

ART 4192-002: Senior BA Thesis – Art History

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Course Description:

The Undergraduate thesis class is a one credit course that serves as the capstone for all graduating students earning a BA in Fine Art with a specialization in Art History. Prior to the beginning of the semester the student will discuss their topic with the art history faculty to determine which faculty member is best suited to supervise the thesis. During the semester the student and faculty will meet approximately every other week to discuss the progress of the thesis. Student will email drafts of the thesis to their faculty supervisor on a scheduled basis and edit the thesis as suggested. All students submit a final 15-page thesis with images, footnotes and bibliography. After the final thesis is accepted, students then edit the thesis down to 10 pages in order to read the paper at a semester end presentation, accompanied by a PowerPoint, created by the student. The quality expected of the paper and presentation is the highest level and should demonstrate a mastery of art historical methodologies of research, interpretation and oral communication.

Course Prerequisites: consent of instructor

Course Requirements:

- 1) The course requires the student to create a calendar to meet with the supervisor and turn in all required drafts, final papers and presentation on time.
- 2) The course requires that the student write a 15 page thesis paper with footnotes, bibliography and labeled images. Use of primary sources is encouraged.
- 3) The student will edit the 15 page thesis to 10 pages to read at an oral presentation.
- 4) Student will create a PowerPoint to show in conjunction with the reading of the 10 page paper at a semester end presentation.
- 5) The course is 1 hour of undergraduate credit. Successful completion is required for graduation with the BA degree in Fine Art with Art History Concentration.

Texts will be determined by the bibliography created by student and approved by the faculty

Final Grade:

The faculty supervisor determines the final grade based upon the quality of the final thesis (60%), presentation (30%) and whether the student turns in drafts, thesis and presentation on time as scheduled (10%). IF THESIS IS NOT TURNED IN ON TIME STUDENT MAY NOT PASS THE COURSE AND NOT GRADUATE!

BA Student Learning Outcomes:

Historical Identification: Students will be able to identify historical periods and stylistic development of significant artworks from the canon of historical periods customary in Western or Non-Western traditions.

Interpretation of Artworks: Students will be able to interpret works of art from formal or conceptual perspectives.

Analysis Using Art Historical Theory: Students will be able to apply art historical theory to an analysis of works of art.

Synthesize Knowledge: Students will be able to synthesize knowledge to incorporate different perspectives into their scholarship.

Scholarly Research Methods: Students will be able to conduct basic scholarly research utilizing standards and methods of the discipline.

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From: *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary 9th ed.*, (Springfield, Ma: Merriam 1981), 870.

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- c. In the “Critical Response Papers” in which all citations are from one single source given to you by the professor use Chicago Manual of Style footnotes.

More on Plagiarism under “Student Standards of Academic Conduct” on Canvas

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STUDENT RESOURCES AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES

Please see the Start Here Module or the Syllabus tab on our Canvas course for links to the full list of student resources and university policies.

Please see UT Tyler's academic calendar for all important academic deadlines and dates.

ALL PAPERS WILL BE TURNED IN ON CANVAS

IMPORTANT DATES:

Fri. Sept. 2, 2022 Census Day: last day to withdraw from class and not receive a "w" on your transcript

Fri. Nov. 4, 2022 Last day to drop classes (no refund of tuition or fees)

All dates for draft submissions, final thesis (15 pgs.), presentation paper (10 pgs.) and PowerPoint will be determined by student and faculty advisor in a meeting at the beginning of the semester. Failure to meet deadlines may result in a failure of the course.