ART 4391-001 & 5391-001—Syllabus Caravaggio’s Saints and Sinners (Topics in Art)
Fall 2018  Tues. 6 pm – 8:45 pm  Room: ARC, room 112

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: In this course we will explore the life and works of Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio (1571 – 1610) who produced paintings that would influence artists throughout Europe and contribute significantly to the new Baroque style. Often, Caravaggio lived on the edge of depravity while simultaneously creating innovative spiritual compositions, which appealed to the ecclesial hierarchy as well as the common people. We will critically read both primary and contemporary biographies of the artist in order to construct an understanding of the man and his times.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: to gain a comprehensive knowledge of the artist, Caravaggio. Students will develop written and oral communications skills through discussions, PowerPoint presentations and writing assignments. Students will choose one painting upon which they will write their research paper. This course is intended to develop critical thinking skills.

CLASS FORMAT: Power-point lectures given by the professor and students, as well as class discussions on readings, which will be led, for the most part, by students and facilitated by the professor.

COURSE PREREQUISITES: consent of instructor

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Any additional reading assignments will be placed on Canvas.

REQUIREMENTS: Attendance & Participation in class discussions are required. You will receive an Attendance Grade, which will be marked down 10 points (out of 100) for every class missed. Students are required to read all assigned material and contribute to each evening’s discussion.

Student PowerPoint Presentations on selected art works (and time period in Caravaggio’s life). You will sign up to present and lead class discussions on the readings. You must include information from the assigned reading, outside research is encourage, but must be documented with citations within the PowerPoint presentation. Undergraduates will give THREE PowerPoint presentations; Graduate students will give FOUR presentations. Because the class is conducted in most part as a discussion, it is expected that each student will contribute fully by asking questions and making comments. (No sleeping in class! You will be counted ABSENT if you do.) Remember that the success of this class depends on the quality of the presentations and the preparation each student does in order to be fully engaged in discussions. If a student is not committed to completing the readings, she or he should not take this class. Presentations should be 20 – 30 minutes long and include ONE TO TWO DISCUSSIONS QUESTIONS EMBEDDED IN YOUR POWERPOINT.
IF YOU MISS YOUR ASSIGNED DATE TO PRESENT YOU WILL RECEIVE A ZERO “0” ON THE ASSIGNMENT. NO MAKE-UPS, NO LATE PRESENTATIONS, NO EXCUSES.
**Assigned reading** should be completed **BEFORE** the discussion / lectures for which they are assigned. Course calendar with assigned readings will be handed out in class (and posted on Blackboard).

**Examinations:** There will be **no** examinations in this class.

**3 Writing Assignments:** Each student will submit three (3) writing assignments to the professor. The first two assignments are critical responses: one is to a film and the other to an assigned reading. **All papers will be turned in on Canvas, which checks for plagiarism.** Papers will be written according to the “Art History Writing Guidelines,” posted up on Canvas. Graduate students are expected to write papers that are longer and more in-depth. Undergraduates are **required to use a minimum of FIVE different sources are required for your research paper, Graduates SEVEN sources;** both undergrads and graduates must include at least one primary source. (Primary sources are texts written near the lifetime of the artist, by the artist, a friend or acquaintance.) Wikipedia, blogs and encyclopedias are NOT acceptable sources for research papers.

**What you should strive for in your papers:**
You are required to demonstrate an understanding of the readings and concepts discussed in class. Your papers must contain your own ideas and opinions. Use quotes sparingly. Never use an author’s words without crediting the author. **Introduce the author before quoting from him/her.** You should credit an author even when paraphrasing their ideas, if you do not it is plagiarism.

**PLAGIARIZED PAPERS WILL RECEIVE AN AUTOMATIC ZERO “0”- NO CREDIT**

**NO LATE PAPERS ACCEPTED. PERIOD.**

**YOUR FINAL GRADE WILL BE CALCULATED ON THESE PERCENTAGES:**

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**GRADES:** will be posted on Canvas and written on returned papers. Students are responsible to check online to be sure that their grades have posted and are correct. If a grade is missing that means that the professor did not receive your work. Contact Dr. Lisot immediately if you think there is an error.

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E-MAIL POLICY: Please feel free to e-mail me if you have a question, would like to set up an appointment, etc. All e-mails should be addressed to Dr. Lisot, who will respond to e-mails as quickly as possible. Please note that grades are not sent to students via e-mail (this includes the final grade for the course). Grades are posted on Blackboard.

ETIQUETTE: NO LAPTOP COMPUTERS, IPADS, CELL PHONES ALLOWED TO BE ON DURING CLASS. (If you are unable to take notes by hand you must speak with Dr. Lisot to get permission to bring a laptop, Ipad or Tablet.) Turn off all cell phones during class. Students are expected to be attentive to the lectures and not engage in unnecessary chatter or texting. Students who continually talk while the professor is lecturing will be asked to leave.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: all cheating and/or plagiarism will be treated with the utmost severity as per UT Tyler policy. Please consult A Student Guide to Conduct and Discipline at UT Tyler (available in the Office of Student Affairs) for university regulations regarding academic dishonesty: “3.22 Any student who commits an act of scholastic dishonesty is subject to discipline. Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.”

PLAGIARIZED PAPERS WILL RECEIVE AN AUTOMATIC ZERO “0” - NO CREDIT

INFORMATION ON PLAGIARISM CONTINUED:

a. It is unacceptable to copy something out of a book, newspaper, journal, Internet site or any printed source without citing your source. The most blatant example of this is directly copying something word for word. It does not matter if it is only a phrase. If it is not yours, you must either not use it or place it in quotes and reference it.

b. If you paraphrase another person’s words or ideas, you still must cite them as a source. Do not put a paraphrase in quotes, but be sure to give the author’s name, the text and the page where you found the idea. (Use normal citation format.)

c. In the “Critical Response Papers” in which all citations are from one single source given to you by the professor, you may reference the author by putting the last name and page number in parentheses after the sentence, example: (Cole, 95).

More on Plagiarism under “Student Standards of Academic Conduct” below:

UT Tyler Honor Code
Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do.

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/rightsresponsibilities.php

Campus Carry
We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php
UT Tyler a Tobacco-Free University
All forms of tobacco will not be permitted on the UT Tyler main campus, branch campuses, and any property owned by UT Tyler. This applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors. Forms of tobacco not permitted include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other tobacco products. There are several cessation programs available to students looking to quit smoking, including counseling, quitlines, and group support. For more information on cessation programs please visit www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free.

Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies
Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. (For Fall, the Census Date is Sept. 12.) Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar. Each semester’s Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date (see exact date below) is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions of which students need to be aware. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a “W” grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

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 census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

Disability/Accessibility Services
In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University of Texas at Tyler offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, including a non-visible diagnosis such as a learning disorder, chronic illness, TBI, PTSD, ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment, you are encouraged to visit https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler and fill out the New Student application. The Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) office will contact you when your application has been submitted and an appointment with Cynthia Lowery, Assistant Director of Student Services/ADA Coordinator. For more information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices, the SAR office located in the University Center, # 3150 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. Revised 05/17

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.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation
Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor’s directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

Student Standards of Academic Conduct
Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

i. “Cheating” includes, but is not limited to:
  • copying from another student’s test paper;
  • using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
  • failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
  • possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed “crib notes”. The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
  • using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
  • collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
  • discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
  • divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructors has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;
  • substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
  • paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about an unadministered test, test key, home solution or computer program;
  • falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
  • taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of The University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and
misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.

ii. “Plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another’s work and the submission of it as one’s own academic work offered for credit.

iii. “Collusion” includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.

iv. All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by plagiarism software. UT Tyler

Resources for Students

• UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), writingcenter@uttyler.edu
• UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), tutoring@uttyler.edu
• The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, this is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.
• UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254)

A course calendar with reading assignments, paper assignments and due dates will be posted on Canvas. We will have a class sign-up sheet for you to choose when you are giving your PowerPoint Presentations.

IMPORTANT DATES:
Mon. Sept. 10, 2018 Census Day: last day to withdraw from class and not receive a “w” on your transcript

Mon. Nov. 5, 2018 Last day to drop class (no refund of tuition or fees)

No Final Exam COURSE CALENDAR WILL BE HANDED OUT IN CLASS