

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The CU Denver Art History program—a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Fine Arts—incorporates a broad range of visual cultures, spanning ancient to contemporary art and across diverse media. Courses enhance students' skills in research, visual analysis, and ability to understand art in its social and cultural contexts. Moreover, undergraduates learn to define how historical art provides a foundation for current artists and media images.

The Art History program emphasizes skills that translate across professional fields. These skills include critical thinking; a sensitivity to details, trends, and patterns; and the ability to communicate complex concepts effectively through writing and public speaking. We offer a rigorous curriculum that attracts high-caliber students who are dedicated, interested, and self-motivated. Our program encourages student participation and requires public speaking. Undergraduates learn how to offer constructive criticism to their fellow classmates and how to incorporate similar feedback into their own work.

Most classes are small (fewer than 30 students), and our faculty are active scholars in the field, pursuing ground-breaking research and publishing and presenting their ideas. The curriculum includes a built-in studio (art-making) component which is rare among art history programs. Further, options for art history electives stretch beyond the boundaries of the University, including Internships, Study Abroad, and potentially courses at other institutions, such as Metro State University.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Freshmen with fewer than 30 credits and/or CAM students who are Undeclared are assigned to the Center for Undergraduate Exploration and Advising (CUE&A). All other College of Arts & Media (CAM) students with more than 30 credits who have declared CAM majors are assigned to the CAM Office of Advising and Student Services.

Students with a declared CAM major that have more than 30 credits are encouraged to meet with a CAM advisor every semester prior to registration.

Freshmen with fewer than 30 credits and/or CAM students that are Undeclared students are assigned to the Center for Undergraduate Exploration and Advising. These students are required to meet with an advisor every semester prior to registration.

CAM Office of Advising and Student Services

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3084GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver CAM students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) semester hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CAM, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 hours at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** semester hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:*

- 16 semester hours Pass/Fail
- 12 semester hours of Independent Study
- 12 semester hours of internship credit

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The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.

Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department to confirm major requirements. In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CAM requirements, students completing the Art History B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 30 FINE credit hours.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 24 upper division (3000-level and above) FINE credit hours. Most upper division courses have lower division pre-requisites.
3. Students must achieve a minimum GPA of 2.0 for all courses applied to major requirements.
4. Students must complete all major courses taken at CU Denver with a minimum grade of C (2.0) and all transfer courses applying to major requirements with a minimum grade of C- (1.7). Students cannot complete major course requirements as pass/fail.
5. Students must complete a minimum of 21 FINE credit hours with CU Denver faculty.

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COURESWORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION

The following is a “bucket” of requirements students can complete prior to transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent Colorado Community College System (CCCS) courses. To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit www.transferology.com. It is critical students connect with a CU Denver academic advisor to ensure planned courses will transfer *and* apply to CU Denver degree requirements. All non-CU Denver coursework must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer.

Students interested in completing an Associate (A.A. or A.S.) Degree or a [Colorado Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement or Degree with Designation \(DWD\)](#) must work with their community/junior college academic advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for all degree or transfer articulation agreement requirements. Colorado Community College Students may also explore the option to complete [Reverse Transfer](#) at CU Denver.

CU Denver Requirements	CU Denver Credits	CCCS Equivalent Courses & Notes	CCCS Credits
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40		
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3	ENG 121	3
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3	ENG 122	3
Mathematics	3 - 4	GT-MA1 (<i>MAT 120 recommended</i>)	3 - 4
Arts	3	GT-AH (<i>ART 111 recommended</i>)	3
Humanities	3	GT-AH or GT-HI (<i>ART 112 recommended</i>)	3
Behavioral Sciences	3 - 4	GT-SS	3 - 4
Social Sciences	3 - 4	GT-SS or GT-HI*	3 - 4
Natural/Physical Science with lab	4 - 5	GT-SC1	4 - 5
Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math	3 - 5	GT-SC2 or GT-MA1 (<i>except the course used for Core Math</i>) or GT-SC1	3 - 5
International Perspectives	3	Additional GT-AH, HI, SS* (<i>see note below</i>)	3
Cultural Diversity	3	<i>To be completed at CU Denver. This requirement must be completed with an upper-division course and CCCS courses will not apply.</i>	
Non-Major Arts (Music, Theatre, Film, or Dance)	3		3
Art History Transfer Courses	26		
FINE 2600 Art History Survey I	3	ART 111	3
FINE 2610 Art History Survey II	3	ART 112	3
2-Dimensional Studio Art Course	3	Please consult a CAM Advisor for options.	3
3-Dimensional Studio Art Course	3	Please consult a CAM Advisor for options.	3
Studio Art Electives	3	Please consult a CAM Advisor for options.	3
General Electives	11	Please consult a CAM Advisor for options.	11

*The applicability of Guaranteed Transfer (GT Pathways) courses to specific CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements requires completion of a block of five courses: two GT-AH course; one GT-HI course; one GT-SS course; and one additional GT-AH, GT-HI, or GT-SS course.

SAMPLE PLAN – COURESWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER

Based on successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credits *and* the complete “bucket” of requirements outlined above, students would have the following remaining to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

Note: this plan assumes students have completed the CLAS Foreign Language proficiency requirement. Students who have not fulfilled this requirement must work with a CU Denver CAM Academic Advisor to modify this plan. (Students must demonstrate foreign language proficiency through a 2nd semester college-level course equivalent (e.g., SPA 112 or ASL 122), proficiency testing through CU Denver’s Department of Modern Languages, or submitting their high school transcript demonstrating completion of a 2nd year (Level II) high school course with a minimum grade of “C-” (1.7) in the 2nd semester of the 2nd year).



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Year One	Fall	CRS
	ENGL 2070/4180/4820/3084	3
	Pre-20 th Century Art History Elective	3
	FINE ____ Upper Division Art History Elective	3
	General Electives (student's choice)	3
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	Total Credit Hours	15

Spring	CRS
FINE ____ Upper Division Art History Elective	3
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General Electives (student's choice)	3
General Electives (student's choice)	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year Two	Fall	CRS
	FINE 4790 Methods in Art History (<i>Fall only</i>)	3
	FINE ____ Upper Division Art History Elective	3
	Upper Division General Electives (student's choice)	3
	Upper Division General Electives (student's choice)	3
	Cultural Diversity	3
	Total Credit Hours	15

Spring	CRS
FINE 4951 BA Thesis (<i>Spring only</i>)	3
FINE ____ Upper Division Art History Elective	3
Upper Division General Electives (student's choice)	3
Upper Division General Electives (student's choice)	3
Upper Division General Electives (student's choice)	3
Total Credit Hours	15