

Art History Major

Total Major hours: 36
Suggested hours per semester: 14-16

Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2026-2027

The catalog is the final authority on CATC and major requirements; this is intended as a tool for planning purposes. Student course sequencing may vary depending on course offerings and other variables.

Fall Semester 1	Spring Semester 1	Summer 1
<p>ARTH 311: History of Art & Architecture I^{F,1,5}, or ART History Elective⁴</p> <p><i>CORE 101: First Year Seminar</i> <i>CORE 131: Holistic Human Flourishing (1)</i></p> <p><i>First-Year CATC options-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>COMM 101: Oral Comm (2)</i> ▪ <i>ENGW 103: First-Year Writing</i> ▪ <i>Language Core Competency or Thematic Core Courses</i> 	<p>ARTH 312: History of Art & Architecture II^{S,1}</p> <p><i>First-Year CATC Options</i> <i>Language Core Competency</i> <i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>ARCH 211: Old Testament²</i></p>	<p><i>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options – Wheaton-In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, or summer research</i></p>
<p>Fall Semester 2</p> <p>ARTH 216 or PHIL 217: Philosophy of Art (2-4) ARTH 311: History of Art & Architecture I^{F,1,5}, if not complete</p> <p><i>Thematic Core or Core Competency Courses (4-8)</i> <i>ARCH 213: New Testament²</i></p>	<p>Spring Semester 2</p> <p>ARTH 385: Medieval & Byzantine Art^{#S,1,5} OR ARTH 395: Renaissance & Reformation Art^{#S,1}</p> <p><i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>BITH 315: Christian Thought*</i> <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i></p>	<p>Summer 2</p> <p><i>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options.</i></p> <p><i>Wheaton's Archeology program is recommended</i></p>
<p>Fall Semester 3</p> <p>Art History Elective⁴</p> <p>Consider a semester off campus or abroad – Wheaton in Jerusalem, Wheaton in Chicago, etc. Consult with GPS³</p> <p><i>Advanced Integrative Seminar* (if not already taken)</i></p>	<p>Spring Semester 3</p> <p>ARTH 395: Renaissance & Reformation Art^{#S,1,5} or ARTH 385: Medieval & Byzantine Art^{#S,1} Art History Electives⁴</p> <p><i>Advanced Integrative Seminar* (if not already taken)</i></p>	<p>Summer 3</p> <p><i>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options.</i></p> <p><i>Wheaton's Archeology program is recommended</i></p>

Fall 4 Semester	Spring Semester 4	Summer 4
<p data-bbox="126 205 370 237">Art History Elective⁴</p> <p data-bbox="126 346 462 378"><i>Complete CATC Coursework</i></p>	<p data-bbox="578 205 998 306">Studio Art Course (3) or ARTH 494: Art History Capstone[#] (2) Art History Elective⁴</p> <p data-bbox="578 346 917 378"><i>Complete CATC Coursework</i></p>	

Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:

*Course has a prerequisite

^F Fall only course

^S Spring only course

[#] Offered every other year

¹ Courses that meet the CATC Thematic Core tags (a maximum of 3 tags can meet both Thematic Core and major requirements): ARTH 311 (GP, HP), ARTH 312 (DUS, VPAV), ARTH 385 (HP, VPAV), and ARTH 395 (HP, VPAV). Courses that meet the 16 hours of Art History electives may also meet CATC Thematic Core.

² Fulfilling Shared Core Bible requirements with ARCH 211 or ARCH 213 is recommended but not required.

³ These programs are not required for the major; however, this semester is a good time to participate in these programs.

⁴ Select 16 credits of courses at the 200-level or higher from ARCH, ART, BIOL, BITH (except CATC requirements), CFM, CHEM, COMM, ENVR, HIST, LIT, MATH, MUSC, PHIL, PSYC, RELI, SOC, or URBN prefixes (courses from beyond these departments will be considered in consultation with your faculty advisor).

⁵ Students studying abroad can substitute ARTH 311 for GPS 403 and ARTH 385 for GPS 403.

- Up to 16 credits can apply to other majors while also applying to the art history major. This makes double majoring especially suitable for an art history major, and it is highly encouraged. Popular options include English, Philosophy and Biblical and Theological Studies. See the Wheaton College Catalog for policies related to double-counting credit between types of curricula.

-A reading knowledge of two foreign languages is recommended for students who anticipate graduate study.