Art 1300-Art Appreciation-Fall 2026
CRN-12302-Section-002
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It is your responsibility to read and refer to this document. Failure to do so will result in your failure in the course.

Email Etiquette & Announcements-

When in doubt, refer to your syllabus/course schedule FIRST, and then feel free to email me if you still have questions. Please do not hesitate to email me (anytime) or come by my office (during office hours) if you need help with any course materials or concepts. I will respond to emails Monday-Fridays within 24 hours. I will not check my email regularly over the weekends. You must email me using your UTEP email account. I cannot accept emails from a personal account. **Please include the CRN-12302 in the subject line of all emails. Emails that do not include the CRN for your course will not be answered.**

Please read ALL announcements that I post for the course. Blackboard tracks who has and hasn't read these announcements. Failure to read the course announcements will result in a lower grade for the course.

Textbook-

You will be required to purchase, Living With Art, 12th Edition by Mark Getlein (ISBN: 9781259916755) for this course. You have many options of where to buy or rent this textbook. Our textbook is available at the Campus Bookstore as well as on Amazon. (Amazon is usually considerably cheaper). You may purchase or rent a hard copy or e-book.

Course Description-

This course will explore the visual language of art using lectures, discussions, films, readings, exams, and quizzes. By examining the major visual and multicultural achievements that have shaped our cultures, students will gain an understanding of how to talk and write about art, as well as gain an appreciation of art. When you learn to understand and appreciate art and culture, you can succeed at anything!

The study of art is the study of the human condition. Please understand that, while art with political, sexual, and religious content will be discussed in this class, you are not expected to subscribe to the belief system(s) endorsed by the artists and authors we study. Also, please note that the human body (both male and female) is a constant source of imagery for artists throughout time, so lectures may include views of nudity.

Course Goals-

As this is an introduction to art, students will learn the vocabulary and concepts integral to the understanding of art taken from any moment in history. While learning the vocabulary of art, we will explore the art world from the earliest days of humanity to the most recent

achievements of contemporary artists. Through examining art on such a massive scale, students will not only learn how art, history, and culture continually change and evolve, but will also gain the perspective to see that art is truly a necessary part of the human experience.

Drop Policy-

I will not drop any student for non-attendance or non-completion of assignments. Failure to attend class, and complete assignments will result in an F. **The last day to drop with a "W" will be October 30th.**

Important Dates-
August 24th-Classes begins.
September 7th-Labor Day-No Classes!
September 9th-Census Day.
October 21st-Freshmen Midterm Grades Due.
October 30th-Drop/Withdrawal Deadline.
November 26th-27th-Thanksgiving Break! No Classes!
December 3rd-Last day of regular classes.
December 4th-Dead day.
December 7th-December 11th-Final Exam Week
December 15th-Grades due.
December 16th-Final grades available online through Goldmine.
Our Final Exam:

If your last name starts with A-K your final exam will be:
Thursday, December 10th-1-220 pm
If your last name starts with L-Z your final exam will be:
Thursday, December 10th-225-345 pm.

Technology-

For the courtesy and respect of your fellow students and your instructor, I do NOT allow laptops, tablets, or smartphones in this class. I will give one warning and on the second infringement, I will ask you to leave and mark you absent for the day. If you need technical assistance because of a documented disability, please contact me and we will discuss your needs. Also, if you have an emergency that requires you to have access to your phone, please let me know in ADVANCE, turn it to vibrate or silent and step out of class to take your call. Technology is extremely distracting for everyone in the class. I do not have this rule just to be evil. It will help you become a better student.

Attendance, Make-ups, and Late Assignments-

Attendance is mandatory. It is also how you will succeed. I will take attendance every day. You will have three unexcused absences for the semester. You do not need to email me for unexcused absences. If you miss four or more classes, your final grade will go down by one full letter grade. So, if you had a final grade of a C and missed three classes, your final letter grade would be a D. In order for an absence to be excused you must provide documentation of your absence. This must be emailed to me as soon as you have the documentation. Do not email and ask me if I want the documentation, email it to me as soon as you have it.

Do not come to class if you are ill. Please keep your germs at home and think of other people. If you are feeling unwell on an exam day you must email me that day. We will then

schedule a make-up for you. If you do not email me the day of the test, I will not schedule a make-up. No exceptions. The Final Exam cannot be made up for ANY reason. No exceptions!

What is a "documented" excuse?
1. Proof from a doctor that you were unable to complete said assignment because of a medical issue.
2. Proof from an UTEP organization stating that you were unavailable because of a sanctioned college activity.
3. Proof of military service that prevented you from completing assignments.

Classroom Etiquette-

Please be courteous to your classmates and your instructor. Distracting behavior (chatting, excessive tardiness, leaving early, leaving your seat repeatedly, being on your phone for the entire class, etc.) will result in you being asked to leave for the day and marked as absent. Repeated removal from class could result in your grade being lowered considerably, or even possibly being removed permanently from the class. Just remember you are not the only person in this course or on the planet. Have respect for your fellow human beings!

Plagiarism/Academic Dishonesty Statement-

Cheating and plagiarism are not acceptable practices. When taking an exam all books, notes, etc. should be off your desk. Cell phones and smartwatches must be off and, in a bag, or pocket. Visible cell phones or smartwatches will result in a zero for the exam. Also please focus on your test and not your neighbors. If I suspect that you are cheating, I will give you a zero. You will not be permitted to leave the class and return while a test is in progress. If you leave before you finish the exam, I will only accept the part of the exam that you completed before you left the room.

Plagiarism is using thoughts or ideas that are not your own without giving proper credit. If you are concerned that you might inadvertently plagiarize, please do not hesitate to ask me. If you are found to be cheating or plagiarizing, you will be subject to disciplinary action according to the UTEP catalog policy.

For more information on plagiarism and academic dishonesty—
http://sa.utep.edu/osccr/academic-integrity/

Students with Disabilities-

If you are a documented student with CASS, you must meet with me in the first week of class to discuss your needs. It is your responsibility to meet with me. Students with disabilities can access information about The Center for Accommodations and Support Services at: http://sa.utep.edu/cass/ or call 915-747- 5148 for more information.

Course Requirements and Grading Scale-

Documentary Quizzes (in-class)-50 points each/200 points total
Exams (in-class)-100 points each/300 points total
Total Points Possible-500
All due dates listed are in the course schedule.

To calculate your grade at any point:

Refer to the syllabus and add up the points that are possible at that point (do not use the final point total). Then add up the points you earned on the assignments. Then take your point total and divide it by the possible total and you will find out your percentage at that point. If you need help with this, please let me know. I do caution you; many students spend more time calculating their grade and what they need to earn to pass. If they had spent that time on the materials and the assignments, they would not need to worry about what grade they had. :) 90%-100%-A 89%-80%-B 79%-70%-c 69%-60%-D 59%-0%-F

Exams (in-class)-

Over the course of the semester, you will be required to take three exams (one of which is your final). They will consist of multiple-choice questions, matching, true/false, fill-in-the-blank, and short answer questions. You will need to bring a scantron sheet to the exams. All cellphones, tablets, and smartwatches must be turned off and put away (not on your lap or desktop) before the exam. Anyone who is seen with an electronic device during the exam will be assumed cheating and will receive a zero for that exam. No exceptions! If you do not put your first and last name on all parts of the exams, you will receive a zero.

Documentary Quizzes (in-class)-

Over the course of the semester, we will watch five films together in class. You will complete a ten-question multiple choice quiz after watching the films. You must be in class to take these quizzes. There will be no makeups for any reason. I will drop the lowest quiz at the end of the semester. So, if you miss a quiz, you can drop it. If you miss more than one quiz, only one missed quiz can be dropped. Any additional missed quizzes will remain zeros and count toward your final grade.

So, for example, here are Sally's scores for all five Documentary Quizzes:
Documentary Quiz 1-45/50
Documentary Quiz 2-43/50
Documentary Quiz 3-0/50 (Missed Class)
Documentary Quiz 4-0/50 (Missed Class)
Documentary Quiz 5-35/50
So, I would drop the score for Documentary Quiz 3. The zero for Documentary Quiz 4 would stay and count as a zero for her final grade.

How to Succeed-

There are several things you can do to succeed in this course:
1. Come to class and be ready to go at the start of class.
2. Complete the assigned readings.
3. Participate in in-class discussions.
4. Complete all assignments to the best of your abilities.
5. Ask for help if you need it!
6. Be motivated. Excuses don't help anyone.
7. Read the syllabus!!!!!
8. Refer to the course schedule regularly!!!!!!
9. There will be no opportunities for extra credit. Don't ask. Make every exam and quiz count!

Course Schedule-This schedule lists ALL readings and assignment due dates. It is your responsibility to complete ALL readings before coming to class. All Dates are subject to change.

Week 1
Tuesday, August 25th
Syllabus/Course Requirements

Thursday, August 27th
Introduction to Art

Week 2
Tuesday, September 1st
Read-Chapters 1 & 2

Thursday, September 3rd
Documentary Quiz 1-*The World's Most Expensive Stolen Paintings*, 2013.

Week 3
Tuesday, September 8th
Read-Chapter 3

Thursday, September 10th
Read-Chapter 4

Week 4
Tuesday, September 15th
Read-Chapter 5

Thursday, September 17th
Exam 1 Review-Bring your textbook to class today. Yes, eBooks are fine.

Week 5
Tuesday, September 22nd
Exam 1-Chapters 1-5
If your last name starts with A-K, you will take your exam today. You do not need to come to class on Thursday.

Thursday, September 24th
Exam 1-Chapters 1-5
If your last name start with L-Z, you will take your exam today. You do not need to come to class on Tuesday.

Week 6
Tuesday, September 29th
Documentary Quiz 2-*Great Myths of the Renaissance*, 2020.

Thursday, October 1st
Read-Chapters 6 & 7

Week 7
Tuesday, October 6th
Read-Chapters 8 & 9

Thursday, October 8th
Documentary Quiz 3-*Modern Masters: Andy Warhol.*

Week 8
Tuesday, October 13th
Read-Chapters 11

Thursday, October 15th
Read-Chapter 12

Week 9
Tuesday, October 20th
Exam 2-Chapters 6-12 (Excluding Chapter 10)
If your last name starts with A-K, you will take your exam today. You do not need to come to class on Thursday.

Thursday, October 22nd
Exam 2-Chapters 6-12 (Excluding Chapter 10)
If your last name starts with L-K, you will take your exam today. You do not need to come to class on Tuesday.

Week 10
Tuesday, October 27th
Read-Chapter 14

Thursday, October 29th
Read-Chapter 14 continued

Week 11
Tuesday, November 3rd
Read-Chapter 14 continued

Thursday, November 5th
Read-Chapter 14 continued

Week 12
Tuesday, November 10th
Documentary Quiz 4-*Colosseum: Roman Death Trap*, 2015.

Thursday, November 12th
Read-Chapter 15

Week 13
Tuesday, November 17th
Read-Chapter 16

Thursday, November 19th
Read-Chapter 17

Week 14
Tuesday, November 24th
Documentary Quiz 5-*Modern Masters: Henri Matisse*, 2010.

Thursday, November 26th
No class! Happy Thanksgiving!
Week 15
Tuesday, December 1st
Read-Chapter 21

Thursday, December 3rd
Read-Chapter 21 cont.

Finals Week-Monday, December 7th-Friday, December 11th
(Classes will not meet during normal times.)

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