

SENIOR THESIS IN ART HISTORY

In the Art Department the only path to departmental Honors is the Senior Thesis.

A Senior Thesis in Art History engages a topic involving substantial, independent, year-long research. For a student who has a clear idea of what she wants to investigate, a well-considered plan of research, and a willingness to accept the responsibility of working independently, a senior thesis can be a rewarding experience. It should be pointed out that a thesis is not a requirement for acceptance into Graduate School in Art History. A seminar paper for a 300 level course can provide a one semester equivalent to senior thesis work; it allows for sustained research, faculty guidance, and carries as well the benefit of working with one's peers.

Candidates for Departmental Honors in Art History complete a Senior Thesis in two units of independent study/thesis (ARTH 360, 370) undertaken in the Fall and Spring of the senior year. Admission to the honors program in the Department is open to students who complete the following requirements:

- A. 3.6 grade point average in the major
- B. A minimum of five units in Art History above 100-level courses. Four of the five units must be taken in the Department and one of the five units should be at the 300-level in the Department

The following schedule must be observed:

1. The student should start to think about a senior thesis topic in the second semester of her junior year and consult with a faculty member advisor
2. If the student has questions about the process of the senior thesis or about registration, she should speak to the Department chair
3. By the ADD/DROP date in the Fall semester, a student should submit to both her thesis advisor and to the Departmental Thesis Committee a one page typed thesis proposal, a beginning bibliography, and an academic transcript. At the same time the student and advisor should agree upon a schedule of dates for the various stages of the project
4. By the 15th of December of the year in which a Senior Thesis is being prepared, the thesis advisor, upon receiving the student's work, will make a recommendation to the Departmental Thesis Committee about the continuation of the thesis work into the second semester. The Committee will determine whether the student should continue her project as a 370 in the Spring and convey its decision to the student by 20 December. In a case where it is recommended that the Senior Thesis not be continued into the second semester, a student would receive credit for 360 work on the completion of a schedule of work previously agreed to between the thesis advisor and the student.