

2025 - 2026 Old Dominion University Catalog

Bachelor of Arts (BA) with a Major in Art History

Sample four year curriculum with a suggested ordering of courses. Students may re-order as needed.

** indicates not automatically waived with transferrable associates degree, C or better required for transfer.*

Courses in green are waived by the completion of an Associate degree (Not eligible for Applied Associate degrees).

YEAR 1 - FRESHMAN (30 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)

General Education Coursework:

ENGL 110C (Grade of C or better required)

Mathematical Skills

Language & Culture I

Human Behavior

Major Coursework:

ARTH 150

VCCS Equivalency:

ENG 111*

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ART 101+102 or ART 201*

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits)

General Education Coursework:

Information Literacy and Research

Oral Communication

Language & Culture II

Literature

ARTH 200-level Survey course**

VCCS Equivalency:

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ART 202*

YEAR 2 - SOPHOMORE (32 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (16 credits)

General Education Coursework:

The Nature of Science I

Language & Culture III

ENGL 211C or 231C (Grade of C or better required)

Major Coursework:

ARTH 200-level Survey course**

ARTS Elective**

VCCS Equivalency:

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ENG 112, 113, 115, 131*

SPRING SEMESTER (16 credits)

General Education Coursework:

The Nature of Science II

Language & Culture IV

Interpreting the Past

Major Coursework:

ARTH 200-level Survey course**

ARTH 300-level course**

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YEAR 3 - JUNIOR (30 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)

Impact of Technology (may be fulfilled with ARTH 435W)

Philosophy and Ethics

Non-Western Course (ARTH 360 or ARTH 305)

ARTH 300-level course**

Upper Division Gen. Ed. Courses***:

300-/400-level course in minor subject

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SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits)

Human Creativity (May not use ARTH 121A or ARTS 122A)

ARTH 300-level course**

ARTH 351W (Grade of C or better required)

ARTS Elective**

Upper Division Gen. Ed. Courses***:

300-/400-level course in minor subject

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YEAR 4 - SENIOR (28 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)

Major Coursework:

ARTS Elective**

ARTH 497

ARTS Elective**

ARTH 400-level course**

Upper Division Gen. Ed. Courses***:

300-/400-level course in minor subject

SPRING SEMESTER (13 credits)

Major Coursework:

ARTH 481 or 480

Upper Division Gen. Ed. Courses***:

300-/400-level course in minor subject

Elective courses (7 credits)

This four-year plan is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.

Foreign Language proficiency through 202 level in French, German, Italian, Latin, or Spanish needed; proficiency is not met by completion of AS degree.

***See course listings in catalog and consult with your advisor for correct ARTH and ARTS elective choices.*

****Upper Division General Education may be satisfied by several options. Consult your catalog and advisor for your best option.*

Requirements for graduation include a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall and in the major, a grade of C or better in all courses required for the major, including prerequisite courses, 120 credit hours, which must include both a minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours in upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University, completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or 221C or 231C, and a writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better, and completion of Senior Assessment.

NOTE: Students pursuing graduate work leading to teaching, museology, art criticism, or dealing in works of art will be counseled on course selection. For students considering graduate work in art history, 18 hours of German or French are strongly recommended. Students who wish to distinguish themselves in the major may opt for the thesis elective, ARTH 480, in their final year of study.