

B.A. in Art History

College of Visual Arts & Design Suggested 4-Year Curriculum Guide
2026-2027 Academic Year, curriculum expires August 2034

First Year Fall Semester (15 credits)
ART 2350: Art History Survey 1 (core)
ART 2370: Art History Survey 3 (core)
Foreign Language
College Math core option (MATH 1580 recommended)
ENGL 1310: First-Year Writing 1 (or 1311: Honors, core)

First Year Spring Semester (15 credits)
ART 2360: Art History Survey 2 (core)
Foundations/Studio Art
Foreign Language
Social & Behavioral Sciences core option
ENGL 1320: First-Year Writing 2 (or 1321: Honors, core)

Second Year Fall Semester (15 credits)
ARTH 4800: Methodologies in History of Art & Visual Culture
Foundations/Studio Art
Foreign Language
HIST 2610: United States History to 1865 (or 2675: Honors, core)
Life & Physical Sciences core option

Second Year Spring Semester (15 credits)
Advanced Art History, pre-1800
CVAD Elective (ART, ADES, ARTE, ARTH, ASTU)
Foreign Language
HIST 2620: United States History since 1865 (or 2685: Honors, core)
Life & Physical Sciences core option

Third Year Fall Semester (15 credits)
Advanced Art History, pre-1800
Advanced Art History
Advanced Minor Course
CVAD Elective (ART, ADES, ARTE, ARTH, ASTU)
PSCI 2305: Political Behavior & Policy (or 2315: Honors, core)

Third Year Spring Semester (15 credits)
Advanced Art History, pre-1800
Advanced Art History
Advanced Minor Course
Elective
PSCI 2306: Constitutions & Institutions (or 2316: Honors, core)

Fourth Year Fall Semester (15 credits)
ARTH 4848: Art History Senior Seminar
Advanced Art History
Advanced Elective (any subject, 3000+)
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Fourth Year Spring Semester (15 credits)
Advanced Art History
Advanced Elective (any subject, 3000+)
Advanced Minor or Advanced Elective, depending upon minor
Component Area Option core course (See Academic Advisor)
Elective
Total required credit hours: 120

Important Notes:

- Courses that fulfill the “Advanced Art History, pre-1800” requirement are listed on Page 2.
- **A minor from outside of CVAD is required.** While a foreign language is recommended as the minor, particularly for students who anticipate pursuing graduate studies in Art History, students may select another minor. Regardless of minor chosen, all art history majors are required to complete four semesters of foreign language (1010, 1020, 2040, & 2050).
- **Graduation Requirements:** Grades of “C” or better are required for all CVAD requirements. Additional graduation requirements include: 42 hours must be advanced; 24 of the 42 advanced hours must be completed at UNT. Must have a 2.0 GPA (UNT & overall) and a 2.5 GPA within the major. Students are encouraged to run their [online degree audit](#) regularly to track the completion of all requirements for this degree.
- Please visit the [CVAD website](#) for up-to-date information. Additionally, many common questions are answered on the [CVAD Advising Frequently Asked Questions page](#).

Pre-1800 Advanced Art History Courses

Nine (9) hours selected from:

- ARTH 4802: Art of Ancient Greece
- ARTH 4803: Art of Ancient Rome
- ARTH 4804: Medieval Art
- ARTH 4805: Topics in Medieval Art
- ARTH 4806: Topics in Renaissance Art
- ARTH 4807: Topics 17th-Century
- ARTH 4808: 18th-Century Art
- ARTH 4809: Topics in 18th-Century Art
- ARTH 4824: Topics in Asian Art
- ARTH 4826: Pompeii: Art & Life on the Bay of Naples
- ARTH 4846: Art of the Ancient Near East
- ARTH 4847: Topics in Ancient Mediterranean Art
- ARTH 4849: Dress & Fashion in the Early Modern Period

Other advanced art history courses, especially ARTH 4801 when the topic focuses on pre-1800 content, may be allowable with department consent.

Senior Seminar Course for Art History Majors

Art History majors must successfully complete Senior Seminar (ARTH 4848) in order to graduate. Students must have successfully completed Art History Methodologies (ARTH 4800) in order to register for Senior Seminar. Art History Methodologies and Senior Seminar are both offered in fall semesters only and may not be taken concurrently.

Art History Graduate Track Pathway

The Art History program offers a graduate track pathway that allows selected undergraduate art history majors to begin the M.A. in Art History program in the last year of undergraduate study. Graduate track students complete up to six graduate hours before completing the B.A. degree. This program is a great way to jumpstart a career in the gallery or museum world or move you on to a Ph.D. program. Additional information is provided in ARTH 4800, required as part of the Art History degree.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Minimum of 75 credit hours completed and cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, including:
 - 15 hours of advanced art history at UNT with a GPA in these courses of 3.5 or better
 - completion of the undergraduate foreign language requirement
2. ARTH 4800 Methodologies, with a grade of "A"

Departmental Application Requirements (after completion of ARTH 4800):

1. An official transcript
2. Two (2) letters of recommendation from art history department faculty members
3. Statement of Intent: In this 500- to 750-word essay, describe your goals in pursuing an M.A. in Art History at UNT. How do your goals build on your prior coursework in art history? Applicants must identify specific art history faculty members who can potentially serve as major professors for the M.A. research project. Applicants must have research interests that align with faculty specializations. The statement of intent must be original (without the use of generative AI), compelling, and well-written.

The deadline to apply for the art history graduate track is **February 1st** of each year. Accepted students fill out a *Grad Track Pathway Conditional Admission and Advisor Course Approval* form at the beginning of the student's expedited year. At the end of the student's first semester of expedited coursework, they must officially apply to the M.A. program. Applying to the graduate track pathway and applying to the M.A. program are separate processes.

KEY to terms & abbreviations found within this document:

ADES = design courses
ART = general art courses
ARTE = art education courses
ARTH = art history major abbreviation & prefix for art history courses
ASTU = studio art courses
B.A. = bachelor of arts
CVAD = College of Visual Arts & Design
core = university core curriculum requirement

elective = course that student chooses
ENGL = English courses
GPA = grade point average
HIST = history courses
M.A. = master of arts
MATH = mathematics courses
PSCI = political science & government courses
UNT = University of North Texas