Faculty of Arts

Art History (the renaming from “Fine Arts” is subject to the approval of the Academic Board)

Offered As: ✓ Major ✓ Minor

*Open to students of other Faculties: ✓

What is it about? The discipline of Art History is concerned with the understanding and interpretation of the vast body of images and visually expressive objects that human societies have produced to express their ideas, values, and concerns. Since visual expression through objects permeates virtually every human culture, art history touches on a vast range of issues and practices, including politics, social institutions, religion, philosophy, science, technology, and everyday life. The Department of Art History teaches the history and theory of art, including painting, calligraphy, sculpture, architecture, photography, conceptual art, and related visual media. Courses examine European, American, Chinese, Japanese, and Indian artistic traditions in depth. Several courses focus on specialized skills related to museum studies. Students may major or minor in Art History and will discover many fruitful combinations between Art History and other disciplines inside and outside the Arts Faculty.

Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute: Department of Art History, School of Humanities.

Pre-requisite requirements for declaring the major/minor: Major: One 6-credit Art History course at the 1000-level, and 12 credits of introductory courses from any Arts programmes, which may include additional credits in 1000-level Art History courses.

Minor: One 6-credit Art History course at the 1000-level.

For details, please check with the Department of Art History.

Career opportunities: For further information, please check with the Department of Art History, Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement).

Further information: https://arthistory.hku.hk/index.php/academic-programmes/undergraduate/

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* Note: Students pursuing curricula with major / minor programme(s) must complete at least one major programme from their home Faculties upon graduation.

Disclaimer: The information mainly applies to students admitted in 2020-2021 and thereafter. For students from different cohorts, the information is only for reference. Please check with Faculty/offering department for details. The pre-requisite requirements / conditions are subject to changes by Faculties from time to time, and students are advised to check with their Faculty Office in case of doubt.