Honors Program

Application Essay

1. Download Honors Program Application from sva.edu/honors

2. Write a 500-word essay on the theme: Why Art?

Ways to submit Honors Program application & essay

1. Submit online with your Undergraduate Admissions Application at sva.edu/apply

2. Mail to: Undergraduate Admissions/Honors School of Visual Arts 209 East 23rd Street New York, NY 10010-3994

3. Send by email to admissions@sva.edu

SVA’s Honors Program serves students who seek a challenging curriculum in which academic enrichment goes hand in hand with studio practice. An interdisciplinary program that unites the undergraduate majors, the Honors Program brings talented, ambitious and intellectually curious students together to explore the historical and human connections that underlie the humanities to the core. The Honors Program demands critical thinking, scholarship and originality, and students are encouraged to examine their own interests and goals through the influence and impact of other disciplines.

First-Year Requirements

History and Theory of Modern Art
Modern Philosophy
Political History of the Modern World
Why Modernism?

Second-Year Requirements

Art of the Premodernist World
History of the Premodern World
Human and Divine
Scientific Subjectivity: Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology or From Ancient Myth to the Birth of Modern Science

Third-Year Requirements

Memory and History in Film or Issues in Contemporary Art
Life in the Concrete Jungle: Urban Ecology or Life in the Concrete Jungle: Urban Zoology or Environmental Economics

Core CURRICULUM

Library & Events

Travel

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How to APPLY

From time to time in Advertising, Animation, Cartoons, Computer Art, Design, Film, Fine Arts, Illustration, and Photography and Writing & Literature with academic achievement and challenge as an objective of their study, students are invited to apply to the SVA Honors Program.

Applicants interested in applying to the SVA Honors Program should submit an Application Essay under the required essay to Admissions.

Library

A well-stocked Honors Program library contains books and periodicals on art history, philosophy, political science, literature and culture. Located within the Visual & Critical Studies Department, the library is available to all college students and meets requirements for the Honors Program.

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Bhakti, farewell to Krishna, and his wife Radha in the dance of separation. This occurs every year when Krishna leaves his home village of Mathura and travels to Vrindavan to be with his mother. The festival lasts for nine days, during which time people dress up in colorful attire and dance and sing around the temple. In the end, they gather to see the last few moments of the festival before the god departs.

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Deadline for submission: FEBRUARY 15

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These humanities and art history courses are offered in Honors students only, creating a tight-knit community in which ideas are discussed and shared both in and out of class.

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A night out in MUMBAI, INDIA

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Students discussing the concept of modernism in class

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Students collaborating on presentations for class

Visiting a baroque church, PORTO, PORTUGAL

Fontana della Vergogna, SICILY, ITALY

Mountains climbing on the THÓRSMÖRK MOUNTAIN RIDGE

Sultan Ahmed Mosque, ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Selinunte, SICILY, ITALY

Mumbai, MUMBAI, INDIA