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The Visual Culture program takes a historical and theoretical approach to understanding the meaning and power of images in everyday life.

Working with our internationally renowned faculty, students have the opportunity to earn a Minor degree in Visual Culture.
Today social relations, political events, entertainment, and entire new fields of individual and collective creativity and expression all take distinctly visual forms. We live in a world that is overflowing with images and where visual literacy has become of critical importance. The program in Visual Culture responds to this need by offering students an interdisciplinary approach to the study of the production, circulation, and reception of images in everyday life. The study of Visual Culture encompasses a wide variety of forms of images and visualities, from advertising to social media, from video games to the built environment. It concerns itself with the way images shape and are shaped by their historical and cultural contexts, and how they affect individual and cultural identities.