

So what classes should I take??

Don't worry, **Art History majors have lots of choices!** First, to make things easy, we suggest you try following the Semester 1 chart below, taken from the sample schedule Art History B.A. degree map:

Freshman Year (Semester 1)	Credits
ARTH 200, 201, 203, or 204	3
HIST 125	3
ENGH 101 (100 for ESL)	3
Philosophy or Religion	3
Natural Science (non-lab)	3
Total	15

Freshman Year (Semester 2)	Credits
ARTH 200, 201, 203, or 204	3
Literature	3
Quantitative Reasoning	3
Social/Behavioral Science	3
COMM 101	3
Total	15

But maybe you expect to have AP or IB credit for HIST 125 or English 101, or you aren't really so keen on science and don't want to lead with it in your first semester? No problem! Just borrow something from Semester 2. For example, you could take COMM 101 for **Oral Communication** or a **MATH** course (most Art History majors take MATH 106). If you've already got credit for English 101 or 100, you could take a **Literature** requirement course such as ENGH 201. Or explore by taking a course in one of the many qualifying subjects for **Social and Behavioral Science**.

Still don't have enough options? Borrow from one of the later semesters and take something for one of these requirements:

AVT (such as 103, 104, 222, 232, 243, 252, 253, 262)

Foreign Language (for most languages, the 110 beginning level is 6 credits, followed by two 3-credit intermediate courses; Latin has four semesters of 3 credits each, and American Sign Language has three semesters of 3 credits each)

Just remember that any time you're going to fulfill a requirement for Mason Core or CHSS (College of Humanities and Social Sciences), you need to make sure the course you take is on the approved list. Use the list of Core classes offered in the upcoming semester to choose approved class options. If the list says a class has prerequisites, look up the course at <http://catalog.gmu.edu> to see if you've met the prereqs through exam credit or dual enrollment.

When it's time to register for classes, make sure you have 3 or more draft lists of courses you could take in case a 1st or 2nd choice course is full or conflicts with something else on your schedule! See schedule planner on reverse side.

Handy reference for common AP/IB credits:

AP	
English Language & Comp	4 = ENGH 101 5 = ENGH 101 & ENGH 201
English Literature & Comp	4 = ENGH 101 5 = ENGH 101 & ENGH 202
European History	3 = HIST 100 4 or 5 = HIST 100 & HIST L388
Govt & Politics: Comparative	3, 4, or 5 = GOVT 133
Govt & Politics : United States	3, 4, or 5 = GOVT 103
World History	3= HIST 125 4 or 5 = HIST 125 & HIST L387
U.S. History	3 = HIST 121 4 or 5 = HIST 121 & HIST 122
Art History	3 = ARTH 200 4 or 5 = ARTH 200 & ARTH 201

IB	
English A: Language & Lit	5 = ENGH 101 6 or 7 = ENGH 101 & ENGH 201
English Literature A	5 = ENGH 101 6 or 7 = ENGH 101 & ENGH 201
English Language B	5,6, or 7 = ENGH 100
History: Americas	4 = HIST 122 5, 6, or 7 = HIST 122 & HIST 125
History: Europe	4 = HIST 100 5, 6, or 7 = HIST 100 & HIST 125
Geography	4 = GGS 101 5, 6, or 7 = GGS 101 & GGS 102
Philosophy	4, 5, 6, or 7 = PHIL 100
Psychology	4, 5, 6, or 7 = PSYC 100
Social & Cultural Anth	4, 5, 6, or 7 = ANTH 114

To see more Exam by Credit equivalencies:

<https://www.gmu.edu/freshman/requirements/exam-credit>

Sample First Two Years, Art History B.A.

This is a sample schedule only. Students are not expected to hold themselves to this example. This should be used only as a framework for launching on your undergraduate coursework in this major.

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Social/Behavioral Science	3
COMM 101	3
Total	15

Sophomore Year (Semester 3)	Credits
ARTH 3--- (Global Understanding)	3
IT (HIST 390)	3
Foreign Language 110	6
Electives	3
Total	15

Sophomore Year (Semester 4)	Credits
ARTH 3--- (Non-Western Culture)	3
Natural Science (with lab)	4
Foreign Language 201	3
Electives	6
Total	16*

*Full-time undergraduate tuition covers 12-15 semester credits. Semester credits beyond 15 are charged at the per-credit rate. This sample semester includes 16-credits but other plans can be developed. Please see your advisor.

Plan your own first semester here!

First Choice

Term:	Credits
Total	

Alternative Schedule #1

Term:	Credits
Total	

Alternative Schedule #2

Term:	Credits
Total	

Alternative Schedule #3

Term:	Credits
Total	

For more advising information, visit <http://historyarthistory.gmu.edu/undergraduate/welcome>.
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