Department of Fine Arts and Art History

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MA in Art History and Curating

The general requirements for graduate study can be found in the Admissions section of the catalogue.

Students are required to successfully complete 30 credit hours for graduation: 12 credits of core concentration in AHIS (AHIS 301, AHIS 311, AHIS 315, AHIS 325; 6 credits of core electives in AHIS; 6 credits of general electives; and 6 credits for the graduation thesis or exhibition. All the elective courses taken outside the department must be approved by the Graduate Program Director.

Students who choose to specialize in Art History are required to submit a research-based argumentative art history or theory thesis for graduation. Students who specialize in Curating are required to submit a curatorial research paper and organize an exhibition in collaboration with art institutions and art spaces in Lebanon of the student’s choosing.

Course Descriptions

AHIS 301 Seminar in Practices of Art History 3.0; 3 cr.
(Research Methods, Theories, Historiography)
The seminar acquaints students with the main methods, theories and practices of art historical research. Annually.

AHIS 311 Issues in Contemporary Art and Theory 2.2; 3 cr.
The course is about the relationship of contemporary art (artistic and institutional practices) and theory. Annually.

AHIS 312 Seminar: Issues in Modern and Contemp. Art in the Middle East and the Arab World 3.0; 3 cr.
The seminar offers a topical treatment of issues related to modern and contemporary art in the Middle East and the Arab World. Annually.

* Part time
AHIS 315  Seminar: Issues in Global Art History 2.2; 3 cr.
The seminar situates the art historiographical canon and exhibition-making practices in
the wake of the global turn. *Annually. Can be repeated for credit.*

AHIS 318  Modernism and Its Discontents 3.0; 3 cr.
The course investigates 19th and 20th century canonical modernism from a comparative
perspective, in relation to other modernisms and avant-gardes. *Occasionally.*

AHIS 323  European Collections, Exhibitions and Institutions 2.2, 3 cr.
This course introduces students to collecting practices and to the history of
institutionalization of collections in various historical contexts in the Western tradition. *Annually.*

AHIS 324  Collecting and Exhibition Practices 2.2, 3 cr.
in the Islamic and Arab World
This course offers a historiographical and theoretical approach to representations of art
in museums, collections and expositions/fairs across various historical and geographic
contexts pertaining to the Islamic and Arab world. *Annually.*

AHIS 325  Issues in Curating: Practicum 3.0; 3 cr.
The course is a practicum in curating exhibitions. It offers a hands-on experience in
organizing art exhibitions and related events. Students conduct curatorial research and
implement their ideas practically, from writing curatorial concepts to selecting artworks
and designing exhibitions at the AUB Art Galleries. *Annually.*

AHIS 331  Workshop in Modalities of Art Writing 3.0; 3 cr.
(curatorial, critical, creative)
The course is based on active participation and engagement in art writing practices. *Occasionally.*

AHIS 335  Materials, Techniques, Technologies of Exhibition-Making 2.2; 3 cr.
Students will learn to work with spaces, design exhibitions and install art works,
amongst other relevant technical skills. *Occasionally.*

AHIS 313  Graduate Tutorial in Art History and Curating 1-3 cr.

AHIS 349  Special Topics in Art History 3.0; 3 cr.
The course focuses on specific topics of art historical significance and is framed around
a key debate or discussion in the discipline.

AHIS 350  Special Topics in Art Theory and Aesthetics 3.0; 3 cr.
The course deals with key concepts of aesthetics and theories of art from the epoch
of Enlightenment to the present. Introduction to concepts and aesthetic theories is
examined in the context of specific debates.

AHIS 385  Special Topics in Curating 3.0; 3 cr.
The course offers a close study of curatorial practices framed around particular art
historical and art institutional constellations, both historically and in contemporary
times. The course includes methodological, theoretical and practical components.
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