

# ART HISTORY (ARTH)

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**ARTH 117 Introduction to Art History 3 cr**

Introduces art, architecture, and sculpture from prehistory to the present. Focuses on the art of the West with additional discussion of non-Western cultures. Examines major works and artists within their historical, social, and political contexts while tracing principle art movements. Also explores materials and techniques of art making. Course may include field trips to local museums.

**Attributes:** Core Creative Arts (CCA)

**ARTH 217 Contemporary Art 3 cr**

Introduces contemporary art. Presents major artists in cultural, historical, and political contexts. Topics may include the changing nature of the avant-garde, the roles of the critic and the economic market, new forms of art making, and the expanding conceptions of creative self-expression, particularly with regards to gender identity and race. Course may include field trips to MASS MoCA and other local sites of contemporary art.

**Attributes:** Core Creative Arts (CCA)

**ARTH 311 Topics in Art History 3 cr**

Provides a focused investigation of a particular art historical period(s) or theme(s). Introduces art historical research and bibliography. Topics vary by section. May be repeated for credit with a different topic.

**Prerequisite:** ARTH 117 or ARTH 217

**Repeatable:** Unlimited Credits

**ARTH 413 Seminar in Art History 3 cr**

Provides a critical and sustained investigation of a particular topic. Topics vary by section and rotate among art historical fields. Students in this advanced seminar read and discuss relevant texts and are exposed to varying art historical viewpoints and theories. Students conduct independent research, make oral presentations, and write research papers. May be repeated for credit with a different topic.

**Prerequisite:** ARTH 311

**Repeatable:** Unlimited Credits

**ARTH 500 Independent Study in Art History 1-3 cr**

Develop an art historical research topic to study critically and in depth in conjunction with the faculty advisor.

**Prerequisite:** Instructor approval

**Repeatable:** Maximum of 12 credits