

BA in Art - Art History Emphasis

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) in art degree with an art history emphasis provides a thorough grounding in the liberal arts, provides students with the opportunity for real-life experience through partnerships with local arts organizations, and prepares them for their professional pursuits or graduate studies in art history, museum studies, conservation and art criticism. The program emphasizes thematic knowledge of the major concepts structuring art history across chronological and geographical boundaries, a broad understanding of modern and contemporary art, and exposure to both new/emerging media and also non-Western cultures. This broad, thematic knowledge is augmented by study in greater depth and precision of contemporary art history and art theory. Active research and the writing of analytical and critical texts is a component of courses at all levels. Students also gain a functional knowledge of the creative process through studio, graphic design, foundations or education courses.

Admission

Students gain formal admission to the degree program through the preparation of a plan of study in Mid-Program Review (ARTF 202), a course that provides structured advising about career options and degree requirements.

Program Requirements

A minimum total of 120 credit hours is required for the BA in art — art history emphasis and includes the 40 credit hours of art and art history courses listed below. In addition to the university scholastic, residence and General Education Program (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/academic-information/general-education-program/>) requirements, candidates for the degree must complete the 40 credit hours of art and art history courses with a minimum grade point average of 2.500 and demonstrate, through coursework, proficiency in at least one non-English language to support research through the reading of primary source materials. The language requirement is normally fulfilled in French or German, but other languages may be substituted with the approval of the art history area head. Grades below *C* (2.000 grade points) in ARTE, ARTG, ARTH or ARTS courses may not be applied toward degree requirements.

Art history majors are also required to complete an approved minor or second major in a related area of the humanities or social sciences, chosen in consultation with the art history faculty.

Course	Title	Hours
Art and Design Curriculum		
ARTF 102	Introduction to Art and Design ¹	3
ARTF 202	Mid-Program Review	1
Select two courses in ARTE/F/G/S 100-level (excludes ARTE 150, ARTE 281; ARTF 102, ARTF 202; ARTG 110, ARTG 111, ARTG 112, ARTG 281; ARTS 195)		6
Art History Emphasis		
ARTH 125_ Intro to Visual and Material Culture (select two different courses) ¹		6
ARTH 387	Theories of Art and Culture (An upper-division course in the theory of art can be substituted for this requirement)	3
ARTH 300 level, two courses (excludes ARTH 390_, 395_, 396_)		6
Select three 1 credit hour courses from the following		3
ARTH/S 390_ QuickFire Topics (select different courses)		
ARTS 375_Special Topics in Ceramics (select different courses)		
Select one of the following		3

ARTH 395_ SlowBurn Topics 1st Semester	
ARTS 590_ SlowBurn Topics 1st Semester	
Select one of the following	3
ARTH 396_ SlowBurn Topics 2nd Semester	
ARTS 591_ SlowBurn Topics 2nd Semester	
ARTS 500 level, two courses	6
Electives	
Electives include the language requirement, minor requirement, at least one writing-intensive course, and courses selected from any university program, including art and design, which fulfill the plan of study. Writing-intensive course may be satisfied with COMM 190, COMM 301, COMM 313, ENGL 210 or ENGL 285.	44
Total Credit Hours	84

Note: 45+ upper-division credit hours are required for graduation. Model programs of study are available in the School of Art, Design and Creative Industries office and the ADCI website (<http://wichita.edu/adci/>)².

¹ Must be completed prior to enrolling in ARTF 202.

² Link opens new window.

Applied Learning

Students in the BA in art - art history emphasis are required to complete an applied learning or research experience to graduate from the program. The requirement can be met by completion of a Slow Burn course, fulfilled by taking both ARTH 395_ and 396_ or taking both ARTS 590_ and ARTS 591_. Students can also meet the requirement through an appropriate internship, ARTS 481N, with permission of the art history faculty.