

Distinction in the Major

In order to graduate with distinction, majors must meet the following criteria. They and their faculty advisor should advise the Coordinator of the Academic Program of their intent no later than three quarters before they intend to graduate.

Requirements for Distinction with a BA degree and major in Art

- 3.5 GPA in art course work
- 3.3 GPA overall
- Completion of three classes beyond the introductory level. This means three classes that go beyond the introduction to a medium or an area (for example Sculpture II, Painting II, Photography Workshop, Ceramics-Surface, Advanced Drawing, Advanced Problems in Art, etc.) (12 hours)
- Completion of a special project *with distinction*. This can be done for credit using Advanced Problems or Independent Study, or it can be done without credit. (equivalent of 4 hours) PINS projects can be used if instructor agrees. The project should normally be exhibited (student Gallery or other venue)
- Approval of the art faculty

Requirements for Distinction with a BFA degree and major in Studio Art

- 3.5 GPA in art course work
- 3.3 GPA overall
- Completion of three classes beyond the introductory level (for example Sculpture II, Painting II, Photography Workshop, Ceramics-Surface, Drawing II, Advanced Drawing, Advanced Problems in Art, or any 3000-level ARTD class.) This will happen normally for any BFA student. (12 hours)
- Completion of the required Senior Project *with distinction*. (4 hours)
- Written paper to accompany the senior project.
- Approval of the art faculty

Requirements for Distinction with a major in Pre-Art-Conservation

- Nomination by a conservator at the Denver Art Museum or SACI (letter)
- 3.3 GPA overall
- Completion of a senior project (4 hours) with distinction
- Submission of a Senior Paper supporting the honors project
- Approval of the SAAH Faculty

Requirements for Distinction with a major in Art History

- 3.5 GPA in Art History course work
- 3.3 GPA overall
- Completion of three 3000-level art history classes with at least an A- (12 hours)

- Completion of a Senior Paper *with distinction*. This paper will be an extension of a regular research paper assignment written in any Art History course. The deadlines for submission of the paper are listed below. The final paper is expected to be equivalent to graduate-level research and writing
- Approval of the Art History Faculty

Chronology for Submission

(Please note that failure to meet any of the deadlines listed below may jeopardize the student's ability to graduate with department honors.)

Fall:

- Students must declare their intention to pursue distinction within their major by September 30 in fall quarter of their senior year, using the "Application for Distinction in the Major" available in the art office.
- Students will also inform their advisor of their intention to pursue distinction and will obtain permission from a faculty member to work with him/her on the project or paper. Advisor's signature is required on the application.
- By November 1st, students seeking distinction must have met with their faculty mentor to finalize their project plan and set up a schedule for its completion.

Interterm:

- Work on the project/paper will normally continue through the interterm break.

Winter:

- Students must turn in a preliminary paper (outline) to their advisor by the end of week five.

Spring:

- Week eight*- Final draft of paper due (*Approximately- exact date to be determined by faculty advisor)
- End of week nine- Final Paper Due

Faculties meet to consider the applications, performance during senior year, and projects/papers for Distinction in the Major. Students will be informed of decisions at the appropriate time thereafter, depending on their project/paper schedule.

University of Denver, School of Art and Art History
Application for Distinction in the Major

This application is due in the SAAH Office by September 30 of your senior year.

Name: _____ DU ID: _____

e-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Degree: _____ Major: _____ Concentration if relevant: _____

Current overall GPA: _____ Major GPA: _____ Date: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Description of Senior Distinction Paper and/or Project: _____

Advisor's Name: _____ and Signature: _____

Signature indicates belief that this student can successfully complete all requirements and willingness of Professor to guide the senior thesis.