



**COLLEGE OF
LETTERS,
ARTS AND
SCIENCES**

Four-Year Degree Plan: Bachelor of Arts in Art History, Theory, and Criticism

Catalog Year: 2023-2024

This is a degree plan for completing a Bachelor of Arts in Art, History, Theory, and Criticism in eight semesters. This document is meant to be used as a guide for planning purposes only and is intended for use in consultation with a Professional Academic or Faculty advisor. **Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the [MSU Denver catalog](#) for degree requirements.**

Year One					
Semester 1 Fall Credits			Semester 2 Spring Credits		
ART 1XXX	Studio Foundation Course	3	ART 1XXX	Studio Foundation Course	3
ART 1XXX	Studio Foundation Course	3	--	General Studies Course	3
--	General Studies Courses	6	ARTH 1600	World Art I: Art Prior to 1400	3
ENG 1010	Composing Arguments	3	MTH 1XXX	Quantitative Literacy	3
			ENG 1020	Freshman Composition	3
Semester 1 Total		15	Semester 2 Total		15

Year Two					
Semester 3 Fall Credits			Semester 4 Spring Credits		
ARTH 1700	World Art II: 1400-1900	3	ARTH 2080	Art of the 20th and 21st Centuries	3
ART 1XXX	Studio Foundations Course	3	ARTH 2600	Reading and Writing Visual Culture	3
--	1st Semester foreign language	5	--	Second Semester foreign language	5
--	General Studies or Elective(s)	4	--	General Studies	6
Semester 3 Total		15	Semester 4 Total		17

Year Three					
Semester 5 Fall Credits			Semester 6 Spring Credits		
--	ARTH Elective	3	--	ARTH Elective	3
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--	General Studies or Elective(s)	6	--	ARTH Elective	3
ART 2XXX	Studio Art Elective	3	--	General Studies or Elective(s)	6
Semester 5 Total		15	Semester 6 Total		15

Year Four					
Semester 7 Fall Credits			Semester 8 Spring Credits		
ARTH 4XXX	Senior-level ARTH Seminar	3	ARTH 4710	ARTH Senior Experience	3
ART 2XXX	Studio Art Elective	3	ARTH 4720	Directed Research in ARTH	1
ARTH 4480	Art Theory and Criticism	3	--	ARTH Elective	3
--	General Studies or Elective	3	--	General Studies or Elective courses	6
	ARTH Elective	3			
Semester 7 Total		15	Semester 8 Total		13

Program Total: 120					
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The BA in Art History, Theory, and Criticism degree is an extended major; no minor is required. The second semester of foreign language will also meet the Oral Communication general studies requirement. Art History, Theory, and Criticism is a distinct discipline from Art or Communication Design, although all reside within the Department of Art and share common foundational requirements. A grade of C- or better is required in each required course before progressing to subsequent courses.

Advisor Contact Information: Visit [Department of Art Advising](#) or [CLAS Academic Advising](#)

Detailed Course Listing

General Studies

--	Second semester foreign language	5
--	General Studies	30
General Studies Total		35

Foundations Requirements

ART 1101	Studio Foundations: 2D	3
ART 1141	Studio Foundations: Drawing	3
ART 1501	Studio Foundations: 3D	3
ART 1531	Studio Foundations: 4D	3
ARTH 1600	World Art I: Art Prior 1400	3
ARTH 1700	World Art II: Art 1400-1900	3
Foundations Requirements Total		18

Specific Degree Requirements

ARTH 2080	Art of the 20th and 21st Centuries	3
ARTH 2600	Reading and Writing Visual Culture	3
ART 2XXX	Studio Art Electives	6
ARTH 3XXX	Art History Prior to 1900	9
ARTH 3XXX	Art History of non-western culture	3
ARTH 3XXX	Any Upper Division ARTH elective	9
ARTH 4XXX	Senior-level ARTH Seminar	3
ARTH 4480	Art Theory and Criticism	3
ARTH 4710	ARTH Senior Experience	3
ARTH 4720	Directed Research in ARTH	1
	First semester foreign language	5
Specific Degree Requirements Total		48

Program Totals

General Studies Requirements	35
Foundations Requirements	18
Specific Degree Requirements	48
Electives	19
Total to Graduate	120