History of Art (HISTART-MN)

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The history of art minor consists of five courses (15 credit hours) from the department’s offerings, at least two (6 credit hours) of which must be at the 4000-level or above. For the minor, not more than three (3) courses at the 2000-level or 3000-level may be used to complete the 15 required credit hours. In order to take courses at the 5000-level, the student must have the stated history of art prerequisite,* the permission of instructor, or an appropriate course in another department (as approved by the history of art advisor).

Students can choose one of three tracks to successfully complete a History of Art Minor or design their own program in consultation with one of the department faculty advisors. Upon completion of the appropriately distributed 15 credit hours in the history of art, a faculty advisor will approve and sign the Minor Program Form. You may then file the Minor Program Form with your college or school counselor to receive a minor in History of Art at graduation.

*Some courses may have prerequisites. Please consult the course bulletin before enrolling in courses that you want to count toward the Minor in History of Art.

General track sample minor: If you wish to obtain a basic understanding of the principles of art history, terminology, and knowledge of the major periods of western art, the following program would be suitable.

History of Art 2001, 2002, 3002*, 3301, 3521 (three of the five); plus two history of art courses at the 4000 or 5000-level in European or American Art.

*Not open to students who have credit for more than one course from the 2000-level.

Period track sample minor: If you wish to obtain specialized knowledge in one area of art history, you might pursue the following program.

Modern Art*
History of Art 2002 or 4605. Four courses at the 4000, 5000, or 8000-level in 18th, 19th, 20th or 21st century art.

*A similar program may be constructed for other fields such as Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, etc.

Culture groups or culture track sample minor. If you wish to obtain some knowledge of a culture or a group of cultures, a program such as the following might be pursued. Such minors are especially appropriate for students in related majors.

Asian Art*
History of Art 2003. Four art history courses at the 4000, 5000 or 8000-level in the Asian art fields.

*Similar specializations could be worked out for Latin American or Islamic Art.

History of Art minor program guidelines

Required for graduation  No

Credit hours required  A minimum of 15.1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credits should be at the 4000 level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed  A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE  A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)  • The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
• The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required  • Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor
• Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor
• Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor
• No more than 3 credit hours of coursework graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits  No more than 3 credit hours.

Approval required  The minor program must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor

Filing the minor program form  The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.
Changing the minor. Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.