

HISTORY OF ART

Major Map

Learn to analyze and interpret visual, material, and textual evidence in the history of art.

The **Bachelor of Arts degree in History of Art** in the College of Letters & Science 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. Additionally, the Department of History of Art offers a **minor** designed to provide a structured and broad program for students majoring in other disciplines but with a strong interest in the history of art.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Get involved with **H.Art**, the social and community hub for undergrads in the major and the arts community at Berkeley.
- Connect Berkeley students to the local arts community with the **BAMPFA Student Committee**.
- Conduct a research project in the **History of Art Honors Program**.
- Publish your original research in the **History of Art Journal at UC Berkeley**.



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"I went back to UC Berkeley to complete a degree in art history, studying artistic representations of the American forests....I was thinking about nature and representation and community. Who's out there, and who's engaging with the outdoors?"

—Rue Mapp, CEO and Founder Outdoor Afro

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

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CURRICULUM

In a series of increasingly focused **courses**—lower division, upper division, seminar, and honors program—the History of Art major provides a format for students to learn how to analyze and interpret visual, material, and textual evidence from specific cultural settings and historical circumstances.

Major requirements are also designed to maximize exposure to different historical periods, geographical regions, and topics while allowing flexibility for students to pursue specific interests.

Learn more at arthistory.berkeley.edu/undergraduate

STUDY ABROAD

History of Art majors are encouraged to study abroad to expand on their academic interests and gain invaluable experience. Doing so requires careful planning and provisional pre-approval of the course of study. Students should meet with a History of Art faculty advisor before departure. Sample destinations:

- Auckland, New Zealand
- Dublin, Ireland
- Florence, Italy
- Glasgow, Scotland
- Rome, Italy
- Shinjuku, Japan

DECLARING THE MAJOR

Upon acceptance to UC Berkeley, you are admitted to the College of Letters & Science as an undeclared student. To **declare the History of Art major**, you must complete two courses taught in the department and receive a grade of C- or higher in each course. You may then formally petition to declare the major with the **Undergraduate Advisor** at any time during the fall and spring semesters.

If you entered UC Berkeley as a freshman: you are strongly urged to complete all lower division requirements and one upper division course by the end of sophomore year. If you entered UC Berkeley as a transfer: you should take two history of art courses in your first semester.



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WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

We encourage History of Art students to shape their programs in ways that prepare them to respond to the intensified visual turn in our society and to develop careers in scholarship, teaching, curation, arts management, and non-profit and community-based work.

UC Berkeley offers a number of career resources for students studying History of Art. The College of Letters & Science spotlights **career pathways** for students in the Arts & Humanities, and offers **advising** for undergraduates pursuing medical or health professions programs, law school, or masters and PhD programs. Additionally, **Berkeley Career Engagement** provides career and graduate school advising, job and internship listings, and events such as career and graduate school fairs.



SPOTLIGHT

Yassin, class of 2022

Yassin Oulad Daoud graduated UC Berkeley with a double major in History of Art and Computer Science. As a SURF Fellow at Berkeley, Yassin conducted a research project on "Digital Analysis of How Linear Perspective Views Transform Real Space" under the mentorship of Art History Professor Whitney Davis. Yassin is currently a PhD student in the Department of Art History & Archaeology at Columbia University.

"Being able to return and continue to return to a group of objects multiple times, each time with new questions and new things to see specifically, affords me a true experience of what research is like."

EMPLOYMENT

Alumni find employment in a variety of fields and industries after graduation. Examples include:

Archivist
Art Consultant
Art Department Manager
Art and Research Assistant
Gallery Assistant
Human Resources Assistant
Legal Case Assistant
Product Researcher
Substitute Teacher
Teaching Assistant
UI/UX Designer

GRADUATE STUDY

Alumni pursue graduate education to gain more depth of knowledge in their field as well as prepare for jobs that require advanced degrees. Examples include:

Art History
Critical Theory
Film Studies
Folklore
Languages and Literature
Philosophy
Rhetoric
Women Studies

FOUR-YEAR STUDENT TIMELINE

History of Art

	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR
Plan your studies	<p>Start exploring with L&S 1 and first-year guides from L&S and Arts & Humanities.</p> <p>Visit L&S Advising for help with major exploration and degree requirements.</p> <p>Familiarize yourself with the Art History major; begin satisfying lower division requirements.</p> <p>Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar, Berkeley Changemaker, or A&H Compass or Gateway course.</p> <p>Join Berkeley Connect for 1:1 mentoring and to meet peers with shared interests.</p>	<p>Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.</p> <p>Continue exploring with a Sophomore Seminar or Big Ideas course.</p> <p>Look into study abroad and learning a foreign language (especially if planning on graduate study in Art History).</p> <p>Enrich your studies with a course thread, certificate, or minor such as New Media.</p> <p>Verify you have completed lower division requirements and declare the major.</p>
Engage outside the classroom	<p>Get involved with a student organization like the History of Art Undergraduate Association.</p> <p>Find community service opportunities through the Public Service Center.</p> <p>Visit the Art History/Classics Library and explore the Fine Arts Collections.</p> <p>Visit Berkeley Discovery to get started with research, entrepreneurship, public service, and creative projects.</p> <p>Learn how to prepare for office hours and build relationships with faculty.</p>	<p>Attend department events such as the World Art History Lecture Series.</p> <p>Develop your skills in the Berkeley Student Leadership Academy.</p> <p>Explore research opportunities on the OURS website; apply to URAP to work on a faculty research project.</p> <p>Explore the Arts Research Center.</p> <p>Consider joining the BAMPFA Student Committee.</p>
Pursue your career goals	<p>Visit UHS Career Counseling and Berkeley Career Engagement.</p> <p>Start exploring career paths for the major; check out career resources on the Arts & Humanities website.</p> <p>Begin making a plan to get career ready.</p> <p>Create or update your resume and LinkedIn profile.</p> <p>Use Handshake to start connecting with career events and opportunities.</p>	<p>Meet with a BCE career educator to discuss career options and goals.</p> <p>Begin building your network and exploring career fields via job shadowing and informational interviews.</p> <p>Pursue an internship to build skills and explore fields.</p> <p>Considering graduate school? Explore resources from the Graduate Division, L&S Advising, and BCE; look into the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship.</p>

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THIRD YEAR

Begin taking **upper division requirements** in the major and select your Focus of Study.

Review your **degree progress** with your major and college advisor.

Develop your writing and critical thinking in an **Art of Writing seminar**.

Spend a term off-campus with **UCDC** or the **Intercampus Visitor Program**.

Consider applying to the **History of Art Honors Program**; look into the **Haas Scholars** and **SURF** programs.

Help other students as a member of the **A&H Dean's Leadership Team**.

Check out the **Public Service Internship Program**, **College Corps**, and **Haas Public Service Leaders Program**.

Browse grants from the **Center for Race and Gender** and **Center for Interdisciplinary Critical Inquiry**.

Welcome new students to Berkeley as a **Golden Bear Orientation Leader**.

Speak with faculty, advisors, and career educators about post-graduate options.

Join a professional association such as the **College Art Association**.

Interested in public service careers? Consider applying to the **John Gardner Fellowship**, **Huntington Award**, or **Truman Scholarship**.

FOURTH YEAR

Complete the History of Art theories/ methods requirement.

Finish all upper division requirements and electives.

Join a thesis writing workshop at the **Townsend Center** or **Student Learning Center**.

Complete any remaining **degree requirements** and **prepare for graduation**.

Interested in teaching? Give it a try by teaching your own **DeCal course**.

Submit a course research project for the **Library Prize**, **American Cultures Student Prize**, or other awards.

Get published! Submit your thesis or research paper to the **History of Art Journal** or **Berkeley Undergraduate Journal**.

Pursue a special project after graduation with the **Stronach Prize**.

Check in with a BCE **career educator**.

Start connecting with **alumni groups** and **events**.

Apply to graduate school or post-graduate programs.

Meet employers at **info sessions**, **on-campus recruiting**, and **career fairs**.

Utilize **job search tools** from BCE and apply for job opportunities.

Learn about **alumni career services**.

SUMMER

Make progress on degree requirements with a **Summer Sessions** course

Go abroad through **Berkeley Study Abroad** or **UCEAP**.

Look into a summer internship with **Cal in the Capital**, **Cal in Sacramento**, or **Berkeley Global Internships**.

Pursue a **summer minor or certificate**—check out programs in **Digital Humanities**, **Film and Media Industries**, and **Performance and Culture**.

Apply to the **GiGS program** to learn about graduate school.

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TRANSFER STUDENT TIMELINE

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LEARN MORE

Undergraduate Advising

Have questions about History of Art or choosing a major?

The Department of History of Art offers **undergraduate advising** for students planning to major in Art History. Advising is available from the Undergraduate Advisor and Faculty Advisor.

The Undergraduate Advisor is available for History of Art-related questions. The Faculty Advisor is available to discuss History of Art-related research and opportunities. Visit **arthistory.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-advising-0** for more information.

The College of Letters & Science helps students with non-major-specific academic topics, including major exploration, general program planning, finding campus resources, and pre-professional graduate programs. L&S College Advisors are available for in-person and virtual meetings. Visit **lsadvising.berkeley.edu** or email **asklms@berkeley.edu**.



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Related Programs

Looking for programs similar to History of Art? UC Berkeley also offers the following major, minor, and certificate programs:

- **Ancient Greek and Roman Studies**
- **Art Practice**
- **East Asian Humanities**
- **Film and Media**
- **Italian Studies**
- **New Media**

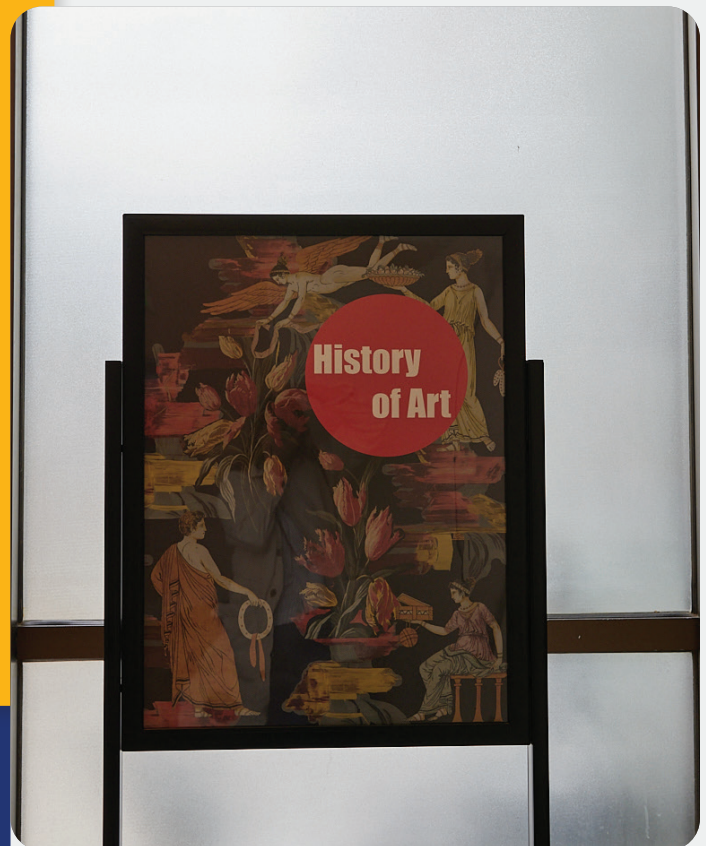


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