ART HISTORY AND CRITICISM (AHIS)

AHIS 805 Curatorial Methods in an Art Museum
Prerequisites: AHIS 905
Description: Understanding through direct experience how the rhetoric of the art museum and art exhibition alters, frames and revises art historical arguments, issues, questions and research. In order to do so, each iteration of the seminar will select a particular art historical concept (e.g. ephemeral art; interactive art; gendered art; labor and(in) art; illness and art, and so on) and critically assess how curators can best express an argument about the history and meaning of art within the terms set by the museum. Those terms include both the ideological and practical: education, conservation, collections management, marketing development, publications, visitor evaluation and administration. Students will gain a sophisticated understanding of the methods available to curators for researching, organizing and expressing an art historical question in the form of an exhibition. The Sheldon Museum of Art serves as a lab for this course. Students will follow the path of an exhibition from original proposal to installation, considering the curator’s involvement and interactions with all the departments of the museum.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded

AHIS 806 Visualizing the Ancient City
Crosslisted with: AHIS 406, ANTH 406, ANTH 806, CLAS 406, CLAS 806
Prerequisites: Junior standing.
Notes: Recommend some background knowledge of ancient art, history, or languages, a general background course such as AHIS 101, ANTH 252, CLAS 209/CLAS 210, or any of the courses listed in the Archaeology or Digital Humanities minors. Computer/design skills welcome but not necessary.
Description: A new approach to looking at the history and development of ancient cities, combining history and archaeology with digital methods, in particular 3D modeling.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded

AHIS 811 Classical Architecture
Crosslisted with: AHIS 411
Prerequisites: 12 hrs in art history or related disciplines with permission.
Description: History and development of architectural orders and styles from ancient Greece and Italy.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 812 Greek Sculpture
Crosslisted with: AHIS 412
Prerequisites: 12 hrs in art history or related disciplines with permission.
Description: Greek sculpture from the Bronze Age through the Hellenistic periods. Stylistic evolution and classical themes as presented in individual freestanding and architectural sculpture. Techniques, materials, and uses of sculpture.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 813 Roman Painting
Crosslisted with: AHIS 413
Prerequisites: 12 hrs in art history or related disciplines with permission.
Description: Development of Roman painting from the Etruscans through the Age of Constantine.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 821 The Italian Renaissance City
Crosslisted with: AHIS 421
Prerequisites: 12 hrs in art history, or in related disciplines with permission.
Description: Exploration of the art and architecture of the Italian city in the late middle ages and Renaissance, with particular attention to civic projects and the role of art in defining the identity, and creating the "myths" of that city.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 831 Italian Baroque Art
Crosslisted with: AHIS 431
Prerequisites: 12 hrs in art history or in related disciplines with permission.
Description: Painting, sculpture and architecture in Italy from the late sixteenth to the late seventeenth century.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 841 Impressionism and Post-Impressionism
Crosslisted with: AHIS 441
Prerequisites: 12 hr in art history or in related disciplines with permission.
Description: French Impressionism and Post-impressionism with consideration of the historical context out of which they emerged. Development of the avant-garde and the changing relationship of the artist to society.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
AHIS 846 Art since 1945
Crosslisted with: AHIS 446
Prerequisites: 12 hrs in art history, including AHIS 102 and 246.
Description: Art from 1945 to the present focusing on the development of the avant-garde, the transition from modernism to post-modernism, and the various art world institutions.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Prerequisite for: AHIS 446, AHIS 846

AHIS 848 Post-Modernism
Crosslisted with: AHIS 446
Prerequisites: 12 hrs in art history, including AHIS 102 or 246, and 12 hrs in related disciplines with permission
Description: Developments in art since 1970, exploring the various art styles and the relationship of the artists to their audience and to the institutions of the art world.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 851 19th-Century American Art
Crosslisted with: AHIS 451
Prerequisites: 12 hrs art history including AHIS 251 or 341.
Description: 19th Century American art and material culture.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 852 American Art, 1893-1939
Crosslisted with: AHIS 452
Prerequisites: 12 hrs art history including AHIS 252 or 346 or permission.
Description: Early 20th-century American art.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 871 History of Photography
Crosslisted with: AHIS 471
Prerequisites: Permission.
Description: Introduction to the history of still photography with major emphasis on its development as an art form.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Prerequisite for: AHIS 472, AHIS 872

AHIS 872 Photography Since 1960
Crosslisted with: AHIS 472
Prerequisites: AHIS 471/871 or permission.
Description: Movements in photography since 1960 with emphasis on the interaction with art theory and criticism.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 890 Directed Individual Reading
Crosslisted with: AHIS 490
Prerequisites: Permission of department chair.
Credit Hours: 1-6
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 24
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 891 Internship in Art Museums
Description: Introduce graduate students to and offer them hands-on experience with curatorial planning, research, art handling, exhibition design and installation, publicity and publications.
Credit Hours: 3-6
Min credits per semester: 3
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 24
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 892 Independent Research in Art History
Crosslisted with: AHIS 492
Prerequisites: Permission of department chair.
Credit Hours: 1-6
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 24
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 895 Internship in Art History
Crosslisted with: AHIS 495
Prerequisites: Senior standing and permission of department chair.
Credit Hours: 1-6
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 24
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 896 Advanced Archaeological Fieldwork
Crosslisted with: AHIS 496
Prerequisites: AHIS 286 or equivalent, and permission.
Description: Further training in archaeological field research techniques.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 12
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 898 Special Topics in Art History
Crosslisted with: AHIS 498
Prerequisites: Permission.
Credit Hours: 1-3
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 24
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 899 Masters Thesis
Prerequisites: Permission
Credit Hours: 1-10
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 10
Max credits per degree: 10
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
AHIS 901 Methodology and Historiography  
**Prerequisites:** Permission  
**Description:** History of the discipline, with an examination of the various art historical approaches. Development and refinement of specialized research skills appropriate to the field.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 905 History of Art Museums, Collections, and Exhibitions  
**Description:** Introduction to the history of museums and to collecting practices in Western Europe and the United States that have influenced the ways in which art and culture are understood in art history and related disciplines (archaeology, anthropology). Takes into account both cultures that collect and cultures that are collected. Provides critical vocabulary and framework for understanding how museums produce knowledge, social hierarchies and cultural differences, and how this structure has changed over time.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Grading Option:** Graded  
**Prerequisite for:** AHIS 905

AHIS 911 Seminar in Classical Art and Archaeology  
**Prerequisites:** Permission  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 916 Seminar in Medieval Art  
**Prerequisites:** Permission  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 921 Seminar in Italian Renaissance Art  
**Prerequisites:** Permission  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 926 Seminar in Northern Renaissance Art  
**Prerequisites:** Permission  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 931 Seminar in Baroque Art  
**Prerequisites:** Permission  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 946 Seminar in Modern Art  
**Prerequisites:** Permission  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 951 Seminar in American Art  
**Prerequisites:** Permission  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 956 Seminar in Latin American Art  
**Prerequisites:** Permission  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 977 Seminar in Latin American Art  
**Prerequisites:** Permission  
**Credit Hours:** 1-3  
**Min credits per semester:** 1  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 980 Seminar in Art Historical Problems  
**Prerequisites:** Permission  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 988 Introduction to the Interdisciplinary Study of the Middle Ages  
**Crosslisted with:** ENGL 988, HIST 988, MODL 988, MUSC 988  
**Description:** Methods and state of research in the disciplines—art, music, literature, language, history, philosophy—dealing with the Middle Ages. Assistance in independent reading and research in subjects related to the student’s own research interests. Taught jointly by faculty members in art, music, theatre, English, history, classics, modern languages, and philosophy.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option

AHIS 989 Introduction to the Interdisciplinary Study of the Renaissance  
**Crosslisted with:** ENGL 989, HIST 989, MODL 989, MUSC 989  
**Description:** Methods and state of research in the disciplines—art, music, literature, language, history, philosophy—dealing with the Renaissance. Assistance in independent reading and research in subjects related to the student’s own research interests. Taught jointly by faculty members in art, music, theatre, English, history, classics, modern languages, and philosophy.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option