Faculty of Arts

ART HISTORY

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Communication and Culture

Art History involves you in the historical study of art and architecture and the critical analysis of visual culture in a variety of historical, geopolitical, and cultural contexts. This program will help you develop conceptual understanding of art history and design that may include traditional media such as painting, sculpture, architecture and photography along with innovations in the creative use of new technologies, indigenous media, performance art, as well as feminist and postcolonial approaches to visual culture and art practices.

Did You Know?

Courses in the program often make field trips to the Nickle Galleries on campus to view and work with their contemporary art, photography, carpets, textiles and ancient numismatic collections.

Gerard Curtis
BA’86 (Art History), BFA’84 (Art)
Curtis is professor of Visual Culture and Art History in the Department of Visual Arts at the Grenfell Campus of Memorial University. He is the author of Visual Words: Art and the Material Book in Victoria England.

I believe that an art history classroom is a place where students can grapple directly with the political, historical and cultural changes that have defined our modern world, by studying how artists have responded to and been shaped by them.

Trevor Stark, assistant professor

Awards

DAVID BERSHAD MEMORIAL ART HISTORY SCHOLARSHIP

Job Titles

MUSEUM CURATOR
ART CRITIC
ARTS AND HERITAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Student Clubs

FACULTY OF ARTS STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION
ART HOUSE UNION

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2. Select your program
3. Select your type of admission (high school or transfer)
4. Choose the location of your high school

Sample First-Year Courses

- Introduction to Art History (Before 1400)
- Introduction to Art History (After 1400)
- Writing and Art History
- Canadian Art History
- Indigenous Art of the Americas
- Survey of Far Eastern Art