

Introduction to Art 1301.002

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FAC 1009

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Course Objectives: This course is a broad exploration into the world of art. Students will become familiar with a selection of historic and contemporary artists, artworks, and topics. Formal aspects of art, visual language, and critique methods will also be part of the curriculum. This class is designed to provide a platform for discussion about and appreciation for the arts. The educational structure of the class is based on lectures, weekly readings, discussions, films, and museum visits along with specific graded requirements.

During the semester students will learn to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to write critically about art

Students will write research papers that demonstrate a thoughtful and critical approach to analysis of a work of art.

2. Demonstrate the ability to think critically about art

Students will demonstrate extemporaneous critical thinking about works of art by writing 10-20 minute essays during exams.

3. Analyze the formal components of a work of art

Each student will write a formal analysis of a work of art as part of a research paper.

4. Synthesize historical knowledge, formal analysis, and contemporary research

5. Demonstrate an understanding of stylistic chronology in art history.

Through midterm and final exam essays, students will demonstrate an understanding of the major art styles and movements over the course of human history.

6. Critically analyze current art historical scholarship and methodology.

Students will write a summation and critical analysis of contemporary scholarly essays in order to compare and contrast academic points of view.

Required Text: Exploring Art: A Global, Thematic Approach, by Margaret Lazzari and Dona Schlesier, 3rd edition.

Required Materials: 6 blue scantron test forms. General Purpose Pearson NCA Answer Sheet form no. 4521. #2 Pencils.

Attendance Policy: You must attend all classes. Attendance will be taken at every class meeting. You are allowed 3 absences during the semester, excused or unexcused. Any absence after 3 will affect your final grade- a full letter will be deducted for each additional absence. Arriving late, leaving early, or being unprepared for class will be counted as an absence. It is the students responsibility to make up all missed materials, lectures will not be repeated.

Final Grade: Your final grade will be calculated in the following manner:

- 10% Class participation, Quizzes, Assigned Writings
- 10% Research Paper
- 20% Test #1
- 20% Test #2

20% Test #3
20% Final Exam

Tests: There will be three tests and a Final Exam. The final exam will NOT be cumulative. There will be absolutely no make-ups or re-takes. A missed exam will automatically lower your final grade 20%. Tests will cover vocabulary and concepts covered in the lectures, text, and films. Students must have a scantron for each test as specified in the materials section above.

Research Paper: You will select a contemporary artist to write a paper about. This paper should be typed, double spaced with at least 3 references noted in the bibliography. Internet sources are not acceptable. The minimum length of the paper is 4 full pages. Failure to turn in this paper by the due date will result in a zero. No late papers will be accepted.

Students Rights and Responsibilities

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link:

<http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/StudentRightsandResponsibilities.html>

Grade Replacement/Forgiveness

If you are repeating this course for a grade replacement, you must file an intent to receive grade forgiveness with the registrar by the 12th day of class. Failure to do so will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates will receive grade forgiveness (grade replacement) for only three course repeats; graduates, for two course repeats during his/her career at UT Tyler.

State-Mandated Course Drop Policy

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the 12th day of class (See Schedule of Classes for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule include, but are not limited to, the following: totally withdrawing from the university; being administratively dropped from a course; dropping a course for a personal emergency; dropping a course for documented change of work schedule; or dropping a course for active duty service with the U.S. armed forces or Texas National Guard.

Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Registrar's Office and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Registrar's Office if you have any questions.

Disability Services

In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodation must provide documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Support Services counselor. If you have a disability, including a learning disability, for which you request an accommodation, please contact Ida MacDonald in the Disability Support Services office in UC 282, or call (903) 566-7079.

Student Absence due to Religious Observance

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

Social Security and FERPA Statement:

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Classroom Etiquette: All cell phones and pagers must be turned off during class. If a cell phone or pager rings or a student is texting during class, he or she will be asked to leave for the remainder of class and will be marked as absent. No computers or handheld devices are to be used during class.

* This syllabus is subject to change.