ART HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

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The Department of Art History & Archaeology is a community of students and scholars that focuses on visual expression to understand culture in all its breadth and variations. Students in Art History & Archaeology study an expansive history of objects from the fine arts (painting, sculpture, architecture) to street art. In the classroom and with leading DC area arts institutions, you will refine your thinking about visual culture in both art historical and archaeological contexts, working across a wide range of histories, perspectives, and values.

Students are encouraged to supplement their art historical and archaeological studies with courses in other fields, to participate in internships at local museums and galleries, and to take advantage of Maryland’s study abroad programs. Students who have completed a minimum of 60 credits may apply to the Department’s honors program.

Programs

Major

- Art History Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/art-history-archaeology/art-history-major/)

Minors

- Archaeology Minor (ARTH) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/art-history-archaeology/archaeology-minor/)
- Art History Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/art-history-archaeology/art-history-minor/)

Advising

Our director of undergraduate studies and undergraduate advisor are ready to help. For contact information, office hours, and other details, go to: http://arthistory.umd.edu/undergraduate-advising (http://arthistory.umd.edu/undergraduate-advising/)

Departmental advising is mandatory for all majors. Once registration begins, students must make an appointment for departmental advising before the department can remove their registration block. Students should check for registration blocks and advising hours.

Experiential Learning

Students of junior standing or higher may receive academic credit for spring or fall museum/gallery internships via ARTH386. This course can count as one of the seven 3xx/4xx-level ARTH courses required for completion of the ARTH major. Prerequisites: permission of the Department and 60 credit hours completed.

Honors Program

If you have completed at least 60 credits and at least 12 credits in Art History and Archaeology courses, you are eligible to develop a topic with a faculty supervisor and to work toward departmental honors at graduation. Such honors will be noted on your official transcript. Consult the Director of Undergraduate Studies for details. Among your seven 3xx/4xx-level ARTH courses required for the major, you must take at least one colloquium (ARTH488) and you also must take Methods of Art History (ARTH496). In addition to the regular requirements for the major, you must research and write an Honors Thesis (ARTH499), normally in the year when you will graduate. Before registering for this course you must identify and gain the support of a faculty supervisor. The faculty supervisor must be a regular member of the ARTH Department faculty. Adjunct faculty members do not supervise honors theses.

Student Societies and Professional Organizations

The Department of Art History and Archaeology has an active Undergraduate Art History Association (AHA) and is also affiliated with OrgSync. Interested students should contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies or the Undergraduate Advisor for more information or go to http://www.arthistory.umd.edu/art-history-association-aha (http://www.arthistory.umd.edu/art-history-association-aha/) and https://www.facebook.com/UmdAHA (https://www.facebook.com/UmdAHA/).
Scholarships and Financial Assistance

The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) administers all types of federal, state and institutional financial assistance programs and, in cooperation with other university offices, participates in the awarding of scholarships to deserving students. For information, visit: www.financialaid.umd.edu (http://www.financialaid.umd.edu).

Awards and Recognition

The Department of Art History and Archaeology offers four undergraduate awards each year at spring commencement. The Judith K. Reed Scholarship is awarded to an exemplary ARTH major of junior standing. The Judith K. Reed Commencement Award, the George Levitine Award, and the Frank DiFederico Award are granted to outstanding graduating ARTH seniors.