

First Year Plan -- Art History BA

Students planning to major in art history simply need to apply, be admitted to GVSU, and declare their major. *You do not need to apply separately to the Department of Art and Design or prepare a portfolio for review.*

To declare your major in art history complete the following steps:

1. Log into myBanner from the GVSU homepage
2. Once logged in select "Student", "Student Records", and then, "Change Major"
3. Click on the "Change Major 1/Program" box
4. Click on the down arrow in the box next to "New Major 1/Program," from here scroll down and choose "Art History – BA"
5. Click "Submit" and then "Change to New Program"

As an art history major there is a lot of flexibility in courses you can take, but starting off on the right track will help ensure that you meet all requirements and graduate in a timely fashion.

This is especially true if you plan to earn a second major, pursue minors in other fields, or are in the Honors program. During your first year:

1. Take ART 221 Survey of Art History I (fall semester) and ART 222 Survey of Art History II (winter semester).
2. Complete WRT 150 Strategies of Writing. Some students transfer this course to GVSU or complete the requirement through the Honors curriculum. Look at your myPath document in Banner to see if you've received credit for this course.
3. Begin your language courses. Third semester proficiency (201 level) is required for all BA degrees at GVSU. If you have had significant instruction in a language other than English consider taking the placement exam or one of the accelerated language courses numbered 150. These combine the first two semesters (101 and 102) in one class.

A sample schedule for first year students earning a BA in art history looks like this:

Fall Semester	Winter Semester
ART 221 Survey of Art History I	ART 222 Survey of Art History II
WRT 150 Strategies of Writing <i>or</i> other course	WRT 150 Strategies of Writing <i>or</i> other course
Language 101 <i>or</i> Language 150, accelerated	Language 102 <i>or</i> Language 201
General Education <i>or</i> other course	General Education <i>or</i> other course
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