

# LIBERAL ARTS: ART HISTORY MAJOR, A.A.

**Location(s):** AL, AN, LO, MA, NOL, WO  
**NOVA Code:** 648-01

## Purpose

The Art History major, which falls within the Liberal Arts parent degree, provides students with an understanding and appreciation of the multiple facets of human civilization, in addition to fostering intellectual growth and exploration. The major offers a foundation in the arts and sciences to best prepare students for transfer into a Bachelor of Arts program. This degree develops critical thinking skills, writing and editing abilities, creative problem solving, and cultural sensitivity, which enables students to work with a diverse group of colleagues. These skills prepare students for a wide range of professions from non-profit management to grant writing and work in the traditional art-historical institutions of museums and galleries, in addition to being applicable to inter-disciplinary studies in the sciences and beyond.

## Transfer Information

Students are advised to work closely with the faculty and counseling staff for program and course scheduling. Electives should be chosen carefully to meet requirements of the transfer institution. The responsibility for proper course selection rests with the student.

## Two Years

Course	Title	Credits
<b>1st Semester</b>		
Select one of the following: <sup>1</sup>		3-4
101 - World Language or ASL ( <a href="https://catalog.nvcc.edu/world-languages/#wl101">https://catalog.nvcc.edu/world-languages/#wl101</a> )		
General Education Elective ( <a href="https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/">https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/</a> )		
ART 101	History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic	3
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
Select one of the following: <sup>2</sup>		3
MTH 154	Quantitative Reasoning	
MTH 155	Statistical Reasoning (or Higher)	
SDV 100 or SDV 101	College Success Skills or Orientation to:	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13-14</b>
<b>2nd Semester</b>		
Select one of the following: <sup>1</sup>		3-4
102 - World Language or ASL ( <a href="https://catalog.nvcc.edu/world-languages/#wl102">https://catalog.nvcc.edu/world-languages/#wl102</a> )		
General Education Elective ( <a href="https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/">https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/</a> )		
ART 102	History of Art: Renaissance to Modern	3
CST 110 or CST 100	Introduction to Human Communication or Principles of Public Speaking	3
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
Select one of the following:		3
MTH 245	Statistics I (or Higher) <sup>2</sup>	
Transfer Elective <sup>3</sup>		
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15-16</b>
<b>3rd Semester</b>		
Select one of the following: <sup>1</sup>		3-4
201 - World Language or AS ( <a href="https://catalog.nvcc.edu/world-languages/#wl201">https://catalog.nvcc.edu/world-languages/#wl201</a> )		

General Education Elective ( <a href="https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/">https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/</a> )		
ART 215	History of Modern Art	3
ENG 2XX - Literature Elective ( <a href="https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_literature">https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_literature</a> ) <sup>4</sup>		3
Physical or Life Science Elective w/Lab ( <a href="https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_phy_life_sci_elec">https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_phy_life_sci_elec</a> )		4
Social/Behavioral Sciences Elective ( <a href="https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_soc_beh_sci_elec">https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_soc_beh_sci_elec</a> )		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16-17</b>
<b>4th Semester</b>		
Select one of the following: <sup>1</sup>		3-4
202 - World Language or ASL ( <a href="https://catalog.nvcc.edu/world-languages/#wl202">https://catalog.nvcc.edu/world-languages/#wl202</a> )		
General Education Elective ( <a href="https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/">https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/</a> )		
Select one of the following ART Electives: <sup>5</sup>		3
ART 100	Art Appreciation	
ART 103	History of Far Eastern Art I	
ART 200	History of Non-Western Art	
HIS Elective ( <a href="https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_hist_elec">https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_hist_elec</a> )		3
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective ( <a href="https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_hum_fa_elec">https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_hum_fa_elec</a> ) <sup>6</sup>		3
Select one of the following:		4-3
Physical or Life Science Elective w/Lab ( <a href="https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_phy_life_sci_elec">https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_phy_life_sci_elec</a> )		
General Education Elective ( <a href="https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/">https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/</a> )		
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>60-63</b>

Electives should be chosen with the advice of an academic advisor to meet the requirements of the intended transfer institution.

- <sup>1</sup> Placement testing determines initial foreign language level. Students who place directly into intermediate level foreign language or ASL may take any General Education course(s) to meet the required number of credits. Waivers or credit by exam for prior experience is available for some languages. See the 'World Language Credit and Waiver' section of the [Credit for Prior Learning Manual]. Students must earn 60 unique and applicable credits to be awarded the degree.
- <sup>2</sup> Students who plan to take MTH 245 Statistics I should take MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning or MTH 161 PreCalculus I first. Credit will not be awarded for both MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning and MTH 245 Statistics I, or for both MTH 261 Applied Calculus I and MTH 263 Calculus I, or for both MTH 262 Applied Calculus II and MTH 264 Calculus II.
- <sup>3</sup> Select any course listed under General Education Electives (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/>) or any ART (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/courses/art/>) course.
- <sup>4</sup> Select any ENG 200-level UCGS literature course listed under General Education Electives; UCGS courses are designated with an asterisk (\*).
- <sup>5</sup> If following the VCCS Art History Pathway Curriculum, consider: ART 121 Foundations of Drawing, ART 131 Two-Dimensional Design, or ART 132 Three-Dimensional Design. Meet with an academic advisor for guidance on course substitutions.
- <sup>6</sup> This elective is not needed if selections for all other requirements total 60 credits or more.