

Minor in History of Art

Why study the history of art?

The study of the visual arts in their historical contexts enriches our understanding of human creativity and the human condition. It provides students with visual and cultural literacy and critical thinking, research, problem solving, and communication skills that are relevant for a variety of careers. Art history majors may find work in arts institutions such as museums, galleries, and auction houses. Many also go on to careers in other professions such as education, business, law, media, or government.

Requirements for the Minor

History of Art Minor Requirements

Students selecting this minor must complete a minimum of 6 History of Art courses. Satisfied by 18 hours of History of Art coursework. 12 of the 18 hours must be at the 300 level or above. With approval of the art history undergraduate advisor, 1 closely related course taught outside of the art history department (e.g., history of architecture or design) may count toward the minor.

Minor Hours & Minor GPA

While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

Minor Hours

Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 9 junior/senior (300+) hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses in the minor. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/>).