Dear New Major,

Welcome to Art, Art History and Visual Studies! AAHVS is Duke’s center for the study of the all things visual, including the global history of art; critical interpretations of digital media; the practice of the fine arts (in both traditional and contemporary media); architectural history, theory and practice; and the study of museum theory and curatorial practice. Taken together our choice of Majors offers you with a comprehensive and integrated program of study designed to provide you with a broad education at the interface of the sciences and the arts. Students enrolled in our program have gone onto graduate school at top-flight institutions and into careers in an exciting variety of fields including museum and gallery curatorship, art education, the advertising industry, media and publishing, law, business, architecture, and of course university professorships.

Our Majors:

Our department offers Majors in the fields of Art History, Visual Arts (the Fine Arts), Visual and Media Studies, a combined Major in Art History & Visual Arts, and Concentrations in Architecture and in Museum Theory and Practice. A checklist of Requirements for each of these programs can be found on our departmental website http://aahvs.duke.edu: just click on Undergraduate at the top of our webpage and then on the pop up link for Majors and Minors on the left hand side of our home page: http://aahvs.duke.edu/undergraduate/majors-minors. You will then see a list of our Majors and Minors: click on your chosen Major for a brief description of the program and a link to the Checklist of Course Requirements. For instance: http://aahvs.duke.edu/undergraduate/majors/art-history
Advising:

When students declare their Major we immediately link you to an advisor in our department who will work with you throughout your career at Duke to develop a program of study geared to your specific interests while meeting your requirements for the Major. For any questions you may have you are welcome at any time to contact our Director of Undergraduate Studies, Mark Antliff (antliff@duke.edu), and our Director of Undergraduate Studies Assistant, Megan Whitney (megan.whitney@duke.edu).

On behalf of myself and my colleagues I would like to extend my warmest welcome to you and our very best wishes for the exciting journey ahead!

Professor Mark Antliff

Director of Undergraduate Studies