INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The History of Art major is designed to give students a solid grounding in the artistic traditions, practices, and contexts that comprise historical and contemporary visuality. By introducing students to the discipline’s history, methods, and debates, the major prepares students to pursue independent research, evaluate evidence, create coherent and sustained arguments, and develop academic writing skills. Students in the major gain exposure to different historical periods, geographical regions, and topics, while having the flexibility to pursue specific interests by selecting a Focus of Study.

FOCUS OF STUDY

History of Art majors concentrate a portion of their upper division coursework in a Focus of Study. By selecting a focus, students engage a specific field/topic in a cluster of relevant courses taught within and outside the department. Examples include (but are not limited to):

- Art + Politics
- Materials + Materiality
- Art + Bodies
- Urbanism
- Craft
- Art + Religion

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit arthistory.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

ADVISING

Students can reach the Undergraduate Student Services Advisor by email at atamayo@berkeley.edu or during drop-in hours or by appointment at 416 Doe Library. Visit arthistory.berkeley.edu for drop-in hours.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Art history is undergoing dramatic transformations.

We’re engaging and shaping these developments.

– Whitney Davis, Professor

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Engage with art history internationally with study abroad.
- Get involved with the History of Art Undergraduate Student Association (H.Art).
- Check out the Visual Resources Center to find technology and information to support your academic projects.
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### Design Your Journey

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<td><strong>Explore your major</strong></td>
<td><strong>Meet with your major advisor to discuss your academic plans.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Focus on upper division courses in History of Art geography, chronology, theories and methods, and seminars.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Connect and build community</strong></td>
<td><strong>Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Complete the required lower division courses in History of Art and Art Practice/Materials and declare the major.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Complete any “bucket list” courses.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Discover your passions</strong></td>
<td><strong>Enroll in L&amp;S and HUM to (Compass Courses) and learn about study options in L&amp;S and the Arts &amp; Humanities.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Review the major guidelines for study abroad.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Engage locally and globally</strong></td>
<td><strong>Join the History of Art Undergraduate Student Association (H-Art). Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Ask your major advisor about the History of Art honors program.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Reflect and plan your future</strong></td>
<td><strong>Explore the resources of the Visual Resources Center.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Explore Berkeley Arts+Design with a DeCal course.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Get support for your thesis project in the Townsend Honors Thesis Workshop.</strong></td>
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### Connections Networking Series
- Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.
- Meet with a Career Center counselor to discuss your career options and goals.
- Shadow alumni during a winter externship.
- Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.
- Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.
- Learn about career fields and conduct informational interviews with people in those fields.
- Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.
- Create or update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
- Attend career and graduate school fairs.

### What Can I Do With My Major?

**Jobs and Employers**
- Analyst/Consultant, Accenture
- Asst. Creative Producer, Masterclass
- Development Assoc., SFMOMA
- Director of Comms., Acai Fraternity Education Asst., Cooper Hewitt
- GIS Technician, Evan GIS Consulting
- Public Prm., Asst., OC Museum of Art
- Registrar, Art Gallery Research Assistant, Hearst Museum Teacher’s Aide, UC Davis

**Graduate Programs**
- Architecture, Masters
- Art History, PhD
- History, Masters
- Humanities, Masters
- International Business, Masters

**Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.**

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