The goal of the major in the Department of Art History and Archaeology is to explore the history of art, architecture, and archaeology across a broad historical, cultural, geographic, and methodological spectrum.

Department courses take advantage of the extraordinary cultural resources of New York City and often involve museum assignments and trips to local monuments. The department offers a major and concentration in art history and in the history and theory of architecture, and a combined major in art history and visual arts.

At the heart of the major is AHIS UN3000 INTRO LIT/METHODS OF ART HIST, which introduces students to different methodological approaches to art history and critical texts that have shaped the discipline. The colloquium also prepares students for the independent research required in seminars and advanced lecture courses, and should be taken during the junior year.

Surveys and advanced lecture courses offered by Barnard and Columbia cover the spectrum of art history from antiquity to the present and introduce students to a wide range of materials and methodologies. Limited-enrollment seminars have a narrower focus and offer intensive instruction in research and writing. The opportunity for advanced research with a senior thesis is available to students who qualify.

The major readily accommodates students who wish to study abroad during junior year. Courses taken at accredited programs can generally count as transfer credits toward the major, but students must gain the approval of the director of undergraduate studies. Similarly, any transfer credit for the major must be approved by the director of undergraduate studies. Generally no more than 12 points of transfer credit are applicable to the major. The form to petition for transfer credit can be found on the department website. Eligible Art History courses taken at Reid Hall and through the Berlin Consortium are counted as Columbia courses, not transfer courses.

All newly declared majors and concentrators should visit the department office and speak with the undergraduate program coordinator about the requirements and their planned curriculum.

The director of undergraduate studies regularly communicates with majors by e-mail to announce departmental events, museum internships, and other news. Students who do not receive these messages should email the undergraduate program coordinator. The director of undergraduate studies is also available to talk to students about their professional goals and plans to study abroad.

Course Information

Lectures
Attendance at the first class meeting is recommended.

Colloquia
For information about enrollment in the required colloquium AHIS UN3000 INTRO LIT/METHODS OF ART HIST, students should consult the department during the registration period in the semester prior to the one in which the course is offered. Interested students must sign up using an online form; majors will be informed of the sign-up dates and deadline via the majors mailing list. Enrollment is limited and admission is at the discretion of the instructor. It is recommended that students sign up for the colloquium in their junior year.

Seminars
Students must submit an application in order to be considered for enrollment in department seminars. These applications are due around the time of early registration (April for fall courses, November for spring courses). Interested students can apply using the Google form applications which are linked below each seminar description on the website, as well as in the “Notes” section of each Directory of Classes listing. Students should then join the SSOL wait-list for any seminars they have applied to.

Bridge Seminars
Bridge seminars are open to graduate and undergraduate students. Bridge seminars also require an application, which is due in the semester prior to the semester in which the course is offered (August for fall courses, December for spring courses). Interested students can apply using the Google form applications which are linked below each seminar description on the website, as well as in the “Notes” section of each Directory of Classes listing. Students should then join the SSOL wait-list for any seminars they have applied to.

Bridge Lectures
Bridge lectures are open to undergraduate and graduate students. They do not require an application.

Travel Seminar
In the spring, one or more undergraduate seminars in the Department of Art History and Archaeology may be designated as a travel seminar. Travel seminars receive funding to sponsor travel over the spring break to a distant site related to the subject matter of the seminar.

Study Abroad

Reid Hall, Paris
For information about the Columbia University in Paris Art History Program at Reid Hall, including summer session courses, visit the Office of Global Programs website.

Summer Program in Italy: Archaeological Fieldwork at Hadrian’s Villa
Columbia University offers a four-week summer program that provides undergraduate and graduate students with the opportunity to excavate and learn together at Hadrian’s Villa, a UNESCO World Heritage site near Rome and the most important Roman villa. It synthesizes Roman, Greek, and Egyptian architectural and artistic traditions and has attracted
scholarly attention for centuries. For more information, visit the program website.

**Columbia Summer Program in Venice**
The Department of Art History and Archaeology and the Department of Italian offer a summer program based at Co’ Foscari University in Venice. The program uses an interdisciplinary approach to understanding Italian culture through study of its language, literature/film, architecture, art history and conservation, and economy. Students have the opportunity to gain a deeper appreciation of the rich Venetian culture, traditions and history. The program is open to qualified undergraduate and graduate students from the U.S. and Italy. For more information, visit the program website.

**Columbia Summer Program in Greece**
The Department of Art History and Archaeology and the Program in Hellenic Studies offer a new summer program in Athens. "Curating the Histories of the Greek Present" examines aspects of Greek history and culture through the organization of an art exhibition under the general theme of the environment. The project is structured around classroom seminars, museum and site visits, walking tours, and workshop sessions in which students will learn about and gain experience in all stages of curating an exhibition. For more information, visit the program website.

**Departmental Honors**

**Senior Thesis Prize**
A prize is awarded each year to the best senior honors thesis written in the Department of Art History and Archaeology.

**Professors**
Alexander Alberro (Barnard)
Zainab Bahrani
Barry Bergdoll
Michael Cole
Jonathan Crary
Francesco de Angelis
Vidya Dehejia
David Freedberg
Robert E. Harrist, Jr.
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Rosalind Krauss
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Simon Schama
Avinoam Shalem
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Frederique Baumgartner
Megan Boomer
Colby Chamberlain
Lucas Cohen
Sophia D’Addio
Catherine Danman
Huffa Frobes-Cross
Nina Horisaki-Christens
Page Knox
Janet Kraynak
Sandrine Larrive-Bass
Martina Mims
Kent Minturn
Nicholas Morgan
Mikael Muehlbauer
Steven Niedbala
Irina Oryshkevich
Elizabeth Perkins
Olivia Powell
Julie Siemon
Susan Sivard
Stefaan Van Liefferinge
Caroline Wamsler
Alex Weintraub
Tingting Xu
Benjamin Young

**Guidelines for all Art History and Archaeology Majors, Concentrators, and Interdepartmental Majors**

**Courses**
_HUMA UN1121 MASTERPIECES OF WESTERN ART_ does not count toward the majors or concentrations, and no credit is given for Advanced Placement exams.

**Grading**
Courses in which a grade of D has been received do not count toward the major or concentration requirements.

Only the first course a student takes in the department may be taken for a grade of Pass/D/Fail. Classes taken in the Architecture or Visual Arts departments to fulfill the studio requirement may be taken for a grade of Pass/D/Fail.
Senior Thesis

The senior thesis project consists of a research paper 35-45 pages in length. It is a year-long project, and students writing a thesis must register for AHIS UN3002 Senior Thesis for the fall and spring terms. Much of the fall semester is devoted to research, and the spring semester to writing.

All thesis writers are required to participate in class and, on alternate weeks, meet as a group or individually with the instructor. Group meetings are designed as a series of research and writing workshops geared toward students’ research projects. Students receive a total of six credits for successful completion of the thesis and class.

In order to apply, students follow a selection process similar to the one currently used for seminars. Students must identify a thesis topic and secure a faculty adviser in the Department of Art History and Archaeology. Applications must indicate the subject of the thesis, a short annotated bibliography, and the name and the signature of the adviser, followed by a one-page statement (400 words) outlining the topic, goals, and methodology of the thesis.

The application deadline is set for August before the senior year. Please check the department website for exact dates. Applications may be delivered in person or emailed to the coordinator for undergraduate programs. The director of undergraduate studies, in consultation with the thesis adviser, reviews the applications.

Students who intend to write a thesis should begin formulating a research topic and approaching potential faculty sponsors during the spring of the junior year. Currently, the department offers the Summer Research Travel Grant fellowship, which supports thesis-related research and travel during the summer. Additional senior thesis research funding during the academic year is administered through Columbia College and General Studies.

Senior thesis applications may be found at: http://www.columbia.edu/cu/arthistory/undergraduate/forms.html

Summer Research Travel Grant

The department offers the Summer Research Travel Grant, which may be used for travel to museums, building sites, libraries, archives, and other places of interest relevant to the thesis project. Students normally use these funds to conduct research during the summer before senior year.

Travel grant applications require a carefully edited thesis proposal, itemized budget, and supporting letter from a faculty sponsor. Applications are due in April of the student’s junior year. Students will be notified of deadlines as they become available. Please contact the coordinator for undergraduate programs with any questions.

Major in Art History

Please read Guidelines for all for Art History and Archaeology Majors, Concentrators, and Interdepartmental Majors above.

The year-long senior thesis project (for qualified students; see below) AHIS UN3002 Senior Thesis may substitute for one elective lecture course. Seminars may substitute for lecture courses and may count toward fulfillment of the distribution requirements. Barnard Art History courses count toward the majors and concentration requirements.

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<td>A studio course taken in the Visual Arts or Architecture departments (which may be taken Pass/D/Fail)</td>
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Historical Periods

- Ancient (pre-400 CE/AD)
- 400-1400
- 1400-1700
- 1700-Present

World Regions

- Africa
- Asia
- Europe/North America/Australia
- Latin America
- Middle East

NOTE: These chronological divisions are approximate. In case of ambiguities, please contact the director of undergraduate studies.

Major in History and Theory of Architecture

Please read Guidelines for all for Art History and Archaeology Majors, Concentrators, and Interdepartmental Majors above.

Majors can take advantage of one of the strengths of the department by focusing on architectural history. This track combines an introductory studio in architectural design with a slightly modified program in art history. Major requirements were updated in February 2019; please contact the director of undergraduate studies with any questions.

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Major in Art History and Visual Arts

Please read Guidelines for all for Art History and Archaeology Majors, Concentrators, and Interdepartmental Majors above.

Students interested in the combined major should contact the coordinator for undergraduate programs in the Art History department, as well as the director of undergraduate studies in the Visual Arts department.

Up to two 3-point courses in art history may be replaced by a related course in another department, with approval of the adviser. The combined major requires the completion of sixteen or seventeen courses. It is recommended that students interested in this major begin working toward the requirements in their sophomore year.

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Seven 3-point lecture courses in art history:

- At least one course in three of four historical periods, as listed below
- An additional two courses in two different world regions, as listed below
- Two additional lectures of the student’s choice

21 points in Visual Arts covering:

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- Five additional VIAR 3-point studio courses (15 points)

In the senior year, students must complete either a seminar in the Department of Art History and Archaeology or a senior project in visual arts (pending approval by the Visual Arts Department).

NOTE: These chronological divisions are approximate. In case of ambiguities, please contact the director of undergraduate studies.

Historical Periods
- Ancient (pre-400 CE/AD)
- 400-1400
- 1400-1700
- 1700-present

World Regions
- Africa
- Asia
- Europe/North America/Australia
- Latin America
- Middle East

Concentrators are not required to take the majors colloquium, a seminar, or a studio course.

Concentration in History and Theory of Architecture

Please read Guidelines for all for Art History and Archaeology Majors, Concentrators, and Interdepartmental Majors above.

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Seven lecture courses in art history, one of which must be AHIS UN1007 Introduction to the History of Architecture, and three of which must focus on architectural history. Courses must cover four of five general areas:

- Ancient Mediterranean
- Medieval Europe
- Renaissance and Baroque
- 18th-20th century
- Non-Western

Concentrators are not required to take the majors colloquium, a seminar, or a studio course.

Fall 2021 Undergraduate Lectures and Bridge Lectures

UNDERGRADUATE LECTURES: 2000-level courses. Attendance at first class meeting is strongly recommended. BRIDGE LECTURES: 4000-level courses. Bridge lectures are open to graduate and advanced undergraduate students. They do not require an application. Attendance at first class is strongly recommended.
AHIS UN2412 Eighteenth Century Art in Europe. 3 points.
This course will examine the history of art in Europe from the late
seventeenth to the early nineteenth century. This was a period of
dramatic cultural change, marked by, among other things, the challenging
of traditional artistic hierarchies; increased opportunities for travel,
trade, and exchange; and the emergence of “the public” as a critical new
audience for art. Students will be introduced to major artists, works, and
media, as well as to key themes in the art historical scholarship. Topics
will include: the birth of art criticism; the development of the art market;
domesticity and the cult of sensibility; the ascension of women artists
and patrons; and the visual culture of empire, slavery, and revolution.
The emphasis will be on France and Britain, with forays to Italy, Spain,
Germany, India, America, and elsewhere.

AHIS UN2415 History Painting and Its Afterlives. 3.00 points.
This course will study the problematic persistence of history painting as
a cultural practice in nineteenth century Europe, well after its intellectual
and aesthetic justifications had become obsolete. Nonetheless, academic
prescriptions and expectations endured in diluted or fragmentary form.
We will examine the transformations of this once privileged category and
look at how the representation of exemplary deeds and action becomes
increasingly problematic in the context of social modernization and the
many global challenges to Eurocentrism. Selected topics explore how
image making was shaped by new models of historical and geological
time, by the invention of national traditions, and by the emergence of new
publics and visual technologies. The relocation of historical imagery from
early elite milieus into mass culture forms of early cinema and popular
illustration will also be addressed.

AHIS UN2602 The Arts of Japan. 3 points.
Introduction to the painting, sculpture, and architecture of Japan from
the Neolithic period through the present. Discussion focuses on key
monuments within their historical and cultural contexts.

AHUM UN2604 Art In China, Japan, and Korea. 3 points.
CC/GS/SEAS: Partial Fulfillment of Global Core Requirement
Introduces distinctive aesthetic traditions of China, Japan, and Korea—
their similarities and differences—through an examination of the visual
significance of selected works of painting, sculpture, architecture, and
other arts in relation to the history, culture, and religions of East Asia.

Spring 2021: AHUM UN2604
Course Number Section/Call Number Times/Location Instructor Points Enrollment
AHUM 2604 001/16858 M W 4:10pm - 5:25pm Online Only Xu Tingting 3 19/21
AHUM 2604 002/16713 T Th 10:10am - 11:25am Online Only Naomi Kuromiya 3 23/21
AHUM 2604 003/16714 T Th 7:40pm - 8:55pm Online Only Jeewon Kim 3 21/21
AHUM 2604 004/16715 M W 8:40am - 9:55am Online Only Chen Jiang 3 18/21

AHIS GU4110 Japanese Architecture from the Mid-19th Century to the Present. 3 points.
This course will examine Japanese architecture and urban planning from
the mid-19th century to the present. We will address topics such as the
establishment of an architectural profession along western lines in the
late 19th century, the emergence of a modernist movement in the 1920’s,
the use of biological metaphors and the romanticization of technology
in the theories and designs of the Metabolist Group, and the shifting
significance of pre-modern Japanese architectural practices for modern
architects. There will be an emphasis on the complex relationship
between architectural practice and broader political and social change in
Japan.

Fall 2021 Undergraduate Seminars and Bridge Seminars
UNDERGRADUATE SEMINARS: 3000-level courses open to undergraduate
students only. Interested students must fill out and submit an online
application form in the semester prior to when the course will be offered
(April deadline for fall courses, November deadline for spring courses).
Please visit the "Courses" page on the department website and select the
upcoming semester to find a list of undergraduate seminar descriptions and
links to seminar application forms. BRIDGE SEMINARS: 4500-level courses
open to advanced undergraduates and graduate students. Applications are
due in August for fall courses, and January for spring courses. Please visit
the "Courses" page on the department website and select the upcoming
semester to find a list of undergraduate seminar descriptions and links to
seminar application forms.
AHIS UN3017 Architecture and Deception. 4.00 points.
Fittingly in the age of fake news, this seminar addresses how lying, deception, concealment, and forgery have shaped the history of architecture and its historiography. It deals not only with architects’ lies, but also with how their architecture can be deceptive in many different ways. It also analyses how architectural narratives—including biographies—and historical accounts have been shaped by falsehoods and distortions. While addressing philosophical issues that remain relevant to our present, the course will examine some of the most influential architects and key works of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth century—a pivotal time within intellectual history for the definition of the concept of ‘truth’ and also, therefore, of its opposite. Students will learn how to make use of the many lenses through which architecture can be investigated. The goal is not only to acquire a foundation in European architectural history, but also, more broadly, to develop the skills necessary to analyze architecture and to deal with original architectural objects and texts, as well as to cultivate a critical attitude towards architectural literature.

Fall 2021: AHIS UN3017
Course Number  Section/Call Number  Times/Location  Instructor  Points  Enrollment
AHIS 3017  001/13798  M 12:10pm - 2:00pm  934 Schermerhorn Hall  Eleonora Pistis  4.00  9/12

AHIS UN3413 Nineteenth-Century Criticism. 4 points.
Prerequisites: junior or senior standing, and the instructor’s permission. Selected readings in 19th-century philosophy, literature, and art criticism, with emphasis on problems of modernity and aesthetic experience. Texts include work by Diderot, Kant, Coleridge, Hegel, Emerson, Flaubert, Ruskin, Baudelaire, and Nietzsche.

Fall 2021: AHIS UN3413
Course Number  Section/Call Number  Times/Location  Instructor  Points  Enrollment
AHIS 3413  001/11362  T 4:10pm - 6:00pm  930 Schermerhorn Hall  Jonathan  4  4/12

AHIS UN3614 Landscape and the Visual Arts in China. 4.00 points.
The landscape of China is marked by sites that have acquired lasting cultural significance the interactions of the visual arts and myth, ritual, and literature. Representations of these sites, which include sacred mountains, scenic areas, and tourist destinations, promoted habits of viewing that directed visitors to seek out unusual vistas, strange rock formations, or ancient monuments. Memories of historical events or famous people associated with the sites added to their mystique. Among the most notable sites that will be covered in the seminar are Mt. Tai, a mountain sacred in both Confucian and Daoist thought; Mt. Huang, an area of spectacular, rugged peaks that became a popular tourist site in the seventeenth century; Tiger Hill, a frequent destination of literati visitors from the Suzhou area; and the Orchid Pavilion, a site in Zhejiang Province that gained fame through its association with a famous calligrapher. The seminar will introduce students to a broadly interdisciplinary approach to the visual arts drawing on methodologies from art history, anthropology, the history of religion, and other fields. No knowledge of Chinese is expected, but students who do know the language will be guided to appropriate sources. Readings in the history and theory of landscape in the West also will be included in the seminar in order to broaden the range of questions that can be asked about the experience of landscape in China.

Fall 2021: AHIS UN3614
Course Number  Section/Call Number  Times/Location  Instructor  Points  Enrollment
AHIS 3614  001/13213  W 10:10am - 12:00pm  930 Schermerhorn Hall  Robert Harrist  4.00  9/12

AHIS UN3615 Imperial (Re)Visions: Art and Empire in India. 4.00 points.
This seminar aims to teach students how to look at, think about, and engage critically with the visual culture of British India. Together, we will examine the repercussions of the Anglo-Indian colonial encounter on the disciplines of painting, decorative arts, photography, and architecture. We shall not only study the objects themselves, but interrogate the cultural, political, and intellectual circumstances under which they were produced, circulated, collected, and displayed. Finally, we will explore the legacy of the British empire today—its influence on contemporary art, the politics and practices of museum displays, repatriation debates, and beyond.

Fall 2021: AHIS UN3615
Course Number  Section/Call Number  Times/Location  Instructor  Points  Enrollment
AHIS 3615  001/13930  T 12:10pm - 2:00pm  Tara Kuruvilla  4.00  10/12

AHIS GU4503 Planning and Programming An Exhibition, Subject: Childhood. 4.00 points.
This bridge seminar studies the history of childhood, through a 2022 Boston Institute of Contemporary Art exhibition. To Begin Again was planned to consider how we imagine childhood in our present moment. How do 20 of today’s major artists, many of whom are parents, and belong to an inclusive range of backgrounds, represent the beginnings of human life? Now, the socially stratified consequences of Covid-19 on families and education are also at stake. Due to Covid-19, the timing of the ICA exhibition has allowed an interval in which to re-think what exhibition programming might consist of, in light of the exhibition’s subject, and recent history. Thanks to a Harvard Radcliffe Institute grant, a virtual seminar will convene museum, childhood and education experts to discuss best practices and new possibilities. Students will attend the workshop as well as an artist’s talk, and meet with the exhibition curator, as well as several museum education professionals, to understand how a museum exhibition comes into being. Assignments will include practicing aspects of research and writing necessary to a successful exhibition. A crucial resource and practicum for the seminar will be a website of the museum programming seminar, funded and managed by the Harvard, Radcliffe Institute, to which seminar graduate students will contribute. This seminar requires long reading assignments at the start of the semester, professional interactions with eminent scholars, and independent work in the second half of the semester. It is therefore suitable only for the most advanced undergraduates.

Fall 2021: AHIS GU4503
Course Number  Section/Call Number  Times/Location  Instructor  Points  Enrollment
AHIS 4503  001/15073  W 10:10am - 12:00pm  Anne Higonnet  4.00  3/12
AHIS 4511 Hellenistic Sculpture. 4.00 points.
Obsession with the Classical often kept us from looking at the Hellenistic period (323-30 BCE) with its artistic achievements as a time of innovation and experimentation in art. In Hellenistic times, new cultural and artistic centers arose besides Athens: Alexandria in Egypt, Antiocheia and Pergamon in Asia Minor, or the island of Rhodes in the Aegean Sea. Especially in sculpture, artists and patrons demonstrated an unprecedented interest in subjects such as ugly old women, working peasants, slaves with disfigured bodies, or non-Greeks. The seminar will study the sculpture of the Hellenistic period as an extremely imaginative and dynamic artistic expression without the Classical bias. In addition, it will look into the societal conditions that allowed this multi-cultural and rather inclusive style in sculpture to be created. The styles of the various Hellenistic artistic centers will be individually analysed based on representative works and then compared to each other and to the sculptural traditions of the Classical period, so that Hellenistic sculpture can be understood both as a continuation of the Classical and especially Late Classical sculpture and as an artistic, intellectual, and social creation – a creation that often went against the ideals of the past.

AHIS 4546 Gilles Deleuze: Thinking in Art. 4 points.
The philosophy of Gilles Deleuze has emerged as one of the richest, most singular adventures in post-war European thought; Foucault considered it the most important in France, and more generally, in the 20th century. In all of Deleuze's work there is a search for a new 'image of thought.' But how did art figure in this search, and how did the search in turn appeal to artists, writers, filmmakers, architects, as well as curators or critics? In this seminar, we explore the complex theme of 'thinkin in art' in Deleuze, and its implications for art in the 21st century or for the global contemporary art of today.

AHIS 4727 Medieval Monuments and Memory. 4.00 points.
The medieval world was filled with monuments that defined both the places people lived and traveled through and the ways they understood their communities. This course investigates how architecture and sculpture shaped medieval perceptions of the past and how medieval patrons hoped to make a mark on the future. Case studies will explore the commemoration of the dead, the definition of political identities, the construction of local histories, the presentation of architectural elements inside new structures, the creation of new stories to redefine preexisting sites, and other relevant topics. We will also discuss how modern restorations, neo-medieval monuments, museum collections, and political discourse impact how medieval monuments are made meaningful today.

Senior Thesis
The year-long Senior Thesis program is open to majors in the Department of Art History and Archaeology. For more information, please visit the Senior Thesis information page on the department website.

AHIS 4727

Majors Colloquium
The Majors Colloquium is a required course for all majors in the department. See the department website for more information. Students must sign up online by the deadline, which is posted on the department website.
AHIS UN2119 Rome Beyond Rome: Roman Art and Architecture in a Global Perspective. 4 points.
This course will approach the art of the Roman empire from two vantage points. In its first half, it will consider it from the inside. Through a regional survey of the art and architecture produced in the provinces of the Roman empire between the 2nd c. BCE and the 4th c. CE, it will focus on the mechanisms by which models emanating from Rome were received and adapted in local contexts (so-called “Romanization”), as well as on the creative responses that the provincials’ incorporation into the empire elicited. The second half of the course will consider the art of the Roman empire from the outside, i.e., from the perspective of its neighbors in the Middle East and in Africa, as well as its self-proclaimed successors and imitators. On the one hand, we will see how ancient states such as the kingdom of Meroë and the Parthian empire, or regions such as the Gandhara, interacted with the visual culture of Rome and its empire. On the other, we will explore the degree to which the classical roots of the modern colonial empires in Asia, Africa, and the Americas both managed and failed to shape the visual cultures that these empires developed.

AHIS UN2305 RENAISSANCE IN IMPERIAL SPAIN. 3.00 points.
Prerequisites: Required discussion section AHIS UN2306
The course will survey Renaissance art in Hapsburg Spain, considered in the wide geographical context of the extended and dispersed dominions of the different crowns of the Spanish monarchy, which connected the Iberian Peninsula with Italy, Flanders and the New World. It will concern visual art in its various media, mainly painting, sculpture and architecture, but also tapestries, prints, armor, goldsmithery and ephemeral decoration, among others. Works of the main artists of the period will be introduced but also tapestries, prints, armor, goldsmithery and ephemeral decoration, among others. Works of the main artists of the period will be introduced and analyzed, giving attention to the historical and cultural context of their production and reception. The course will particularly focus on the movement of artists, works and models within the Spanish Hapsburg territories, in order to understand to what extent visual arts contributed to shaping the political identity of this culturally composite empire.

Spring 2021: AHIS UN2305
Course Number Section/Call Number Times/Location Instructor Points Enrollment
AHIS 2305 001/12558 T Th 10:10am - 11:25am Online Only Diane Bodart 3.00 25/60

AHIS UN2400 Nineteenth-Century Art in Europe. 4.00 points.
How do you represent a revolution? What does it mean to picture the world as it “really” is? Who may be figured as a subject or citizen, and who not? Should art improve society, or critique it? Can it do both? These are some of the many questions that the artists of nineteenth-century Europe grappled with, and that we will explore together in this course. This was an era of rapid and dramatic political, economic, and cultural change, marked by wars at home and colonial expansion abroad; the rise of industrialization and urbanization; and the invention of myriad new technologies, from photography to the railway. The arts played an integral and complex role in all of these developments: they both shaped and were shaped by them. Lectures will address a variety media, from painting and sculpture to the graphic and decorative arts, across a range of geographic contexts, from Paris, London, Berlin, and Madrid to St. Petersburg, Cairo, Haiti, and New Zealand. Artists discussed will include Jacques-Louis David, Francisco Goya, Théodore Géricault, J. M. W. Turner, Adolph Menzel, Ilya Repin, Edouard Manet, Claude Monet, Mary Cassatt, James McNeill Whistler, C. F. Goldie, Victor Horta, and Paul Cézanne.

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AHIS 2400 001/13471 T Th 8:40am - 9:55am Online Only Meredith Gainer 4.00 79/90

AHIS UN2405 Twentieth-Century Art. 3 points.
The course will examine a variety of figures, movements, and practices within the entire range of 20th-century art—from Expressionism to Abstract Expressionism, Constructivism to Pop Art, Surrealism to Minimalism, and beyond—situating them within the social, political, economic, and historical contexts in which they arose. The history of these artistic developments will be traced through the development and mutual interaction of two predominant strains of artistic culture: the modernist and the avant-garde, examining in particular their confrontation with and development of the particular vicissitudes of the century’s ongoing modernization. Discussion section complement closed lectures.

Spring 2021: AHIS UN2405
Course Number Section/Call Number Times/Location Instructor Points Enrollment
AHIS 2405 001/12559 T Th 4:10pm - 5:25pm Online Only Alexander Alberro 3 120/150

AHIS UN2500 The Arts of Africa. 3 points.
CC/GS/SEAS: Partial Fulfillment of Global Core Requirement
Introduction to the arts of Africa, including masquerading, figural sculpture, reliquaries, power objects, textiles, painting, photography, and architecture. The course will establish a historical framework for study, but will also address how various African societies have responded to the process of modernity.

Spring 2021: AHIS UN2500
Course Number Section/Call Number Times/Location Instructor Points Enrollment
AHIS 2500 001/12532 M W 10:10am - 11:25am Online Only Zoe Strother 3 29/33
AHUM 2604 Art In China, Japan, and Korea. 3 points.
CC/GS/SEAS: Partial Fulfillment of Global Core Requirement

Introduces distinctive aesthetic traditions of China, Japan, and Korea—their similarities and differences—through an examination of the visual significance of selected works of painting, sculpture, architecture, and other arts in relation to the history, culture, and religions of East Asia.

Spring 2021: AHUM 2604
Course Number  | Section/Call Number | Times/Location       | Instructor   | Points | Enrollment
AHUM 2604     | 001/16858           | M W 4:10pm - 5:25pm  | Xu Tingting  | 3      | 19/21
AHUM 2604     | 002/16713           | T Th 10:10am - 11:25am | Naomn       | 3      | 23/21
AHUM 2604     | 003/16714           | T Th 7:40pm - 8:55pm  | Jeewon Kim   | 3      | 21/21
AHUM 2604     | 004/16715           | M W 8:40am - 9:55am   | Chen Jiang   | 3      | 18/21

AHIS 2612 A History of China in 27 Objects. 3 points.

This course introduces twenty-seven significant monuments and objects comprising a selective overview of 4000 years of traditional Chinese culture. Through these twenty-seven objects, we will think about historical currents, consider materials (clay, stone, bronze, lacquer, paper, silk, ink, and wood), how things were made, how these objects were used among the living, and why some of them were buried with the dead. Because analogy and metaphor is fundamental to Chinese language, we will examine visual symbols, auspicious imagery and rhetoric of resistance that had their origins in literature. The goal of the course is to raise awareness of visual clues in Chinese art and to establish basic visual literacy. After successfully completing this course you will be better able to articulate a research question, read more critically, write a visual analysis, and impress friends and family as you name a painting used in restaurant décor.

Spring 2021: AHIS 2612
Course Number  | Section/Call Number | Times/Location       | Instructor   | Points | Enrollment
AHIS 2612     | 001/12533           | M W 11:40am - 12:55pm | Alfreda Murck | 3      | 42/60

AHIS 2702 Pre-Columbian Art and Architecture. 3 points.

The Western Hemisphere was a setting for outstanding accomplishments in the visual arts for millennia before Europeans set foot in the so-called "New World." This course explores the early indigenous artistic traditions of what is now Latin America, from early monuments of the formative periods (e.g., Olmec and Chavin), through acclaimed eras of aesthetic and technological achievement (e.g., Maya and Moche), to the later Inca and Aztec imperial periods. Our subject will encompass diverse genres including painting and sculpture, textiles and metalwork, architecture and performance. Attention will focus on the two cultural areas that traditionally have received the most attention from researchers: Mesoamerica (including what is today Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, and Honduras) and the Central Andes (including Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia). We will also critically consider the drawing of those boundaries—both spatial and temporal—that have defined "Pre-Columbian" art history to date. More than a survey of periods, styles, and monuments, we will critically assess the varieties of evidence—archaeological, epigraphic, historical, ethnographic, and scientific—available for interpretations of ancient Latin American art and culture.

Spring 2021: AHIS 2702
Course Number  | Section/Call Number | Times/Location       | Instructor   | Points | Enrollment
AHUS 2702     | 001/12534           | M W 1:10pm - 2:25pm  | Lisa Trever  | 3      | 56/75

AHUM 2901 Masterpieces of Indian Art and Architecture. 4 points.
CC/GS/SEAS: Partial Fulfillment of Global Core Requirement

Introduction to 2000 years of art on the Indian subcontinent. The course covers the early art of Buddhism, rock-cut architecture of the Buddhists and Hindus, the development of the Hindu temple, Mughal and Rajput painting and architecture, art of the colonial period, and the emergence of the Modern.

Spring 2021: AHUM 2901
Course Number  | Section/Call Number | Times/Location       | Instructor   | Points | Enrollment
AHUS 2901     | 001/17486           | M W 10:10am - 11:25am | Seher        | 4      | 16/21

Spring 2021 Undergraduate Seminars and Bridge Seminars

UNDERGRADUATE SEMINARS: 3000-level courses open to undergraduate students only. Interested students must fill out and submit an online application form in the semester prior to when the course will be offered (April deadline for fall courses, November deadline for spring courses). Please visit the "Courses" page on the department website and select the upcoming semester to find a list of undergraduate seminar descriptions and links to seminar application forms. BRIDGE SEMINARS: 4500-level courses open to advanced undergraduates and graduate students. Applications are due in August for fall courses, and January for spring courses. Please visit the "Courses" page on the department website and select the upcoming semester to find a list of undergraduate seminar descriptions and links to seminar application forms.
AHIS UN3316 Mediterranean Maps. 4.00 points.
How do maps construct, rather than represent, territories, identities, pathways, and temporalities? From esoteric personifications of the continents to portolan nautical charts, this seminar investigates maps of the Mediterranean Sea and its borders from 1300-1700. We will probe cartographic visualization systems to understand what kinds of perspectives and orientations specific maps presumed, invited, or denied. Topics include port city commerce, wayfinding and navigation, the rise of Mercator’s projection, and mapping shifting boundaries. At the heart of this course is the Mediterranean itself, which we will trace west with features that affirm the artificial or fictive nature of the work or which dramatize the material, social and ideological conditions of the work's construction. Topics will include art by Durer, Holbein, Velazquez, Watteau, Courbet, Morisot, Vertov, Deren, Godard, Varda, Hitchcock and others. Readings will include texts by Auerbach, Gombrich, Brecht, Jameson, Barthes, Didi-Huberman, Bazin, Mulvey, and Daney.

Spring 2021: AHIS UN3316
Course Number: AHIS 3316
Section/Call Number: 001/12538
Times/Location: W 12:10pm - 2:00pm
Instructor: Diana Mellon
Points: 4.00
Enrollment: 5/12
Online Only

AHIS UN3433 Enlightenment and Archaeology. 4 points.
In this seminar, we will study the emergence of the disciplines of Near Eastern and Classical archaeology, antiquarian interests and collecting practices in eighteenth and nineteenth century Europe. This European scientific interest was centered around the ancient past of lands under the Ottoman empire in the Near East and the Eastern Mediterranean. Students will learn about antiquarianism and the development of the scientific discipline of archaeology, how it defined itself and set itself apart from its predecessor, focusing on the earliest collecting and documentation of antiquities, the start of organised excavations, the origins of the modern museum and early archaeological photography.

Spring 2021: AHIS UN3433
Course Number: AHIS 3433
Section/Call Number: 001/12560
Times/Location: Th 2:10pm - 4:00pm
Instructor: Zainab Bahrani
Points: 4
Enrollment: 5/12
Online Only

AHIS GU4521 Sin and Sodomy. 4.00 points.
For the unrepentant sins of their inhabitants God had Sodom and Gomorrah, the ignominious twin cities from Genesis, shattered to smithereens. Throughout the Middle Ages, the tale was invoked to justify harsh judgment of mortal sins of the flesh and “unnatural” sex acts, in particular those occurring between members of the same sex. This bridge seminar focuses on the church’s desire to control the potential of human sexuality to subvert its order of “natural” law. Through historical texts and artworks from the period, we will analyze the wide diversity of medieval attitudes toward non-normative sex and eroticism in a variety of contexts, from the construction of the phenomenon of sodomy in early and high medieval exegesis, the eradication of pre-Christian fertility rituals in northern and eastern Europe, the playful undermining of gender roles in secular medieval romances, to illicit accounts of public sex in pleasure gardens and bath houses, and monumental heliscopes rendered with graphic visualizations of sexual violence. Moving chronologically through the Middle Ages, we will end by addressing modern questions surrounding the sexuality of Jean the Duke of Berry and Albrecht Dürer, and Hieronymus Bosch's fixation with buttock play. Discussion will be informed by critical readings in queer theory, feminism, and gender studies by Jack Halberstam, David Halperin, Susan Stryker, to name a few, and by medievalists employing these methods, such as Roland Betancourt, Caroline Walker Bynum, Michael Camille, Dyan Elliott, and Robert Mills.

Spring 2021: AHIS GU4521
Course Number: AHIS 4521
Section/Call Number: 001/12543
Times/Location: T 10:10am - 12:00pm
Instructor: Gregory Bryda
Points: 4.00
Enrollment: 10/12
807 Schermerhorn Hall
AHIS GU4760 Great Waves: Arts of the Floating World. 4.00 points.
“Pictures of the Floating World” (Ukiyo-e) constitute one of the most significant developments in the history of Japanese art, and one that would have a profound impact on the history of art in Europe and the west in the early modern period. These images were created on all pictorial formats, from scroll paintings and painted fans to woodblock prints, wooden posters, lanterns, and kites. Because these images pervaded so many different media, Ukiyo-e images offer a unique lens through which to examine the role art in an early modern society as well as the very nature of that society. Our course will focus primarily on the woodblock print, a popular pictorial form that was accessible to broad sectors of society, and will focus on woodblock prints created in the city of Edo between 1700 and 1860. The course will be shaped around three approaches: brief weekly lectures to introduce prominent images and themes; discussion of readings that offer critical perspectives; and if possible, direct examination of works of art in the collections of Columbia University and other institutions and collections in New York.

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