



ART HISTORY I — COURSE CALENDAR 2026-2027

Fall Semester: Prehistory through Islamic Art — Tue · Thu · Begins September 8

DATE	CLASS	SECTION	TOPIC	PAPER
Tue Sep 8	AH 1	Intro	Why, What, How? (In Depth: Form vs. Function)	
Thu Sep 10	AH 2	Prehistory	Prehistoric Art in Europe	
Tue Sep 15	AH 3	Near East I	Cuneiform & Tablets	
Thu Sep 17	AH 4	Near East II	Structures & Architecture	
Tue Sep 22	AH 5	Egypt I	Pre-Dynastic & Early Dynastic Periods	Topics
Thu Sep 24	AH 6	Egypt II	Old Kingdom / Pyramids (In Depth: Art's physicality)	
Tue Sep 29	AH 7	Egypt III	Middle Kingdom & Intro to New Kingdom	
Thu Oct 1	AH 8	Egypt IV	Pre-Dynastic & Early Dynastic Periods	
Tue Oct 6	QUIZ — From AH 1-8, then Enrich.: Optical Illusions in Art			
Thu Oct 8	AH 9	Aegean	Minoan & Mycenaean Art (In Depth: Epistemology)	
Tue Oct 13	AH 10	Greece I	Greek Art Intro (In Depth: Idealized proportion)	
Thu Oct 15	AH 11	Greece II	Architecture	
Tue Oct 20	AH 12	Greece III	Objects (How It's Made: Ceramics)	
Thu Oct 22	AH 13	Greece IV	Statuary (In Depth: Idealized proportion)	Outline
Tue Oct 27	AH 14	Rome I	Etruscan Origins (Political Systems & their Influence)	
Thu Oct 29	AH 15	Rome II	Statuary & Mosaics (How It's Made: Mosaics)	
Tue Nov 3	AH 16	Rome III	Architecture	
Thu Nov 5	AH 17	Rome IV	Architecture 2 - Civic Planning	
Tue Nov 10	QUIZ — From AH 9-17, then Enrich.: Color in Art, Film, Everyday			
Thu Nov 12	AH 18	Jewish	Survey of Jewish Art	
Tue Nov 17	AH 19	Christian	Early Christian Art - Signs, Symbols, Burial Places	
Thu Nov 19	AH 20	Byzantine I	Intro, Importance of Byzantium	
Tue Nov 24	AH 21	Byzantine II	Architecture (In Depth: San Vitale)	Draft
Thu Nov 26	NO CLASS			
Tue Dec 1	AH 22	Byzantine III	Architecture (In Depth: Hagia Sofia)	
Thu Dec 3	AH 23	The East I	Chinese Art before 1300	
Tue Dec 8	NO CLASS			
Thu Dec 10	AH 24	The East II	Japanese Art before 1392	
Tue Dec 15	AH 25	The East III	Islamic Art before 1400	
Thu Dec 17	QUIZ — From AH 18-25 / Then Paper Review, Christmas Break!			
Tue Dec 22	NO CLASS			Due



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Spring Semester: The Americas, the Medieval World & the Renaissance — Tue · Thu

DATE	CLASS	SECTION	TOPIC	PAPER
Thu Jan 7	AH 26	Americas I	MesoAmerica - Olmec, Teotihuacano, Mayan	
Tue Jan 12	AH 27	Americas II	MesoAmerica - Toltec, Hohokam, Mogollon, Anasazi	
Thu Jan 14	AH 28	Americas III	North American Native Art - Inuit, Mississippians	
Thu Jan 21	AH 29	Medieval I	Intro, "Dark Ages", Architecture Intro	
Tue Jan 26		Extra	<i>Monsters, Devils, and the Grotesque</i>	Topics
Thu Jan 28	AH 30	Medieval II	Manuscripts (In Depth: Book of Kells)	
Tue Feb 2	AH 31	Medieval III	Norse: Stave Churches, Houses, Objects	
Thu Feb 4	AH 32	Medieval IV	Early Medieval Architecture	
Tue Feb 9	AH 33	Romansq. I	Intro, the Holy Roman Empire	
Thu Feb 11	AH 34	Romansq. II	Castles & Life Inside	
Thu Feb 18	QUIZ — From AH 26-34 / Then Flex			
Tue Feb 23		Extra	<i>Looting & Repatriation</i>	
Thu Feb 25	AH 35	Romansq. III	Romanesque in Two Dimensions	
Tue Mar 2	AH 36	Romansq. IV	Life inside a Medieval Monastery	Outline
Thu Mar 4	AH 37	Iberian	The Influence of Islam on Catholic Spain	
Tue Mar 9	AH 38	Gothic I	Transition to Gothic Architecture (In Depth: Abbot Suger)	
Tue Mar 16	AH 39	Gothic II	Architecture: (In Depth: Notre Dame, Milan)	
Thu Mar 18	AH 40	Gothic II	International Gothic I - Reims, Italian Gothic, Burgos	
Tue Mar 23	AH 41	Gothic III	International Gothic I - England	
Tue Apr 6	AH 42	Proto-Ren. I	Transition to the Renaissance	
Thu Apr 8	QUIZ — From AH 35-42 / Then Flex			
Tue Apr 13	AH 43	Proto-Ren. II	Painting: Cimabue & Giotto	
Thu Apr 15	AH 44	Proto-Ren. III	P.R. Architecture: Or San Michele, Palazzo Pubblico	
Tue Apr 20		Extra	<i>Careers in Art</i>	Draft
Tue Apr 27	AH 45	Proto-Ren. IV	Northern Europe (In Depth: Altarpieces)	
Thu Apr 29	AH 46	Renaissance I	The Medici - Background & Florence	
Tue May 4	AH 47	Renaissance II	Humanism & the New Art	
Tue May 11	AH 48	Non-West	India, Southeast Asia	
Thu May 13	AH 49	Non-West	African Overview	
Tue May 18	QUIZ — From AH 43-49 / Then Flex			

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