



School of Art and Art History

SAAH Honors in the Major Instructions for Art History Majors

To be eligible for Honors in the Major, art history students must graduate with a minimum UI cumulative GPA of 3.33 and a minimum GPA in the art history major of 3.50.

Please let Lynne or Megan know that you have an interest in Honors in the Major as soon as possible.

Recommended Timeline:

Third Year:

- Speak with or email an art history faculty member and ask if he or she would be your honors thesis advisor. Meet with the faculty member to decide whether you will pursue Option 1 (exclusively for University Honors students) or Option 2, as described in Graduating with Honors in the Art History Major (<https://art.uiowa.edu/undergraduate-program/art-history/honors-in-art-history>).
- With your art history faculty advisor, create a plan to complete your research project.
- If you are completing both Honors in the Major and University Honors, then speak with Holly-Yoder@uiowa.edu in the UI Honors Program about your requirements.

Summer after Third Year:

- If possible, begin preliminary research on your project and keep in contact with your faculty advisor.

Fourth Year, First Semester:

- If completing Option 2, then register for ARTH 3985 for 3 s.h. Ask your faculty advisor to send Megan or Lynne an email authorizing special permission for you to register for the course.
- Meet regularly with your art history faculty advisor, complete the research and writing of your project under the guidance of your advisor, and receive a final grade from your advisor.

Fourth Year, Second Semester:

- If you are completing both Honors in the Major and University Honors, then speak with Holly-Yoder@uiowa.edu in the UI Honors Program to ensure you have completed all your requirements.
- Apply for Graduation in MyUI. This needs to be completed prior to or at the same time as the Honors in the Major application.
- Complete the Honors in the Major application, obtain the required signatures, and return it to Lynne or Megan. Note that the Honors in the Major application is due within the first few weeks of classes and according to the due date written on the application.
- Note that with your advisor's permission, it is possible to complete your project during this semester.
- Be sure that your faculty advisor communicates final approval of your project to Lynne or Megan so that completion of your project is entered into MAUI.
- Optional: Add your thesis to Iowa Research Online, a repository of work by UI students and faculty that allows public access your research (<https://clas.uiowa.edu/faculty/honors-thesis-or-project-submission>).

Please note:

- Students graduating in the summer or who will be student teaching their final semester will submit the Honors in the Major application at the beginning of the semester in which they graduate.
- If your GPA drops below the required minimum GPA by the beginning of your final semester, you will not be eligible to graduate with Honors in the Major, even if you have already completed the Honors in the Major project.