

ACADEMY OF ART UNIVERSITY

School of Art History



Degree Options

BA, BFA, MA
Online
+ Upskill Classes

As an art history student, you will benefit from dedicated individual support from department faculty in the form of one-to-one tutorials and constructive feedback on your written work.

Our Art History degrees are designed around the study of art, artists and their techniques, and the historical narrative of art. You'll build a well-rounded understanding of the subject through art history, studio, and foreign language courses.

Our degree programs blend academic inquiry with one of the most extensive studio art and design programs in the world. Merging the classical tradition with the skills and practice of a fine art education provides you with a unique perspective and the ability to discuss broad themes around history's most enduring and inspiring works of art.

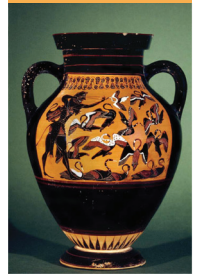


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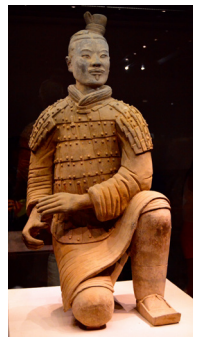
Based in the heart of historic San Francisco, the School of Art History is nestled among dozens of world-leading museums, galleries, and archives. This exceptional research environment offers a uniquely rich opportunity to learn from an extraordinary range of images and artists firsthand, and an academic experience where art history meets art practice.

Through a dynamic curriculum that fuses object-based analysis, hands-on studio work, and foreign language study, you'll build a sharp, immersive understanding of image-making and its histories. You'll fuse theory and criticism with an interdisciplinary approach, gaining the skills and versatility to pursue careers in museums, galleries, publishing, archives, auction houses, and heritage management.

HERCULES AND THE STYMPHALIAN BIRDS, CA. 560-530 B.C. BRITISH MUSEUM, LONDON



NEFERTITI BUST, THUTMOSE, 1345 BCE



TERRACOTTA WARRIOR/ARCHER, LATE 200S BCE, THE MUSEUM OF TERRACOTTA WARRIORS & HORSES, XI'AN, CHINA

Study Abroad

The School of Art History hosts two Study Abroad opportunities.

The first is a 2-½-week late-Spring program that explores the artistic and architectural wonders of a European country. We travel across the country by bus and train to explore the archaeology, art, and architecture, while immersing ourselves in the culture and history of the region.



PORTRAIT OF A MAN, BRONZINO, C. 1530

The second is a 7-½-week Summer Residency program based in Florence, Italy with a focus on the history of the Italian Renaissance. With this immersive program set in the birthplace of the Renaissance, you will walk the streets, visit the sites, and explore the artistic works that made this period such a tremendously provocative and influential time in history.

Golden Age of Dutch Art.

Examine the works of Rembrandt, Rubens, Van Dyck, Vermeer, Hals, and other 17th century Dutch painters through visual analysis and a close reading of primary and secondary source material.

REMBRANDT HARMENSZOOM VAN RIJN, (1606-1669), SELF PORTRAIT AT 34



What We Teach

- Egyptian Art & Archaeology
- Greek Art & Architecture
- Roman Art & Architecture
- Byzantine Art & Architecture
- Early Christian Art & Architecture
- Medieval Art & Architecture
- Renaissance Art & Architecture
- Baroque Art & Architecture
- Asian Art
- American Art
- The Golden Age of Dutch Art
- Traditional Materials, Tools, & Techniques in Art
- Collections Care & Curatorial Practices
- Art Theory & Methodology
- Dada & Surrealism
- Modern Painting and Sculpture



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