

CSULB School of Art MA in Art History Roadmap (Fall 2025)

The MA degree in Art History is designed as a four-semester program of study. This roadmap is a recommended sequence for completion of course requirements within that time span. Though students may take longer to complete all MA requirements (second language, courses, and thesis), the Art History faculty strongly recommends that students adhere to a four-semester model. All coursework should be undertaken in consultation with the student's primary advisor (also referred to as Chair).

Course Requirements

36 approved units to include:

- 3 units AH 546 Methodologies and Writing
- 6 units approved Art or Art History (AH)*
- 9 units approved graduate-level Art History in area of specialization*
- 9 units AH 597 Seminar in Art History
- 3 units AH 694 Graduate Studies: Directed Research
- 6 units AH 698 Thesis as culminating experience within degree program

**In consultation with their primary advisor, students may petition to have graduate-level courses from closely related disciplines partially fulfill Art History MA degree requirements.*

Roadmap option A:

Probationary Candidate

Post-Advancement Candidate

Semester 1 (<i>student forms Graduate Committee</i>)	Semester 3 (<i>student develops a complete draft of thesis</i>)
AH Course in Specialization (3 units)	AH Course in Specialization (3 units)
AH 597 Seminar in Art History (3 units)	AH 694 Directed Research with Chair (3 units)
Approved Art or AH graduate course (3 units)	AH 698 Thesis Units (3 units)
Semester 2 (<i>student Advances to Candidacy</i>)	Semester 4 (<i>student revises thesis and submits to library for Spring graduation</i>)
AH Course in Specialization (3 units)	Approved Art or AH graduate course (3 units)
AH 546 Methodologies and Writing (3 units)	AH 597 Seminar in Art History (3 units)
AH 597 Seminar in Art History (3 units)	AH 698 Thesis Units (3 units)

Roadmap option B:

Probationary Candidate

Post-Advancement Candidate

Semester 1 (<i>student forms Graduate Committee</i>)	Semester 3 (<i>student develops initial draft of thesis</i>)
AH Course in Specialization (3 units)	AH 597 Seminar in Art History (3 units)
AH 597 Seminar in Art History (3 units)	AH Course in Specialization (3 units)
Approved Art or AH graduate course (3 units)	AH 694 Directed Research with Chair (3 units)
Semester 2 (<i>student Advances to Candidacy</i>)	Semester 4 (<i>student completes thesis and submits to library for Summer graduation</i>)
AH Course in Specialization (3 units)	AH 698 Thesis Units (6 units)
AH 546 Methodologies and Writing (3 units)	Approved Art or AH graduate course (3 units)
AH 597 Seminar in Art History (3 units)	

**This sequence of courses is provided as an example. Students may need to change the timing of when they take some of these classes based on availability and personal schedules. AH 694 and 698 must be taken after advancement when the thesis research and writing is underway.*