

## Contact

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## Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (*including biology*)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language (*same language or two years of American Sign Language-ASL*)
- Academic electives (*to equal at least 17 total credits*)

*To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.*

## Major Requirements

- 39 credits Art History
- 6 credits Modern Language
- 6 credits Studio Art

*120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation*

## College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

### Program Description

The Department of Art offers the Bachelor of Arts degree in History of Art. History of Art students begin the program with introductory courses that survey historically significant objects and monuments, including paintings, graphics, drawings, sculptures, pottery, photographs and architecture, from ancient times through the present. These courses consider the form, content, role and meaning of these expressive works in light of their social, political, philosophical and cultural contexts. The program stresses, from its foundation courses through its highest level seminars, an awareness of how diverse methodological approaches frame our knowledge of each particular subject.

Advanced courses reflecting the world outlook of the cultures studied identify four traditions in the history of western art. Geography defines the older two—the Classical Tradition of the Mediterranean World and the Northern European Tradition, which parallel one another in time up to the end of the sixteenth century. Time separates the third and fourth traditions—the Enlightenment Era studies the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, while the Modern Era explores the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Two upper level seminars let students study the principal underpinnings of the field—its essential theories and its critical methods.

In addition to the courses in History of Art, the program requires students to take two studio art courses to provide insights into the working methods of artists, the creative processes which foster intuitive thinking, and nonverbal conceptualization and articulation. Also, students must take two modern language courses to broaden their research capabilities in the field. The major highly recommends that its students enroll in the Honors College.

### Career Opportunities

With its focus upon critical thinking in verbal and nonverbal forms of cognition, the History of Art program prepares students for many options in addition to continued study on the graduate level. It readies students for careers in museums, art galleries, arts administration, antiquities, communications, arts libraries and arts criticism.

### General Education Requirements\*

- ENG 101 College Composition
- 18 credits Human Values & Social Context area (*a single course may satisfy more than 1 sub-category, but a total of 18 credits must be completed*)
  - Western Cultural Tradition
  - Social Context & Institutions
  - Cultural Diversity & International Perspectives
  - Population & the Environment
  - Artistic & Creative Expression
- 2 courses Designated Writing Intensive (*1 must be within the major*)
- 2 courses Biological or Physical Sciences (*must include at least 1 laboratory course*)
- 1 course Ethics (*emphasis on discussion of ethical issues in 1 course or series of courses*)
- 6 credits Mathematics (*including statistics & some computer science, only 3 credits in computer science can count toward this requirement*)
- 1 capstone An approved experience in which the student integrates the components of his or her undergraduate training to perform at a professional level. The capstone experience is usually completed during the senior year in consultation with the student's academic advisor.

*\*All UMaine students must complete these general education requirements, which are counted in the total credit hours required for graduation and may be contained in the Major Requirements previously listed.*

## **Specialized Information**

The Department of Art requires the completion of 21 credit hours in residence prior to graduation. The Department also offers a minor in History of Art. The minor is open to all undergraduate, degree-seeking University of Maine students and requires the completion of 21 credit hours in art history and related courses.

The Department of Art offers a number of scholarships to qualified first-time undergraduate students, who would like to study art at the University of Maine. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit and the evidence of talent or accomplishment in the study of Studio Art, Art Education, or Art History. For scholarship information, application form and interview dates, contact the Department at: 207/581-3245, or send inquiries to: Department of Art, 107 Lord Hall, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469. Applications must be received in the Department of Art by mid-January.

### **Academic Programs 2008-2009**

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