Art History and Criticism (ARH)
Department of Art, College of Arts and Sciences

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Minors of particular interest to students majoring in Art History: French (FRN), German (GER), Cinema and Cultural Studies (CCS), Studio Art (ARS) Minors of particular interest to students majoring in Studio Art: Digital Arts (DIA), Art History (ARH), Interdisciplinary Arts (LIA), Media Arts (MDA)

Department of Art
The Department of Art offers two majors and three minors. They offer a major and minor in art history and criticism, a major and minor in studio art, and a minor in digital arts (see separate listing for DIA minor in this Bulletin).

The undergraduate programs in Art are designed to provide the student with a thorough background in the history and criticism of art, as well as sound training in studio techniques and theory. The courses of study, while allowing students a considerable degree of choice, will also usually fulfill requirements for admission to graduate study or preparation for professional work in the field.

Art History and Criticism majors acquire a thorough foundation in the history of Western art and architecture, from ancient to modern, with tracks also in non-Western art, and such practical aspects of the discipline as gallery management.

Studio Art majors concentrate on the creative, technical, and practical aspects of the discipline, acquiring a broad-based background in drawing, design, painting, and sculpture, plus specialized tracks in ceramics, printmaking, photography, electronic media, and computer imaging. In addition, majors are expected to acquire a sound foundation in art history and criticism with the emphasis on modernism.

Department of Art graduates who go on to work in the discipline usually acquire some postgraduate training, which may include anything from a few additional courses to such advanced graduate degrees as the M.A., M.F.A., or Ph.D. Studio Art graduates hold teaching positions up to and including the college, university, and professional school level; others work as commercial artists, printers, photographers, and designers. Art History and Criticism graduates hold teaching positions in colleges and universities; others work as gallery or museum administrators, or as art critics.

Degree Requirements - Art History and Criticism
Requirements for the Major in Art History and Criticism (ARH)
The major in Art History and Criticism (ARH) leads to the Bachelor of Arts degree. All courses offered for the major must be passed with a letter grade of C or higher. Completion of the major requires 39 credits, at least 18 of which must be upper division.

1. Two introductory art history courses:
   ARH 101 Art in Culture from Prehistoric Times to the Age of the Cathedrals, ca. 1400 A.D.
   ARH 102 Art in Culture from the Early Renaissance, ca. 1400, to Postmodernism

2. One or two 400-level seminar courses (ARH 420 or ARH 490)

3. Courses in Art History and Criticism (21-24 credits) distributed to include at least one course in four of the following areas:
   a. Ancient and medieval art and architecture: ARH 300, ARH 301, ARH 302, ARH 305, ARH 325
   b. Renaissance (14th to 16th century) and Early Modern (17th to 18th century): ARH 306, ARH 307, ARH 310, ARH 314, ARH 315, ARH 316, ARH 320, ARH 337, ARH 390
   c. Modern (19th to 20th century) art and architecture: ARH 205, ARH 322, ARH 324, ARH 330, ARH 331, ARH 332, ARH 333, ARH 342
   d. Asian, Middle Eastern, African, Oceanic, Native American, and Mesoamerican art and architecture: ARH 201, ARH 203, ARH 317, ARH 318, ARH 319, ARH 326, ARH 328, ARH 329
   e. Contemporary Art and Photography, Performance, and Visual Culture: CCS 101, ARH 334, ARH 335, ARH 336, ARH 344, ARH 345, ARH 365, ARH 404
   f. Advanced Independent study: ARH 487, ARH 495

4. One of the following (6 credits):
ARS 154, plus one additional ARS course, or Foreign language (especially for students planning graduate work in art history), a year of French of German at the Intermediate level or higher, or another language, after consultation with the Undergraduate Director.

5. Upper-Division Writing Requirement: Students must demonstrate acceptable writing skills before they graduate. Before the end of the second semester of his or her junior year, each student majoring in Art History and Criticism must submit to the director of undergraduate studies three term papers (minimum 5 pages) for art history courses together with each instructor’s satisfactory evaluation, confirming that the paper demonstrates advanced writing proficiency suitable for art history majors.

At least two of the papers must have been written for upper-division courses and for different instructors. The student must notify the instructor before each paper is turned in that it is intended to satisfy this requirement in addition to the course requirements. A student anticipating or experiencing difficulty in satisfying this requirement should seek the advice of the director of undergraduate studies as soon as possible.

Art Department Residency Requirement
Art History transfer students must take at least 12 upper division ARH credits for the major at Stony Brook.

Requirements for the Minor in Art History (ARH)
With the minor in Art History, the student acquires both a broad background in art history and a more thorough knowledge of art history in one or more of the following areas: ancient, medieval, Asian/African/Oceanic/Native American/Mesoamerican, Renaissance, Baroque, or Modern. All courses offered for the minor must be passed with a letter grade of C or higher.

Completion of the minor requires 21 credits in art history, of which at least nine credits must be in upper-division courses.

1. Two introductory Art History courses: ARH 101 Art in Culture from Prehistoric Times to the Age of the Cathedrals, ca. 1400 A.D.; ARH 102 Art in Culture from the Early Renaissance, ca. 1400, to Postmodernism
2. An ancient, Middle Eastern, medieval, Asian, African, Oceanic, Native American, or Mesoamerican art course
3. A Renaissance, Baroque, or Modern art course
4. Nine additional credits in art history

Sample Course Sequence for the Major in Art History/Criticism

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ART HISTORY AND CRITICISM (ARH) - COURSES

ARH

Art History

ARH 101 - D: Art in Culture from Prehistoric Times to the Age of the Cathedrals, ca. 1400 A.D.
A survey of the history of painting, sculpture, and architecture from its beginnings in prehistoric times to the end of the Middle Ages. Works of art are studied both as individual monuments with intrinsic aesthetic appeal and as expressions of the needs, ideals, and aspirations of the particular society in which they were created.
3 credits

ARH 102 - D: Art in Culture from the Early Renaissance, ca.1400, to Postmodernism
A survey of the history of painting, sculpture, and architecture from the Renaissance to the present day. Works of art are studied both as individual monuments with intrinsic aesthetic appeal and as expressions of the needs, ideals, and aspirations of the particular society in which they were created.
3 credits

ARH 201 - D: Arts of Africa, Oceania, and the Americas
An introduction to the arts of Africa, Oceania, and the Americas. Following discussion of basic concepts in studying non-Western art, the course focuses on comparing and contrasting the arts of particular societies in each of these regions from ancient times to the present.
Advisory Prerequisite: U2 standing
3 credits

ARH 205 - G: Introduction to Architecture
An introduction to the discipline of architecture through various interpretations of its technological and cultural functions. Focusing on the history of architecture’s engagement with engineering, anthropology, sociology, and politics, this course explores changing conceptions of the nature and the task of architecture.
3 credits

ARH 207: Digital Media: History and Theory
An introduction to historical and theoretical issues in digital media. Following discussion of basic concepts in studying digital media, the course focuses on examining the history of computer technologies, and their theoretical implications and cultural ramifications in the present. This course is offered as ARH 207 and DIA 207.
3 credits

ARH 299: Gallery Management Workshop
Development of practical skills in the business and managerial problems of an art gallery. Assigned readings focus on arts administration, arts conservation, and connoisseurship. May be repeated twice.
Prerequisite: ARH 101 or 102
1 credit

ARH 300 - I: Greek Art and Architecture
The study of ancient Greek art and architecture from the earliest beginnings in the geometric period through the archaic, classical, and Hellenistic periods.
Prerequisite: ARH 101
3 credits

ARH 301 - I: Greek Art and Architecture
The study of ancient Greek art and architecture from the Republic through the archaic, classical, and Hellenistic periods.
Prerequisite: ARH 101
3 credits

ARH 302 - J: Ancient Egyptian Art
Survey of art and architecture of ancient Egypt from the earliest beginnings in the geometric period through the archaic, classical, and Hellenistic periods.
Prerequisite: ARH 101
3 credits

ARH 304 - I: The Age of Michelangelo in Central Italy
An exploration of the works of Michelangelo, Da Vinci and other major masters, including Raphael, Bramante and Pontormo, who inspired, were influenced by or rejected the work and ideals of Michelangelo. This course is offered as both ARH 304 and HUI 304.
Prerequisite: ARH 101
Advisory prerequisite: ARH 306
3 credits

ARH 306 - I: The Early Renaissance in Italy
Art in Italy in from the late 13th through the 15th centuries, with special emphasis on Florence and Siena, and such major figures as Masaccio, Donatello, Piero della Francesca, and Botticelli. This course offered as both ARH 306 and HUI 306.
Prerequisite: ARH 101
3 credits

ARH 307 - I: The Age of Michelangelo in Central Italy
The special qualities of Venetian art, which blends Byzantine, Islamic, and Western traditions, are explored through the works of such major figures as Giovanni Bellini, Giorgione, Titian, Veronese, and Palladio. Course offered as both ARH 310 and HUI 310.
Prerequisite: ARH 101 and 102
Advisory prerequisite: ARH 307
3 credits

ARH 310 - I: Splendors of Renaissance Art in Venice
The special qualities of Venetian art, which blends Byzantine, Islamic, and Western traditions, are explored through the works of such major figures as Giovanni Bellini, Giorgione, Titian, Veronese, and Palladio.
Prerequisite: ARH 307 and HUI 307
3 credits

ARH 314 - I: Northern Baroque Art and Architecture, 1600-1700
A study structured around the comparison of the art and architecture of urban and court cultures in 17th century Flanders, Netherlands, France, and England. Topics include royal and court portraiture (Rubens, Van Dyck, Le Brun), individual and civic portraiture of the Dutch middle classes (Rembrandt, Hals), genre painting and the marketing of 'low life' imagery (Steen, Brouwer), the production of the domestic sphere in Dutch everyday life scenes (Vermeer, Metsu, Ter Borch), the rise of landscape (Poussin, Lorrain, Hobbema), as well as urban and court spectacle in Antwerp, London, and Versailles.
Prerequisite: ARH 102
3 credits

ARH 316 - I: Baroque Art in Italy and Spain, 1600-1700
Examination of the visual culture of Counter Reformation Italy and Spain, focusing predominantly on art and architecture of 17th century Rome and the Spanish court. The painting of Caravaggio and Carracci, as well as the sculpture and architecture of Bernini and Borromini are studied in detail. Topics include genre painting and the emergence of the art market; gender stereotypes and the market for religious images of eroticism, mysticism, and violence in Italy and Spain; secular frescoes and their patrons; papal projects and the transformation of Rome; strategies of self representation for the religious orders; portraiture and art collecting at the Spanish court; and Baroque encounters with the New World.

Prerequisite: ARH 102
3 credits

ARH 317 - J: Islamic Art
Art and architecture in the Islamic world from ca. 600 A.D. to the present, introducing the varied traditions of the arts of the Islamic world, from Spain and Morocco to the Indian subcontinent. Consideration of both religious and secular art and architecture in their historical and cultural contexts with emphasis on the development of Islamic forms of visual representation. This course is offered as both AAS 317 and ARH 317.

Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; one ARH course
3 credits

ARH 319 - J: Arts of China
A survey of Chinese art from the Neolithic period to modern-day China. Visual media such as bronze, jade, sculpture, ink painting and pottery as well as their cultural influence on philosophy, literature, religion and politics will be explored. The course will also examine the influence of India and Central Asian on Chinese art and, in turn, China’s influence on Korean and Japanese art.

Prerequisite: One DEC D course and U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

ARH 320 - I: Art in the Age of Enlightenment
A survey of European art from about 1690 to 1790. Although lectures usually focus on a single artist at a time, the course as a whole stresses artistic attitudes as well as a progression of styles. An effort is made to study art in historical and cultural context, especially in the light of the new philosophies of rationalism, empiricism and individualism that developed and led to both industrial and political revolutions. The three schools covered are the Venetian, English, and French, from the late Baroque and the Rococo styles to the rise of landscape and early Romantic art. Major artists treated are Tiepolo, Canaletto, Watteau, Chardin, Boucher, Fragonard, Hogarth, Gainsborough, Greuze and David.

Prerequisite: ARH 102
3 credits

ARH 322 - G: American Art Since 1947
A survey of painting and sculpture in New York, including abstract expressionism, hard edge painting, pop art, minimal art, earthworks, protest art, and postmodernism.

Prerequisite: ARH 102
Advisory Prerequisite: ARH 342
3 credits

ARH 324 - G: Architecture and Design
Survey of architecture and design from the end of the 18th century to the present. Subjects covered include the crystallization and evolution of Romantic classicism and Romantic naturalism, historicism, the arts and crafts movement, art nouveau, machine aesthetics, the beaux arts tradition, functionalism, the international style, art deco, and postmodernism.

Prerequisite: ARH 102
3 credits

ARH 325 - J: Ancient Mesopotamian Art
Survey of the art and architecture of ancient Mesopotamia from the establishment of the first cities and the development of the first monumental architecture (c. 3300 B.C.) through the Hellenistic conquest. Focus on concepts of representation and aesthetics and their uses in politics, private rituals, and state cults.

Prerequisite: ARH 101
3 credits

ARH 326 - J: Arts of Ancient Mesoamerica
A survey of the artistic and cultural achievements of the major civilizations of Central America prior to the European conquest. Emphasis is on architectural and sculptural art forms and the ritual, social, and political contexts within which they were created.

Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: ARH 201
3 credits

ARH 329 - G: Arts of the African Diaspora
A study of the arts of the African Diaspora from the African continent to Brazil, Surinam, the Caribbean, and the United States. Emphasis is on the full range of art forms, including not only sculptural and performance traditions, but also textiles, basketry, and other crafts. Cultural continuities, spiritual belief, and significant changes in context, meaning, style, and technology are examined. This course is offered as both AFH 339 and ARH 329.

Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: ARH 201
3 credits

ARH 331 - K: American Art to 1870
Issues of the history of American painting, sculpture, and architecture from the early colonial period to the post-Reconstruction era. The course examines the creative accomplishments of both prominent and lesser-known American artists; and promotes a broader perspective of United States art history by highlighting art’s relationship to developments in American history.

Prerequisite: ARH 101 or 102
3 credits

ARH 332 - K: American Art, 1870-1940
The histories of American painting, sculpture, and architecture, and photography from the period spanning Reconstruction and the rise of modern urban commercial culture to the beginning of World War II. The course examines the creative accomplishments of various prominent American artists and promotes a broader perspective of United States art history by highlighting art’s relationship to developments in American history.

Prerequisite: ARH 101 or 102
Advisory prerequisite: ARH 331
3 credits

ARH 333 - K: Arts for the Public
The history of efforts to develop forms of artistic work that engage broad audiences
of citizens and consumers. Examination of a range of enterprises spanning the century, including monuments, murals, animated cartoons, propaganda, and the Web. Drawing on perspectives from art history, social history, and cultural studies, the course considers developments throughout the 20th century in the United States such as urbanization, political and business expansion, class and racial conflict, war, and technological innovation, in relation to art work.

Prerequisite: ARH 102 or CCS 101
Advisory prerequisite: ARH 332 or 342
3 credits

**ARH 342 - G: Art of the 20th Century**
The major movements and individual artists in 20th-century painting and sculpture, including reference to the broader sociocultural context of art.

Prerequisite: ARH 102
3 credits

**ARH 344 - G: Performance Art I: World War II to the Present**
This course explores the history and theory of performance art from World War II to the present, using an international perspective to identify different forms and practices from Happenings to Body Art and the introduction of new technologies. Questions addressed focus on the choices made by artists, and the forces within the culture that encourage the forms they use. Course projects include developing a site-specific performance and a term paper. This course is offered as both ARH 344 and THR 344.

Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; one ARH, ARS, MUS, or THR course
Advisory Prerequisite: ARH/THR 334
3 credits

**ARH 345 - G: The Moving Image in 20th-century Art**
A survey of the use of cinematic technologies within modern and contemporary art practice, from the historical avant-guard to contemporary multiscreen video installation. Situates the history and theory of this work in relation to the evolution of modern art and media culture.

Prerequisites: ARH 102 or CCS 101
Advisory Prerequisites: ARH 332 or 342
3 credits

**ARH 346 - I: Art and Politics in the Age of Revolution**
A survey of European art from about 1790 to 1850, stressing artistic attitudes as well as a progression of styles. A special effort is made to view art in historical and cultural context. A principal theme is the development of the modern artistic ideology through ideals such as genius, originality, and the sublime, all of which emerge in the context of a series of political revolutions going from 1789 to 1848. Conflict between the aesthetic and the political, the personal and the public, the traditional and the modern will be explored. Major artists treated are: David, Goya, Fuessli, Blake, Runge, Friedrich, Constable, Ingres, Gericault, Delacroix, Turner, Courbet. Not for credit in addition to ARH 341.

Prerequisite: ARH 102
Advisory Prerequisite: One or more 300-level ARH courses
3 credits

**ARH 347 - I: Avant-Garde Art: Realism, Impressionism, Post-Impressionism**
An examination of the origins of the avant-garde in European painting and its revolutionary developments from Impressionism through Post-Impressionism. The course explores the social, political, and cultural roots of the artists who overturned conservative traditions in favor of modern values and thus established the basis and direction for the art of our time. Conflicts between the aesthetic and the political, the personal and the public, the traditional and the modern will be explored. Social relationships, including those of class and gender, are also embedded in works claiming objective naturalism. Major artists treated are Manet, Degas, Monet, Renoir, Pissarro, Seurat, Van Gogh, Gauguin and Cezanne. Not for credit in addition to ARH 341.

Prerequisite: ARH 102
Advisory Prerequisite: One or more 300-level ARH courses
3 credits

**ARH 370 - I: Masterpieces of Western Art**
In-depth exploration of a select number of major art works central to the Western tradition, e.g., the Parthenon, Chartres Cathedral, the Sistine Chapel. Monuments are analyzed visually, historically, technically, and in terms of their meaning and function for those who commissioned and those who created them. The student develops a critical vocabulary for the analysis, interpretation, and experience of the work of art. Among the issues discussed is the continuing aesthetic and expressive validity or significance of a monument despite changes of context and culture. Not for major credit.

Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; Completion of D.E.C. categories B and D
3 credits

**ARH 390 - I: Topics in European Art**
Semester supplements to this Bulletin contain specific descriptions when course is offered. Past topics have included titles such as Mythology in Art; European Popular Art; and Italian Renaissance Sculpture. Designed for upper-division students, this course provides an in-depth study of a specific topic relating
to Western civilization. Students will be expected to demonstrate knowledge of the distinctive features of the history, institutions, economy, society, and culture of Western civilization, and relate it to that of other regions in the world. May be repeated as the topic changes.

Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; additional prerequisites when topic is announced

3 credits

**ARH 391 - G: Topics in Global Art**

Semester supplements to this Bulletin contain specific descriptions when course is offered. Topics may include titles such as The Art of India or The Experience of Contemporary Art. Semester supplements to this Bulletin contain specific descriptions when course is offered. May be repeated as the topic changes. Designed for upper-division students, this course provides an in-depth study of a specific topic relating to non-Western world civilizations. Students will be expected to demonstrate either a knowledge of a broad outline of world history, or the distinctive features of the history, institutions, economy, society, and culture of one non-Western civilization. May be repeated as the topic changes.

Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; one ARH course

3 credits

**ARH 396 - K: Topics in American Art**

Topics in U.S. art, placed within a broad historical context, including social, political, economic, and cultural history and institutions. Topics may include gender issues in art history. American art from colonial to the present.

Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; one ARH course

3 credits

**ARH 400: Topics in Art History and Criticism**

Semester supplements to this Bulletin contain specific description when course is offered. May be repeated as the topic changes.

Prerequisites: ARH 101 or 102; one other ARH course, varying with topic

3 credits

**ARH 420: History and Methods of Art History**

Seminar designed to engage students with the history and methods of art history. Through close readings of key texts and discussions, the course explores issues raised by aesthetics, iconography, formalism, the social history of art, as well as the impact of semiotics, feminism, psychoanalysis, and post-modernism on the discipline of art history.

Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; ARH 101 and 102

Advisory Prerequisite: One other ARH course

3 credits

**ARH 475: Undergraduate Teaching Practicum I**

Work with a faculty member as an assistant in one of the faculty member's regularly scheduled classes. The student is required to attend all the classes, do all the regularly assigned work, and meet with the faculty member at regularly scheduled times to discuss the intellectual and pedagogical matters relating to the course. In ARH 476, students assume greater responsibility in such areas as leading discussions and analyzing results of tests that have already been graded. Students may not serve as teaching assistants in the same course twice.

Prerequisites: ARH 475; permission of instructor and director of undergraduate studies

3 credits, S/U grading

**ARH 485: Projects in Art History and Criticism in New York City**

Independent work, under the supervision of a faculty member, investigating work or works from a particular style or period in New York City.

Prerequisites: ARH 101 and 102; two other ARH courses; permission of sponsor and department

0-6 credits
An advanced seminar for juniors and seniors that prepares students for continued study or work in the fields of art history, criticism, museum studies and other related areas. Topic will change each year depending on the topic chosen by the instructor.

*Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; ARH 101 and 102; one additional ARH course*

3 credits

**ARH 495: Senior Honors Project in Art History and Criticism**

A one-semester project for art history and criticism majors who are candidates for the degree with departmental honors.

*Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and department*

3 credits