Art 1300-Art Appreciation-Fall 2025
CRN-12507-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.

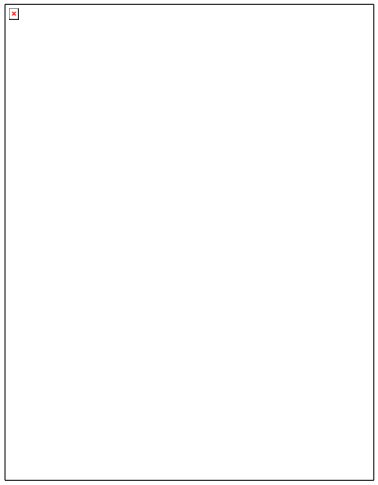
Email Etiquette & Announcements-

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-12507 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 31st.**

Important Dates-

Monday, August 25th-Classes begins.
Monday, September 1st-Labor Day-No Classes!
Wednesday, September 10th-Census Day.
Wednesday, October 22nd-Freshmen Midterm Grades Due.
Friday, October 31st-Drop/Withdrawal Deadline.
Thursday, November 27th & Friday, November 28th-No Classes!
Thursday, December 4th-Last day of regular classes.
Friday, December 5th-Dead day.
Monday, December 8th through Friday, December 12th-Final Exam Week
Wednesday, December 17th-Grades due.
Thursday, December 18th-Final grades available online through Goldmine.

Our Final Exam:

If your last name starts with A-K your final exam will be Thursday, December 11th-1-220 pm.

If your last name starts with L-Z your final exam will be Thursday, December 11th-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!**

All quizzes will be online. They will be open for SIX days before the due date. They are not timed. Therefore, they cannot be made up or turned in late 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 (Online)-50 points each/400 points total
Exams (in-class)-100 points each/300 points total
Total Points Possible-700
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 (on Blackboard)-

Over the course of the semester, you will be required to watch (sometimes outside of class on Blackboard) four documentaries. You will then take a quiz over each film. Each

quiz will consist of ten questions. These questions will be multiple-choice. It is of vital importance that you watch each film and take notes. The documentaries and their corresponding quizzes will open on Monday (see course schedule for dates and assigned films) and will be due the following Sunday by 1159pm on Blackboard. These quizzes will be open for a total of SIX days. They will not be timed. You can watch the films and complete the quizzes anytime within those six days. Once the quiz is closed you will not be able to complete it. No partial credit will be given for any quiz question. **No "Documentary Quiz" will be re-opened for ANY reason.**

How to Succeed-
There are several things you can do to succeed in this course:
1. Come to 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.

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 26th
Syllabus/Course Requirements

Thursday, August 28th
Introduction to Art

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

Thursday, September 4th
Read-Chapter 3

Watch (On Blackboard)-*The World's Most Expensive Stolen Paintings*, 2013.
Documentary Quiz 1 due Sunday, September 7th by 1159 pm on Blackboard.

Week 3
Tuesday, September 9th
Read-Chapter 4

Thursday, September 11th

Read-Chapter 4

Week 4
Tuesday, September 16th
Read-Chapter 5

Thursday, September 18th
Exam 1 Review-Bring your textbook to class today. Yes, eBooks are fine.

Week 5
Tuesday, September 23rd
Exam 1-Chapters 1-5
If your last name starts with A-K you will take your exam today!
Please bring a scantron sheet & a pencil. You will not be able to take your exam without them.

Thursday, September 25th
Exam 1-Chapters 1-5
If your last name starts with L-Z you will take your exam today!
Please bring a scantron sheet & a pencil. You will not be able to take your exam without them.

Week 6
Tuesday, September 30th
We will be watching this week's film in class.

Thursday, October 2nd
Read-Chapter 6-pgs. 143-158.

Watch (On Blackboard)-*Great Myths of the Renaissance*, 2020.
Documentary Quiz 2 due Sunday, October 5th by 1159pm on Blackboard.

Week 7
Tuesday, October 7th
Read-Chapter 7-pgs. 159-180.

Thursday, October 9th
Read-Chapter 8

Watch (On Blackboard)-*Modern Masters: Andy Warhol.*
Documentary Quiz 3 due Sunday, October 12th by 1159pm on Blackboard

Week 8
Tuesday, October 14th

Read-Chapter 9

Thursday, October 16th
Read-Chapter 11

Watch (On Blackboard)-*How Sculptures Are Used To Create A Powerful Legacy*, 2020.
Documentary Quiz 4 due Sunday, October 19th by 1159pm on Blackboard.

Week 9
Tuesday, October 21st
Read-Chapter 12

Thursday, October 23rd
Read-Chapter 13

Week 10
Tuesday, October 28th
Exam 2-Chapters 6-13 (Excluding Chapter 10)
If your last name starts with A-K you will take your exam today!
Please bring a scantron sheet & a pencil. You will not be able to take your exam without them.

Thursday, October 30th
Exam 2-Chapters 6-13 (Excluding Chapter 10)
If your last name starts with L-Z you will take your exam today!
Please bring a scantron sheet & a pencil. You will not be able to take your exam without them.

Week 11
Tuesday, November 4th
We will be watching this week's film in class.

Thursday, November 6th
Read-Chapter 14

Watch (On Blackboard)-*Ghosts of Stonehenge, 2017*.
Documentary Quiz 5 due Sunday, November 9th by 1159pm.

Week 12
Tuesday, November 11th
Read-Chapter 14

Thursday, November 13th
Read-Chapter 14

Watch (On Blackboard)-*Colosseum: Roman Death Trap*, 2015.
Documentary Quiz 6 due Sunday, November 16th by 1159pm.

Week 13
Tuesday, November 18th
Read-Chapter 15

Thursday, November 20th
Read-Chapter 16

Week 14
Tuesday, November 25th
Read-Chapter 17

Thursday, November 27th
Thanksgiving!!!!! No Class!

Watch-*Modern Masters: Henri Matisse*, 2010.
Documentary Quiz 7 due Sunday, November 30th by 1159pm.

Week 15
Tuesday, December 2nd
Read-Chapter 21

Thursday, December 4th
Read-Chapter 22

Watch (On Blackboard)-*Lost Treasure of Tibet*, 2003.
Documentary Quiz 8 due Sunday, December 7th by 1159pm on Blackboard.

Finals Week-Monday, December 8th-Friday, December 12th
(Classes will not meet during normal times.)

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Final Grade will be available online (Goldmine) on Thursday, December 18th. Blackboard does not calculate your final grade. I do. Please check Goldmine for your final letter grade. I cannot email your grade to you.

All Dates are subject to change. :)

If you have read this document and have read all course announcements, please bring what I requested to your final exam.