

A close-up photograph of a pair of hands gently holding a shallow, wide-mouthed clay bowl. The hands are positioned on either side of the bowl, with fingers slightly curled. The bowl is a light, earthy brown color and appears to be made of hand-thrown pottery. The background is a light-colored, textured surface, possibly a workbench or a table. The lighting is soft and even, highlighting the texture of the clay and the skin of the hands.

UNDERGRADUATE

Art History

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Art and Design

SIUE

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Art History at SIUE

Art history students study art and architecture, both as expressions of human creativity and as uniquely informative historical documents to promote an understanding of its cultural and social value. Our students gain a greater aesthetic appreciation of art and a deeper understanding of its purposes in different times and places through extensive study. An understanding of the historical development of art contributes significantly to our students' comprehension of the overall development of human culture through the ages.

The art history curriculum at SIUE is designed such that students gain an understanding of broad historical traditions in the visual arts as well as specialized knowledge in one or more specific areas in the field of art history. Our students are challenged to think critically and reason logically in written and verbal analysis of the visual arts. Three of our faculty members are art historians who offer courses on a broad range of topics from prehistoric to contemporary art at both the introductory and advanced levels. Art history courses are taught in two smart classrooms, housed in the recently built Art and Design West building. Students also have access to the art history resource room, which provides a variety of supporting research materials, including videos, books, magazines and a digitized image database.

Degrees Available at SIUE

Bachelor of Arts, Art

- Art History Specialization

What can I do with a degree in art history?

Students specializing in art history at SIUE are prepared for a wide variety of careers, including:

- Museums
- Art galleries
- Cultural institutions
- Academia

Our students are also well prepared to pursue graduate school. Recent graduates have pursued advanced degrees at Washington University in St. Louis; University of Illinois, Springfield; and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

Art history students have gained employment at area institutions such as the Pulitzer, the Saint Louis Art Museum, and Leslie Hindman Auctioneers. Many of our graduates also pursue a certificate in museum studies at SIUE, which is an interdisciplinary post-baccalaureate certificate that offers students with an interest in exploring a museum career an opportunity to gain expertise that will aid in their career advancement.

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Sample Curriculum for the Bachelor of Arts in Art, Art History

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Year 1	ART 225A History of Western Art: Prehistoric through Medieval (BFPA/EGC) 3 ENG 101 English Composition I 3 Foreign Language 101 (BICS) 4 Breadth Humanities (BHUM) 3 ACS 101 Public Speaking 3 FST 101 Succeeding & Engaging at SIUE 1 Total Credits 17	ART 225B History of Western Art: Renaissance to Present 3 ENG 102 English Composition II 3 Foreign Language 4 RA 101 Reasoning & Argumentation or PHIL 212 3 Breadth Social Science (BSS) 3 Total Credits 16
Year 2	Art History 400 level (FPA) 3 Art History 400 level (FPA) 3 Breadth Physical Science (BPS) with a lab (EL) 3 Experience United States Culture (EUSC) 3 QR 101, MATH 150 or Higher 3 Total Credits 15	Art History 400 level (FPA) 3 Art History 400 level 3 Breadth Life Science (BLS) 3 Health Experience (EH) 3 Minor/Elective 3 Total Credits 15
Year 3	Art History 400 level 3 Art History 400 level 3 Art History 400 level 3 Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) 3 Minor/Elective 3 Total Credits 15	Art History 400 level 3 Art History 400 level 3 Art Studio Elective 3 Minor/Elective 3 Minor/Elective 3 Total Credits 15
Year 4	Art History 400 level 3 Art History 400 level 3 Art Studio Elective 3 Minor/Elective 3 Minor/Elective 3 Total Credits 15	Art History 400 level 3 Art History 400 level 3 ART 485 Art History Methods & Research 3 ART 487 Senior Capstone in Art History 3 Total Credits 12
	Notes: Minor/Elective must consist of 29 hours. It is possible to pursue a double major or have two minors that utilize the hours allowed for elective/minor within this major.	Total Hours 120

Transfer Students: Transfer students should contact the department for a review of credentials and placement at least 30 days before the beginning of the term for which entry is desired. Visit siue.edu/transfer to find course equivalency guides.

Admission Requirements

- Complete all academic development courses required by the University
- Complete any courses required to address high school deficiencies
- Attain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale)

Deadline for submission: November 1 or April 1

Graduation Requirements

- Complete all general education and specific program requirements.
- Complete Senior Assignment
- Art-Studio: ART 405 and a final digital portfolio
- Art and Design: ART 405 and ART 499
- Art History: ART 487
- File an Application for Graduation by the first day of the term in which you plan to graduate.
- BFA: A minimum of one year must be completed as a BFA before graduation.

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