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Subj: Minor in Art History for B.A. in Art Majors

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The B.A. in Art is being revised to permit students to earn this degree without mandating the Professional Sequence in Education. This revision opens up more options for these students to choose minors, including the Minor in Education. Students may also choose to take the Minor in Art History. This minor is a 15 hour minor for most students (6 hours lower level + 9 hours advanced). However, because students pursuing the BFA degree in the studio art majors are required to take 12 hours of art history and three of these hours fulfill Core Visual and Performing Arts Core, these students are required to take an 18 hour minor in Art History to avoid "triple dipping" course credit.

The BA in Art should require the 18 hour minor because these students are also required to take 12 hours of art history and again, they use one of these courses for VPA core. We want to clarify the catalog to inform these students that the art history minor is available to them, but it is the 18 hour minor. This would align with the BFA in studio art requirements and avoid confusion.

I Existing Catalog Copy:

**Art History Minor**

Minor in Art History for Studio Arts Majors

Studio Arts majors seeking a B.F.A. in art may obtain the minor in Art History by completing 18 hours in Art History, including:

**ARTH 1380 and 1381.**

1. Twelve additional semester hours of **ARTH**, of which nine must be at the 3000- or 4000-level.
2. At least nine semester hours in residence, of which six must be 3000- or 4000-level;
3. A 2.00 grade point average in all minor courses attempted at the University of Houston.

Minor in Art History for Other Majors

Students who are not seeking a B.F.A. in a studio arts major and who wish to take a minor in art history are required to complete 15 semester hours in art history including:

1. **ARTH 1380 and 1381.**
2. Nine semester hours at 3000- or 4000-level.
3. At least nine semester hours in residence, of which six must be 3000- or 4000-level.
4. A 2.00 minimum grade point average on all minor courses attempted at the University of Houston.

II Proposed Catalog Copy:

**Art History Minor**

Minor in Art History for Studio Art or Art Majors

For students pursuing the B.F.A. in a Studio Art major, or the B.A. in Art, the minor in Art History requires:

Eighteen hours in Art History, including ARTH 1380 and 1381, plus twelve semester hours of which nine hours must be at the 3000- or 4000-level.

At least nine semester hours in residence, of which six must be 3000- or 4000-level;

A 2.00 minimum cumulative grade point average on all minor courses attempted at the University of Houston.

The proposed minor must be approved by the undergraduate advisor in the School of Art.

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Minor in Art History for Other Majors

For students in degree programs outside the School of Art, the minor in art history requires:

Fifteen semester hours in art history including ARTH 1380 and 1381, plus nine semester hours at 3000- or 4000-level.

At least nine semester hours in residence, of which six must be 3000- or 4000-level.

A 2.00 minimum cumulative grade point average on all minor courses attempted at the University of Houston.

The proposed minor must be approved by the undergraduate advisor in the School of Art.

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