

History of Art and Architecture Major

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The visual image has been an important vehicle for communication in many societies, and in today's culture it increasingly displaces words and texts. In the Department of the History of Art and Architecture, students receive training in the critical analysis of images and monuments that have come to be defined as the monumental arts of painting, sculpture, and architecture, and of those objects and monuments which have conventionally fallen outside this monumental art: sacred and secular, elite and popular,

and marginal.

The standard major will provide students with knowledge of the historical and geographic breadth of art's history and enable the development of critical skills central to the discipline. An intensive track is highly recommended for students who consider History of Art and Architecture their primary or only major. Majors are encouraged to gain professional experience through internships in local art museums and organizations. The department also offers minors in Museum Studies and Preservation and students are encouraged to consider these curricular options to develop more professionalized skills. The Museum Studies minor capitalizes on our partnerships with the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh and other local institutions and enables students to work directly on an exhibition in our University Art Gallery. The Preservation minor is offered to students who are interested in a more specialized focus on the preservation and documentation of historic architecture and the built environment.

Required courses for the History of Art and Architecture major

The HAA major requires the completion of 29 credits. An intensive major option (38 credits) also exists and is highly recommended for students whose only major is HAA and/or who seek to embark on arts-related careers.

Core courses

HAA 0010 Introduction to World Art or ARC 0150 Introduction to Western Architecture

HAA 0101

Satisfactory/No Credit option

No course required for the major can be taken on an S/NC basis except HAA 1901, HAA 1903, HAA 1904, HAA 1905, and HAA 1909. These experiential learning courses do not count toward the 1000-level requirements.

Writing (W) requirement