Advising Notes for Art, Art History, and Design Students

see also http://artdept.nd.edu/dept-resources/fine-art-requirement/

For All Students

• A student can take, for their degree, only six credits outside the main campus. The credits must come from an accredited, four-year college or university. Credits cannot come from a community college.
• If a student transfers to Notre Dame from another accredited 4-year institution, up to six credits of art courses approved by the Undergraduate Dean’s Office can be used toward the major requirements.
• Transfer credits are approved only with course description, syllabus and information on contact hours, which are presented for evaluation by the department.
• No AP credits are accepted to meet Art, Art History, and Design degree requirements.
• There are limited openings for seniors is Photography I.
• One course may be double-counted one time to fulfill a second major, supplemental major, or minor requirement and a University or college requirement. No course may be double-counted between majors and minors or between a first major and University or college requirements.
• Freshmen university seminar in Art History, by definition, fulfills a University or college requirement and is NOT counted for BA/BFA Art History requirements.
• Applicants for International Programs must complete the science requirement and need approval of the departmental chairperson.
• In order for a student to receive credit for an internship, both the undergraduate director and the student’s faculty advisor must pre-approve the internship. Students may not get credit for a paid internship. See the Internship Application form with guidelines located in the office and on the Department website.
• Students pursuing dual majors must complete the College requirements for their primary major and will be awarded their degree by that College. Their secondary major will not earn a degree but will be listed as a major on their transcript. For example, a student in the Business College who also pursues a major in Visual Communication Design will earn their BBA, but they will not also have a BA from Arts & Letters.
• A student cannot count a class in his/her major as pass/fail, nor may they take a class pass/fail to count to the University and College requirements. If the student is not a major and is taking the course as an elective, then she/he can take the course pass/fail.

For all Art and Design Students

• The Drawing I requirement cannot be waived for department students (with the exception of architecture students, see next bullet).
• A former Architecture major can use “ARCH 11011: Graphics I: Drawing” as fulfilling the Drawing I requirement. The student cannot use this course if he/she is still using it for an architecture degree.
• Seniors are not permitted to enroll in foundation courses (Drawing I, 2D Foundations, 3D Foundations).

For Art History Students

• The College Fine Art Elective is NOT met by the BA degree. BA students must take a fine arts course in a fine arts area — either FTT, Creative Writing, Music, Studio, Design, or Art History.
• Only one course (three credits) in Art History taken in a foreign program, exclusive of the Rome Program, may be counted towards fulfilling the major or minor requirement. This course may only be used as an “Option.” If a student participates in a full-year Foreign Study program (e.g. Angers and Bologna), then up to 6 credits may be counted towards the major. These will normally be considered as “Options.” An exception to these rules: up to two courses (six credits) from the John Cabot Rome Program may be used to fulfill distribution requirements in Ancient, Medieval, or Ren/Baroque. Also one ancient course taken in the Athens Program may be used to fulfill the Ancient requirement.

For BFA Students

• BFA candidates are waived from the second History/Social Science requirement and the University Fine Arts requirement.
• BFA’s must take Photography I before their senior year. There are limited openings for seniors in Photography I.
• BFA candidates may take 6 hours of art history while studying abroad. Transfer credits are approved by the department.

For BA Students

• The College Fine Art Elective is NOT met by the BA degree. BA students must take a fine arts course in a fine arts area — either FTT, Creative Writing, Music, Studio, Design, or Art History.
• An Art or Design major pursuing a minor in art history needs to take additional art history classes beyond the three classes required for the BA.
• A transition from BFA to BA requires a second history/social science course.