Art with an Emphasis in Art History

Stetson University offers an Art with Emphasis in Art History major that features a variety of courses ranging from ancient to contemporary art, from art market to museum studies. The basic skills of art history -- analyzing visual elements and relating art to its historical and cultural contexts -- have become potent tools for understanding our world as it becomes increasingly dependent upon visual media. Students foster their mastery of visual and cultural codes and intellectual traditions, using a multitude of perspectives, discourses, and media.

A rich and varied program of visiting artists, critics and art historians widens student exposure to contemporary and historical art and artists. Recent lecturers, critics and visiting artists have included Alexis Rockman, Fiona Rae, Mark Dion, Judy Pfaff, Vik Muniz, Dave Hickey, Zoe Leonard, Michael Rush, Alison Saar, Martha Rosler, William Wiley, Patti Warashina, Michael Lucero and Samella Lewis. Campus art facilities provide first-hand access to important new artwork. Area museums and galleries further expand student options for a variety of art experiences, including internships.

Fast Facts

- Number of faculty: 3
- Can you major in this program? Yes
- Can you minor in this program? Yes
- Program website: [http://www2.stetson.edu/creative-arts/](http://www2.stetson.edu/creative-arts/)

The art history minor gives students a strong foundation for future teaching in the arts as well as for careers in museum or gallery work.

A Distinctive Program

The Art History program is an integral part of the Stetson Department of Creative Arts, which brings together faculty and students engaged in the study and practice of creative pursuits. See relevant sections of the Stetson University Catalog and this website to learn more about the department's other programs in art, digital arts, humanities and theatre arts.

Academics and Research

Facilities and opportunities

The Hand Art Center, an on-campus venue adjacent to Sampson Hall, provides first-hand access to important artwork through rotating exhibitions. It is also the venue for our annual juried student art competition and the Senior Thesis Exhibition.

Awards and Recognition

Distinguished faculty

- Tonya Curran, M.A., Texas Tech University; museum science
- Ekaterina Kudryavtseva, Ph.D., University of Southern California; art history
Beyond the Classroom

Internships
Stetson's institutional relationships with arts organizations provide internship opportunities for students at several locations including the Southeast Museum of Photography, the Atlantic Center for the Arts and the Museum of Florida Art.