Degree Requirements, Art History

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Master of Arts

The program requires 30 semester hours of coursework, including six hours in the thesis course and six hours in supporting work (supporting work consists of upper-division or graduate courses in such related areas as history, literature, anthropology, archaeology, classical civilization, philosophy, architecture, music, museum education, and area studies). In addition to Art History 395, Art Historical Methods, students must complete four seminars selected according to their chosen degree track (general, ancient, medieval to early modern, or modern). Students take an additional three semester hours of art history preferably as a seminar but, in certain cases, as a reading tutorial (Art History 396, Advanced Reading Tutorial) or a lecture tutorial (Art History 396K, Advanced Lecture Tutorial). Students must show evidence of the ability to read one foreign language by the end of three fall/spring terms in the program.

Doctor of Philosophy

Degree requirements are: (1) completion of five seminar courses, including coursework in at least two of the following chronological areas of Western and non-Western art: ancient, medieval to early modern, and modern; (2) reading competence in two foreign languages; (3) successful participation in the dissertation colloquium; (4) a written and oral qualifying examination that admits the student to candidacy; (5) the dissertation; and (6) the oral defense of the dissertation.