. Field trips are a required element of this class. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: ArtH 112 or 218 or permission.

ArtH 346. Art of China. An introduction to major artistic traditions in China. Topics include art and ritual, visual arts and the quest for immortality, Buddhist art, landscape painting, palace architecture, and modern and contemporary art. Satisfies the Other Cultures LADR.

ArtH 347. Art of Japan. An introduction to important works of sculpture, architecture and painting from prehistory through the nineteenth century, including Shinto shrines, Buddhist art, narrative scrolls, Zen art, and woodblock prints. Satisfies the Other Cultures LADR. Offered alternate years.

ArtH 357. Internship. Off-campus supervised experience in art history.

ArtH 360. Special Topics.

ArtH 457. Art History Internship. Supervised off-campus educational experience in a professional environment. May be used as senior culminating experience if taken in the senior year. Majors only. Offered on demand.

ArtH 471. Independent Study.