CORCORAN ART HISTORY (CAH)

CAH 1032. Survey of Art and Architecture II. 3 Credits.
History of art through the study of major monuments, art movements, and concepts in relation to their historical, cultural, political, economic, and religious contexts. Early Renaissance through the Baroque and modern eras. Includes visits to area museums.

CAH 1070. The American Cinema. 3 Credits.
History and criticism of American films; recognizing and evaluating cinema techniques; and the role of films in the context of American culture. (Same as AMST 1070).

CAH 1090. Art History I: Art Now, Contemporary Perspectives in the Visual Arts. 3 Credits.
Through a focused study of artworks, exhibitions, and critical writings, students are introduced to the major ideas and issues in modern and contemporary art and design as they explore what it means to be an artist today and how the arts evolved into the diverse media landscape of the present.

CAH 1091. Art History II: Historical Perspectives in the Visual Arts. 3 Credits.
The history of art and architecture produced by cultures around the world from prehistory to the end of the nineteenth century; works of architecture, sculpture, and painting both in the process of their creation and meaning in cultural context.

CAH 1135. History of Spanish Art From the Golden Age to Goya. 3 Credits.
Spanish cultural history of the early modern period connecting developments in art and architecture with social, intellectual, and political history; interpretation of images through direct analysis of works of art. Offered through the GW Madrid program.

CAH 2001. Special Topics. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. See department for more details.

CAH 2001W. Special Topics. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. See Schedule of Classes for topics. Includes a significant engagement in writing as a form of critical inquiry and scholarly expression to satisfy the WID requirement.

CAH 2026. Contemporary Culture. 3 Credits.
This course examines our society's production and reception of various forms of media, including print images and graphic design, TV and cable TV, film and video, computer interfaces and software design, Internet/Web as a visual platform, digital multimedia, and advertising. The course is concerned with helping students develop an informed and critical understanding of the nature of contemporary culture, in particular the mass media, the techniques used by them, and the impact of this media culture on the visual arts and design. The course increases students' understanding of how the media works, how it produce meaning, how it are organized, and how it constructs reality. Through readings, screenings and group discussions, the course provides students with theoretical and practical tools with which to understand and analyze contemporary culture.

CAH 2071. Introduction to the Arts in America. 3 Credits.
Survey of American art from the period of colonial exploration and settlement to the postmodern present; political and social meanings of painting, sculpture, architecture, prints, and photographs; the relationship of art to religion and nationalism; issues of class, race, and gender.

CAH 2145. History of European Decorative Arts. 3 Credits.
Changing styles of European furniture, textiles, ceramics, and glass in the context of general trends in art history and changing patterns in economic, technological, social, and cultural history from antiquity to the modern age.

CAH 2154. American Architecture I. 3 Credits.
Stylistic properties, form and type characteristics, technological developments, and urbanistic patterns as a means of interpreting historic meaning; analysis of buildings both as artifacts and as signifiers of social, cultural, and economic tendencies. 1600 to1860. (Same as AH 2154, AMST 2520).

CAH 2155. American Architecture II. 3 Credits.
Continuation of CAH 2154. Stylistic properties, form and type characteristics, technological developments, and urbanistic patterns as a means of interpreting historic meaning; analysis of buildings both as artifacts and as signifiers of social, cultural, and economic tendencies. 1860 to present. Recommended background: Prior completion of AMST 2520 or CAH 2154. (Same as AMST 2521, AH 2155).

CAH 2161. History of Decorative Arts: American Heritage. 3 Credits.
The decorative arts in America from the seventeenth century to the modern period; consideration of changing visual characteristics in relation to the changing American experience. Recommended background: Assumes some prior knowledge of European design styles and history, such as that covered in CAH 2145.

CAH 2190. East Asian Art. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the visual and material cultures of East Asia from the prehistoric to modern periods, covering the areas of contemporary China, Japan, and Korea.
CAH 2191. South Asian Art. 3 Credits.
Visual and material cultures of South Asia from the prehistoric to contemporary periods, covering modern Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. (Same as AH 2191).

CAH 2192. Art of Southeast Asia. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the arts of visual and material cultures of Southeast Asia covering areas of contemporary Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, and Indonesia, especially Java and Bali. (Same as AH 2192).

CAH 2300. Medieval Legends in Art. 3 Credits.
This course examines the relationship between medieval epic tales and artistic representations of those stories from the 11th-14th centuries in Western Europe. Although the written texts often coincide with the chronological record of the literature, the visual retellings of the legends are not merely illustrations of the written word. We examine the meanings of visual programs by comparing visual material (tapestries, manuscript paintings, stone sculpture, and small-scale decorative objects) with textual narratives. Special emphasis is placed on the romantic legends of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table by Chrétien de Troyes and also romantic tales of medieval Germany, such as Roland, Tristan, and the Niebelungenlied. For term projects students research recent reinterpretations of medieval legends, such as Monty Python’s Holy Grail, Tolkien’s Lord of the Rings, the literature or films of Harry Potter, King Arthur (2004), Tristan & Isolde (2006), or even the BBC series on Merlin. Course topics include: oral tradition, medieval memory, and the visual record; framing single-scene images and narrative cycles; audiences for visual and written epics; royal portraits in word and image; courtly epics and tapestries; the relationship of secular legends and their representation in stone on churches; courtly ideals for heroes and heroines; 19th c. Romantic idealization of medieval epics in art; and modern cinematic versions of Arthurian legends. This course may also be taken for AS credit.

CAH 3030. History of Architecture and Interior Design. 3 Credits.
Major architectural styles, predominantly of Western civilization, from 1800 to the present; historical development of interior design from the nineteenth century to the present, including design reform of the nineteenth century, Art Nouveau, Arts and Crafts, and Modernism. Additional work required if taken for graduate credit.

CAH 3065. Digital Media Culture. 3 Credits.
From the early days of the telegraph, telephone, radio, television, to the Internet and beyond, the ease and speed with which information can be conveyed digitally is dramatically changing long-established business and social patterns, including how we live, work, and interact. Considering both contemporary media and older technologies as they have been transformed through digitization, this course covers the impact of the digital revolution on the creation, production, and spectatorship of new forms of visual art and design.

CAH 3101. Ancient Art of the Bronze Age and Greece. 3 Credits.
Survey of Greek art from the Minoans and Mycenaeans (c. 2000 BC) to the age of Alexander (c. 300 BC); relationships among the arts of different groups in the Aegean area and their impact on Western culture; Theran volcanic eruption, Dorian Invasion, portrayal of women, heroic nudity, and assumption of a stylistic chronology.

CAH 3102. Ancient Art of the Roman Empire. 3 Credits.
Survey of Roman art from the successors of Alexander the Great (c. 300 BC) to the fall of the Roman Empire in the West (c. 300 AD); impact of the Greek world on Roman art and culture; innovations and achievements of the Romans in architecture, portraiture, and historical narrative. Focus on the city of Rome and other areas of the Roman world such as North Africa and Asia.

CAH 3103. Art and Archaeology of Egypt and the Near East. 3 Credits.
The great artistic tradition of the Nile Valley and the contemporary civilizations (c. 3000 BC to after 1000 BC) between the rivers Tigris and Euphrates (present day Iraq). The Pyramid Age, temples at Karnak and Luxor, tombs of the Valley of the Kings, and artistic traditions of the Sumerians, Akkadians, Babylonians, Assyrians, and Persians.

CAH 3104. Art and Archaeology of the Aegean Bronze Age. 3 Credits.
Excavational and multidisciplinary aspects of classical archaeology in the Bronze Age Aegean utilizing archaeology, ancient history, art history, classical studies, and anthropology; Minoan and Mycenaean civilizations (1700 to 1200 BCE). (Same as ANTH 3806).

CAH 3112. Proseminar in Romanesque and Gothic Art and Architecture. 3 Credits.
The origin of Western art in the Hiberno-Saxon and Carolingian worlds and their relationship to the Ancient heritage and to the contemporary Byzantine art. Romanesque and Gothic architecture and its sculptural decoration as art historical and social phenomena.

CAH 3113. Islamic Art and Architecture. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the visual culture of the Muslim world, from Spain to India, from the seventh century to the present. Examination of artworks in their historical, religious, and cultural contexts; key points in the field’s historiography. (Same as AH 3113).
CAH 3114. Art of the Book in the Medieval Muslim World. 3 Credits.
Painting and book illumination in the Islamic world, beginning with the rise of Islam in the seventh century and ending with the seventeenth century. Uses written sources and works of art and material culture to better understand the unity and diversity of the Islamic world and its complex attitude toward images. Recommended background: Prior completion of CAH 3113. (Same as AH 3114).

CAH 3117. Special Topics in Pre Columbian Art and Archaeology. 3 Credits.
Topic vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. See the Schedule of Classes for more details.

CAH 3121. Italian Art and Architecture of the Sixteenth Century. 3 Credits.
Development and theoretical foundations of painting, sculpture, architecture, and urban form in Renaissance Italy from the early fifteenth to late sixteenth centuries.

CAH 3122. Topics in Early Northern Renaissance Art and Architecture. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. See the Schedule of Classes for more details.

CAH 3123. Topics in Northern Renaissance Art and Architecture. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. (Same as AH 3122).

CAH 3131. Italian Art and Architecture of the Seventeenth Century. 3 Credits.
The Counter-Reformation and creation of the Baroque in painting, sculpture, and architecture in Rome (Carracci, Caravaggio, Bernini, Borromini, Pietro da Cortona), Turin (Guarini, Juvarra), and Venice (Longhena).

CAH 3132. Topics in Northern European Art and Architecture of the Seventeenth Century. 3 Credits.
Topic vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. (Same as AH 3132).

CAH 3133. Topics in Spanish and Portuguese Art through the Sixteenth Century. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. (Same as AH 3132).

CAH 3134W. Topics in Spanish and Portuguese Art Through the Sixteenth Century. 3 Credits.
The Kingdoms of the Iberian Peninsula from the reconquest of Granada to the Renaissance Age of Exploration. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Includes a significant engagement in writing as a form of critical inquiry and scholarly expression to satisfy the WID requirement.

CAH 3135. Topics in Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Spanish and Portuguese Art. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details.

CAH 3140. European Art of the Eighteenth Century. 3 Credits.
Painting, sculpture, and architecture in France, Great Britain, and Italy. Emphasis on Watteau, Chardin, David, Hogarth, Gainsborough, Reynolds, Canaletto, and Tiepolo. Painting, sculpture, and architecture in France, Great Britain, and Italy. Restricted to Graduate standing.

CAH 3142. European Art of the Late Nineteenth Century. 3 Credits.
The revolution in style of Realism, Impressionism, and Post-Impressionism in the context of Western European political, social, and cultural developments; representative styles of Courbet, Manet, Monet, Morisot, Repin, Seurat, Cezanne, Van Gogh, and Gauguin.

CAH 3143. Early Twentieth-Century Art. 3 Credits.
History and theory of early twentieth-century modernism in the visual arts, from origins in the late nineteenth century through Surrealism. The work of artists such as Matisse, Picasso, Kandinsky, Duchamp, and Mondrian.

CAH 3143W. Early Twentieth-Century Art. 3 Credits.
History and theory of early twentieth-century modernism in the visual arts, from origins in the late nineteenth century through Surrealism. The work of artists such as Matisse, Picasso, Kandinsky, Duchamp, and Mondrian. Includes a significant engagement in writing as a form of critical inquiry and scholarly expression to satisfy the WID requirement.

CAH 3146. Modern Architecture in Europe and America. 3 Credits.
Major developments in architecture and urbanism from the Industrial Revolution to the end of the twentieth century.

CAH 3150. Theories and History of Graphic Design. 3 Credits.
This course investigates traditional and contemporary ideas, language, and theories of graphic design. It includes a survey of the development of graphic design from 1900 until the present. Specific graphic design assignments are assigned to support certain historical lessons.

CAH 3150W. Theories and History of Graphic Design. 3 Credits.
Analysis of the history of graphic design and visual communication. How cultural factors, such as new technologies, economic shifts, and developments in art and culture, have shaped the field of graphic design.
CAH 3151. American Art in the Age of Revolution. 3 Credits.
American art during the eighteenth-century consumer revolution, the American War for Independence, and the early republic; socioeconomic and political purposes of art, focusing on Enlightenment symbolism and the visualization of national identity. (Same as AMST 3151).

CAH 3152. American Art in the Era of National Expansion. 3 Credits.
American art from the opening of the Erie Canal in 1825 to the Spanish-American War in 1898. Emphasis on the role of art in the expansion of the United States, exploring issues of race, class, and gender; art and religion.

CAH 3153. American Art of the Twentieth Century. 3 Credits.
Twentieth-century American painting and sculpture from the turn of the century to the beginnings of postmodernism. Artists of the Stieglitz circle and later modernist movements such as abstract expressionism, pop, op, minimal, and conceptual art.

CAH 3160. Topics in Latin American Art and Architecture. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details.

CAH 3165. Later Twentieth-Century Art. 3 Credits.
Artists, art, and critical concepts from the later twentieth century; key movements and issues, including abstract expressionism, minimalism, conceptual art, feminism, identity politics, and the rise of globalization.

CAH 3165W. Later Twentieth-Century Art. 3 Credits.
Artists, art, and critical concepts from the later twentieth century, focusing on key movements and issues, including abstract expressionism, minimalism, conceptual art, feminism, identity politics, and the rise of globalization. Includes a significant engagement in writing as a form of critical inquiry and scholarly expression to satisfy the WID requirement.

CAH 3170. Materials, Methods, and Techniques in Art History. 3 Credits.
Hands-on introduction to the materials, methods, and techniques of the fine arts through traditional practices and processes of manufacture including panels, canvases, grounds, pigments, and drawings and paintings from raw materials.

CAH 3181. Special Topics in Asian Art. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details.

CAH 3182. Special Topics in South Asian Art. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details.

CAH 3182W. Special Topics in South Asian Art. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the art, architecture, and visual culture of the Indian subcontinent from ancient to contemporary periods. Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Includes a significant engagement in writing as a form of critical inquiry and scholarly expression to satisfy the WID requirement.

CAH 3240. Cultures of Photography: WWII to 2000. 3 Credits.
The nature of photography, its practices, meanings, and visual results during a critical era of rapid development of the medium; how contextual and cultural understandings have shaped the readings of images over the second half of the twentieth century. Additional work is required if taken for graduate credit.

CAH 3330. The Twentieth Century Artist Book. 3 Credits.
The historical, theoretical, and critical development of artists' books throughout the 20th and early 21st centuries within the context of movements and trends in the visual and performing arts; Arts and Crafts Movement, Russian Futurism, Surrealism, fluxus, Conceptual Art, and Postmodernism, among others. Restricted to Priority to graduate students of the Art and the Book department; open to other degree students as space is available.

CAH 3360. The Black Arts Movement. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on the historical, social, and cultural impact of the Black Arts Movement of the 1960s and 1970s. Through an interdisciplinary approach, students are introduced to the issues and themes pivotal to this international art movement's symbols of racial consciousness, transformations in urban life, fashions and hairstyles, music and cinema as aesthetic statements. We explore the works of painters, sculptors, photographers, graphic artists, and filmmakers, including Romare Bearden, Faith Ringgold, David Hammons, Gordon Parks, Elizabeth Catlett, Betye Saar, and Charles White.

CAH 3530. Art and Architecture of Washington, D.C. 3 Credits.
The art and architecture of the city of Washington, D.C. Major collections, special exhibitions, historic architecture, and the city itself. As a majority of class time is spent at various sites outside the classroom, this is a walking-intensive course. Additional work is required if taken for graduate credit.

CAH 3531. Iconic American Designers. 3 Credits.
In-depth examination of works by a select group of iconic American designers from the nineteenth century to the present, including Gustav Stickley, Greene & Greene, Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Comfort Tiffany, Eero Saarinen, Charles and Ray Eames, Josef and Anni Albers, Frances Knoll, Herman Miller, and Eliot Noyes, and others. Additional work is required if taken for graduate credit.
CAH 3700. Theories of Art. 3 Credits.
This course investigates traditional and contemporary concepts about the relation of ideas, language, and theory to art. Readings cover the history of aesthetics and a selection of modern theoretical proposals, including ethical, political, and psychological interpretations, and theories of expression and communication. Classes combine textual analysis with student criticism. Students develop their own analytical and interpretative propositions concerning contemporary art and design.

CAH 3800. Independent Study: Art History. 3 Credits.
This option is appropriate for degree students who want access to independent faculty supervision, lab areas, and supplies for independent projects, and do not need or desire extensive course instruction.

CAH 3900. Internship: Art History. 1-3 Credits.
For degree students only. Internships can help students develop marketable skills, establish professional contacts, and explore different career options.

CAH 4109. Topics in Ancient Art and Archaeology. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to juniors and seniors.

CAH 4110. The Photograph in Contemporary Art. 3 Credits.

CAH 4119. Seminar in Medieval Art and Architecture. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to juniors and seniors.

CAH 4129. Seminar in Renaissance Art and Architecture. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to juniors and seniors.

CAH 4139. Seminar in Baroque Art and Architecture. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details.

CAH 4149. Seminar in Modern European Art and Architecture. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to juniors and seniors.

CAH 4157. Seminar in Photography. 3 Credits.
Advanced undergraduate study of photography and lens-based media. Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to juniors and seniors.

CAH 4159. Seminar: American Art/Architecture. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to juniors and seniors.

CAH 4159W. Seminar in American Art and Architecture. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to juniors and seniors.

CAH 4165. Topics in Islamic Art and Architecture. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to juniors and seniors.

CAH 4169. Seminar in Contemporary Art. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. See program for more details. Restricted to juniors and seniors.

CAH 4179. Topics in Design History and Theory. 3 Credits.
Practical, historical, and theoretical underpinnings of designed spaces, objects, and interactions. Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. See department for more details.

CAH 4181. Topics in Asian Art. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. See program for more details. Restricted to juniors and seniors.

CAH 4182. Topics in South Asian Art. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult program for more details. Restricted to juniors and seniors.

CAH 4197. Senior Thesis. 1-4 Credits.
Students should consult the Director of Undergraduate Studies by the end of their junior year regarding eligibility, selection of an area of research, and the appropriate faculty members to supervise the project. May be repeated for credit.

CAH 4198. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.
Directed research and study in a specific area of art history to be approved by a faculty member. A written proposal of the plan of study and approval from the faculty member and the Director of Undergraduate Studies is required for registration. May be repeated for credit.

CAH 4199. Internship in Art History. 1-3 Credits.
Students gain practical experience working in an arts institution such as a museum or gallery. Advisor approval required for registration. A maximum of 3 credits may count toward the major. Restricted to Corcoran BA and BFA majors.
CAH 4400. History of Exhibitions from 1850 to Present. 3 Credits.

The history and theory of exhibiting new art since 1850; the French Salon and the independent alternatives that challenged it, from avant-garde exhibitions to installation art and alternative exhibition strategies and contemporary art fairs and biennials. Additional work required if taken for graduate credit.

CAH 4410. From Arts and Crafts to Ikea. 3 Credits.

While the widespread influence of William Morris’ Arts and Crafts movement confirms its importance and success, its failure to create truly affordable handcrafted goods for everyday use and everyday people eventually inspired a manufacturing revolution. Since the early twentieth century, mass-produced objects or interior complexes assembled with specific design vocabularies have stimulated a major consumer industry, mediated by sales and marketing strategies that intentionally appeal to the broadest possible clientele. Pursuing discussions inspired by Arts & Crafts into the present age, this course touches on discourses about fashion versus style, ‘sham’ or kitsch versus high design, the inherent value of crafted versus mass produced items, and innovations in materials or manufacturing techniques that either reflect their own period of time or romanticize the past-all topics that still resonate within the design and manufacturing arena. What began with many regionally inventive streams—including Germany’s Bauhaus curriculum, Scandinavia’s national romanticist movement, or America’s Colonial and Mission revivals—has culminated in mass-marketed brands and ensemble marketing, represented by IKEA, Herman Miller, Ethan Allan, or Pottery Barn (among others). This course surveys various pioneers whose design ethos eventually merged with mass production, reviewing a variety of ensemble design approaches: for example, Peter Behrens, Lily Reich (with Mies van der Rohe), Marcel Breuer, Le Corbusier’s Thonet preference, Charles and Ray Eames, the Saarinens at Cranbrook, the reproduction industry that represents Frank Lloyd Wright, Russell Wright, and others. The integration of non-Western influences (characterized in the past as Japonisme, Chinoiserie, folkloric or primitivist), the impact of various international expositions, and the success of the “museum”-store mentality (which made Isamu Noguchi, Alvar Aalto, and others more affordable to a wider audience) is also introduced. This seminar-style survey concludes with the “Target” approach (featuring architect Michael Graves), as well as some consideration of recycled or ‘green’ products that are marketed as "environmentally correct." By the end of this class, students are aware of the major stylistic distinctions, socio-cultural influences, revivals, and shifts in design practices from the eighteenth century to the present in their fields of interior design or decoration. At times this course may be cross-tallied at the graduate level as CAH 6410. Additional work required for graduate level credit is outlined in the course syllabus.

CAH 6030. History of Architecture and Interior Design. 3 Credits.

Major architectural styles and the development of interior design since the nineteenth century, covering such seminal movements as Art Nouveau, Arts and Crafts, the International Style, and Modernism. Consideration of the social and cultural forces that shape design.
CAH 6040. Contemporary Culture and Design. 3 Credits.
This course examines how the field of design reflects the movements and attitudes of our contemporary culture and vice versa. Each year the course explores different topics through a combination of seminar, special guest lectures, student presentations, and readings. Students complete an extensive research project on a topic of their choice and present their findings at the end of the semester. The Spring semester focuses on the objects with which we surround ourselves—from the highly functional to the purely decorative and the imminently disposable to the cherished heirloom. We explore the societal influences, the environmental impact, and the role and responsibility of designers in a culture of objects.

CAH 6130. The History of the Western Book: From Gutenberg to Google. 3 Credits.
This one semester course is a brief survey of the history of the book over the last 550 years. We examine not only the production methods of a wide range of book and print materials, but the cultural and theoretical issues that underpin our understanding of the role of the book in history. Although we discuss non-Western and ancient and mediaeval manuscript books, the focus of the course is on developments in Europe and North America. Special, but not exclusive, attention is paid to illustrated and decorated books, as well as twentieth-century livres d’artiste. Many of the course sessions are held at the Library of Congress, where students have direct access to the materials under study. As digital technologies have forced us to reconsider the signifying power of the "body of the book," academic interest in the field of material bibliography has expanded considerably. This course is designed to introduce students to these scholarly issues and debates. Priority to graduate students of the Art and the Book department; open to other degree students as space is available.

CAH 6201. Proseminar in Ancient Art of the Bronze Age and Greece. 3 Credits.
Greek art from the Minoans and Mycenaeans (c. 2000 BC) to the age of Alexander (c. 300 BC). Relationships among the arts of the different groups in the Aegean area and their impact on Western culture. The Theran volcanic eruption, the Dorian Invasion, the portrayal of women, heroic nudity, and the assumption of a stylistic chronology. Restricted to graduate students.

CAH 6202. Proseminar in Ancient Art of the Roman Empire. 3 Credits.
Roman art from the successors of Alexander the Great (c. 300 BC) to the fall of the Roman Empire in the West (c. 300 AD). The impact of the Greek world on Roman art and culture; innovations and achievements of the Romans in architecture, portraiture, and historical narrative. Focus on the city of Rome and other areas of the Roman world such as North Africa and Asia.

CAH 6205. Topics in Ancient Art. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to graduate students.

CAH 6211. Proseminar:Christian/Byzantine. 3 Credits.
Art of the Mediterranean world following the collapse of Roman administration. Growth of the basilica and its decoration; the significance of small objects in medieval study. The rise and fall of the East Roman (Byzantine) Empire from Justinian to 1453.

CAH 6212. Proseminar in Romanesque and Gothic Art and Architecture. 3 Credits.
The origin of Western art from the Hiberno-Saxon and Carolingian worlds and their relationship to the Ancient heritage. Romanesque and Gothic architecture and its sculptural decoration as social phenomena. Restricted to graduate students.

CAH 6213. Islamic Art and Architecture. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the visual culture of the Muslim world, from Spain to India, from the seventh century to the present. Examination of artworks in their historical, religious, and cultural contexts; key points in the field’s historiography. Restricted to graduate students.

CAH 6214. Art of the Book in the Medieval Muslim World. 3 Credits.
An advanced-level introduction to the visual culture of the Muslim world, from Spain to India, from the seventh to the seventeenth century. Examination of artworks in their historical, religious, and cultural contexts; key points in the field’s historiography. Restricted to graduate students.

CAH 6215. Seminar in Medieval Art and Architecture. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to graduate students.

CAH 6220. Italian Art/Ach 13th-15th Cent. 3 Credits.
Origins, development, and theoretical foundations of Renaissance painting, sculpture, and architecture (Giotto, Duccio, Masaccio, Donatello, Ghiberti, Brunelleschi, Mantegna, Bellini, Botticelli).

CAH 6221. Proseminar in Italian Art and Architecture of the Sixteenth Century. 3 Credits.
Development and theoretical foundations of painting, sculpture, architecture, and urban form in Renaissance Italy from the early fifteenth to late sixteenth centuries.

CAH 6222. Proseminar in Early Northern Renaissance Art and Architecture. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details.

CAH 6223. Proseminar in Northern Renaissance Art and Architecture. 3 Credits.
Topic vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to graduate students.
CAH 6225. Seminar in Renaissance Art. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to graduate students.

CAH 6231. Proseminar in Italian Art and Architecture of the Seventeenth Century. 3 Credits.
The Counter-Reformation and creation of the Baroque in painting, sculpture, and architecture in Rome (Carracci, Caravaggio, Bernini, Borromini, Pietro da Cortona), Turin (Guarini, Juvarra), and Venice (Longhena). Restricted to graduate students.

CAH 6232. Proseminar in Northern European Art and Architecture of the Seventeenth Century. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to graduate students.

CAH 6234. Proseminar in Spanish and Portuguese Art through the Sixteenth Century. 3 Credits.
The kingdoms of the Iberian Peninsula from the reconquest of Granada to the Renaissance Age of Exploration. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to graduate students.

CAH 6235. Topics in Design History and Theory. 3 Credits.
Examines practical, historical and theoretical underpinnings of designed spaces, objects, and interactions. Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Restricted to graduate students.

CAH 6236. Seminar in Baroque Art. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to graduate students.

CAH 6240. Proseminar in European Art of the Eighteenth Century. 3 Credits.
Painting, sculpture, and architecture in France, Great Britain, and Italy. Emphasis on Watteau, Chardin, David, Hogarth, Gainsborough, Reynolds, Canaletto, and Tiepolo.

CAH 6245. Seminar in European Art of the Nineteenth Century. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to graduate students.

CAH 6246. Proseminar in Modern Architecture in Europe and America. 3 Credits.
Major developments in architecture and urbanism from the Industrial Revolution to the end of the twentieth century. Restricted to graduate students.

CAH 6250. Seminar in Modern Art. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to graduate students.

CAH 6251. Proseminar in American Art in the Age of Revolution. 3 Credits.
American art during the eighteenth-century consumer revolution, the American War of Independence, and the early republic. The socioeconomic and political purposes of art, with focus on Enlightenment symbolism and the visualization of national identity. Prerequisite: graduate students.

CAH 6252. Proseminar in American Art in the Era of National Expansion. 3 Credits.
American art from the opening of the Erie Canal in 1825 to the Spanish-American War in 1898. The role of art in the expansion of the United States, exploring issues of race, class, and gender. Art and religion. Restricted to graduate students.

CAH 6254. Seminar in American Art before 1900. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to graduate students.

CAH 6255. Seminar Studies in American Art and History. 3 Credits.
Selected problems and themes in American cultural history involving the use of artistic materials in different media. Emphasis on methodology and analytic techniques. Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to graduate students. (Same as AMST 6730).

CAH 6257. Seminar in Photography. 3 Credits.
Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to graduate students.

CAH 6330. The Twentieth-Century Artist Book: Tradition and Innovation. 3 Credits.
This course explores the historical, theoretical, and critical development of artists’ books throughout the twentieth- and early twenty-first-centuries within the context of movements and trends in the visual and performing arts. Books associated with the Arts & Crafts Movement, Russian Futurism, Surrealism, fluxus, Conceptual Art, and Postmodernism, among others are closely studied. Johanna Drucker’s anthology “The Century of Artists’ Books”(1995) serves as a guide. Readings and presentations are based on individual books, presses, writers, and artists. Independent research at the Library of Congress and other area research centers culminates in a developed seminar paper to be presented to the class at the conclusion of the semester. In some semesters this course may be offered at the undergraduate level as CAH 3330 and at the graduate level as CAH 6330. Additional work is required to earn graduate credit. Priority to graduate students of the Art and the Book department; open to other degree students as space is available.
CAH 6332. The Creative Space: Viewing and Reading. 3 Credits.
The emergence of Netscape and the Internet in the 1990s ushered in an important shift in our cultural sensibility surrounding the aesthetic apprehension of words and images. Instead of the meditative, contemplative approach cultivated by the Fine Arts and Literature, we were now asked to "browse" and adopt a more casual, less totalizing approach to our apprehension of mixed verbal and pictorial messages. This course presumes that the emergence and importance of "browsing" today is much more than a technological development limited to digital culture. Instead, it is a symptom of a larger shift in attitudes affecting aesthetic categories generally, part of the construction of a new cultural space "between viewing and reading," a space with its own attitudes and norms. To explore this potential space, and the attitudes and competencies associated with it, we examine examples from artists' books, painting, sculpture, film, video and digital environments that mix words and images, and in doing so contest the dominant paradigms of viewing and reading and suggest an intermediary position or "betweenness". The course begins with a theoretical overview of the problems facing works that combine words and images and suggest betweenessness, problems of classification, value and meaning. After establishing a theoretical position, we move through a series of readings and examples week by week that allow us to cultivate a critical vocabulary. Graded assignments in this class address both production and reception. Students are required to produce two works that address the potential middle ground between viewing and reading and the phenomenon of browsing. Two papers analyzing a work or works that address the concepts of the class are also required.

CAH 6400. History of Exhibitions. 3 Credits.
The exhibition is where modern and contemporary art meets the public. This course looks at the history and theory of exhibiting new art in the past 150 years, starting with the French Salon and the independent alternatives that challenged it (Courbet, the Impressionists, and Post-Impressionists), through avant-garde exhibitions (Expressionists, Dada, and Surrealists), installation art and alternative exhibition strategies, and leading to today's art fairs and biennials (Art Basel, Documenta, the Venice Biennale, the Whitney Biennial, etc.). We cover historic exhibitions including the Armory Show and Hitler's Degenerate Art exhibit. Individual and group projects research specific recent exhibitions, as we consider such issues as design, audience, and critical reception. At times this course may be cross-tallied at the undergraduate level as CAH 4400. Students wishing to pursue undergraduate credit should register for the undergraduate section.

CAH 6410. From Arts and Crafts to Ikea. 3 Credits.
While the widespread influence of William Morris’ Arts and Crafts movement confirms its importance and success, its failure to create truly affordable handcrafted goods for everyday use and everyday people eventually inspired a manufacturing revolution. Since the early twentieth century, mass-produced objects or interior complexes assembled with specific design vocabularies have stimulated a major consumer industry, mediated by sales and marketing strategies that intentionally appeal to the broadest possible clientele. Pursuing discussions inspired by Arts & Crafts into the present age, this course touches on discourses about fashion versus style, ’sham’ or kitsch versus high design, the inherent value of crafted versus mass produced items, and innovations in materials or manufacturing techniques that either reflect their own period of time or romanticize the past-all topics that still resonate within the design and manufacturing arena. What began with many regionally inventive streams-including Germany’s Bauhaus curriculum, Scandinavia’s national romanticist movement, or America’s Colonial and Mission revivals—has culminated in mass-marketed brands and ensemble marketing, represented by IKEA, Herman Miller, Ethan Allan, or Pottery Barn (among others). This course surveys various pioneers whose design ethos eventually merged with mass production, reviewing a variety of ensemble design approaches: for example, Peter Behrens, Lily Reich (with Mies van der Rohe), Marcel Breuer, Le Corbusier’s Thonet preference, Charles and Ray Eames, the Saarinens at Cranbrook, the reproduction industry that represents Frank Lloyd Wright, Russell Wright, and others. The integration of non-Western influences (characterized in the past as Japonisme, Chinoiserie, folkloric or primitivist), the impact of various international expositions, and the success of the ”museum”-store mentality (which made Isamo Noguchi, Alvar Aalto, and others more affordable to a wider audience) is also be introduced. This seminar-style survey concludes with the ”Target” approach (featuring architect Michael Graves), as well as some consideration of recycled or ‘green’ products that are marketed as "environmentally correct." By the end of this class, students are aware of the major stylistic distinctions, socio-cultural influences, revivals, and shifts in design practices from the eighteenth century to the present in their fields of interior design or decoration. At times this course may be cross-tallied at the undergraduate level as CAH 4410. Students wishing to pursue undergraduate credit should register for the undergraduate section.
CAH 6530. Art and Architecture of Washington, DC. 3 Credits.
This course investigates the art and architecture of the city of Washington, DC: major collections, special exhibitions, historic architecture, and the city itself. A majority of our time is spent on site, outside the classroom, so this is a walking-intensive class. Weekly reading and frequent short writing assignments are required, as well as a developed seminar paper at the conclusion of the seminar. At times this course may be cross-listed at the undergraduate level as CAH 3530 and at the graduate level as CAH 6530. Students enrolled for graduate credit complete additional work at an advanced level and are graded according to the Graduate Grade Standard (see Student Handbook).

CAH 6531. Iconic American Designers. 3 Credits.
This course offers an in-depth examination of works by a select group of iconic American designers, from the nineteenth century to the present. We will consider the esthetic, social, and historical implications of the design work of Gustav Stickley, Greene & Greene, Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Comfort Tiffany, Eero Saarinen, Charles and Ray Eames, Josef and Anni Albers, Frances Knoll, Herman Miller, and Eliot Noyes, among others. Students from diverse disciplinary approaches (fine arts, photography, and design) are encouraged to enroll so that our discussions will be richly informed by different perspectives. Requirements include: presentations, papers, and participation in discussions. At times this course may be cross-listed at the graduate level as CAH 3531. Additional work required for graduate level credit is outlined in the course syllabus.

CAH 6550. Cultures of Photography: WWII to 2000. 3 Credits.
This course surveys the nature of photography, its practices, meanings, and visual results during a critical era of rapid development of the medium. The class also explores the ways that contextual and cultural understandings have shaped the readings of images over the second half of the twentieth century. Lectures and discussion are supplemented with artifactual material from the collection of Professor Beck. In some semesters this course may be cross-listed at the undergraduate level as CAH 3240 and at the graduate level as CAH 6550. Additional work is required for graduate level credit.

CAH 7211. Museums in the Digital Age. 3 Credits.
This intensive two-week course explores the impact of digital media on museums, with a particular emphasis on museum exhibitions. Students examine the recent history of digital media in museums, meet distinguished practitioners in the field, and work with a local (Washington, DC) museum to introduce digital media into its permanent galleries. While the focus of the course is on museum exhibitions, students also examine the evolving relationship between museums and their audiences. Digital media gives museum professionals an array of tools - mobile, site-based, web-based - but raises serious challenges to long-standing expectations about collections, curatorial authority, and audience participation. Students explore both the current impact and future visions for these tools, their implications, and their significance for museums.

CAH 7281. World Textiles. 3 Credits.
This global survey course introduces students to the important textiles of Asia, Africa, Oceania, and the Americas, from a material culture point of view. Dress and textiles in nomadic, rural, urban, and court social settings are covered, while exploring issues such as gender, religious and political symbolism, and trade and migration of textiles, designs, and materials in ancient, historic, and modern times. The course equips students with the basic terminology and methodology used in analyzing and cataloging textiles. Emphasis is placed on those examples typically encountered in museum and other collections. The course includes both slide lectures and museum visits, all of which are required for successful completion of the course.

CAH 7283. Modern Textiles and Contemporary Fiber Art. 3 Credits.
This course introduces the student to the development of modernist textiles and to contemporary fiber art, examining the continued vitality of textiles in the 20th and 21st centuries and the development of fiber art as an important art form. Topics include: overviews of important art movements (Arts and Crafts, Art Nouveau, Dada and Surrealism, Modernism and others) which have influenced modern textiles; influences of non-western art forms on textiles design; discussion of important designers, artists, and manufacturers. The course is a mixture of seminar discussions and visits to museums with relevant textile collections (Baltimore Museum of Art, Renwick Gallery, Textile Museum). Guest lectures, drawn from museum curators, interior designers, and contemporary fiber art appraisers augment class-led discussions. In addition there are required visits to the homes of contemporary fiber art collectors and to studios of fiber artists. Students are responsible for leading several class discussions based on reading. Students produce several PowerPoint presentations based on topics drawn from themes of the course, produce two papers, and discuss their papers with the class.
CAH 7300. Victorian Avant-Garde: British Art and Culture (1851-1901). 3 Credits.
The effects of the technological, social, and cultural upheaval of the nineteenth century on traditional ideas about art, design, literature, and journalism; the more radical changes in these media in the twentieth century. Study of primary artworks and texts in Washington-area libraries, archives, and museums. The Great Exhibition of 1851, Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, Arts and Crafts Movement, Aestheticism, and Revival of Printing. John Ruskin, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Julia Margaret Cameron, Elizabeth Siddal, William Morris, W.E. Godwin, Walter Pater, J.M.W. Whistler, Aubrey Beardsley, and Oscar Wilde. (Same as CAH 4300).

CAH 7532. Pop, Wiggle, and Wave: Transformative Design of the 1960s. 3 Credits.
Culturally relevant and quintessentially American, design in the 1960's fused a slick, modern vibe with a hipster aesthetic. Explore this iconic period through a hands-on, fast-paced seminar which informs and inspires. Students gain an understanding of the language of design of the 1960's, its antecedents in modernism and its regional and international variations. By looking at design in this period as a cultural history and using the lens of social geography, the class connects the impact of the 60's with culture, style, form and making today.

CAH 7540. History of Modern Graphic Design. 3 Credits.
With the Industrial Revolution came advances in printing and the new medium of photography, both of which shaped the design of books, magazines, posters, and newspapers. Beginning in the mid-nineteenth century, the course examines the significant historical events, modern art movements, designers, and technological advances which shaped the development of modern graphic design. The course includes readings and discussion about contemporary visual systems and the effects of the digital revolution in the field of design.