



Course Number, Title and Credits

ARTU 261 - Renaissance to Modern Art - 3 credits

Course Description

Surveys the monuments, movements, and artists of Western art from the Renaissance to the 20th century. Introduces the student to the ideas and issues which have characterized much of Western art for the past seven centuries and examines them in relation to the religious, social, political, and intellectual milieu that produced them. References and comparisons with the parallel cultures of Asia, Oceania, Africa, and the ancient Americas will be made whenever appropriate.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Identify major art movements and their associated artists.
2. Critically analyze works of art including the elements of design and stylistic characteristics.
3. Utilize art historical terminology in defining materials and techniques for labeling style.
4. Recognize the significant influence of socio-political context to art.
5. Understand the evolution of art styles in Western Art from the Renaissance up to the Modern Period.
6. Research a work of art in a museum and conduct a formal art analysis including social political context, stylistic characteristics, life of the artist, and contemporary artistic techniques.

Required Textbooks

Marilyn Stokstad, Art History, vol. 2, paperback 6th ed. (2018).

Letter Grade/Percentage Equivalents

Grades are determined on a straight-scale basis using the following scales.					
A	94% to 100%	A-	90% to 93%	B+	87% to 89%
B	84% to 86%	B-	80% to 83%	C+	77% to 79%
C	74% to 76%	C-	70% to 73%	D+	67% to 69%
D	64% to 66%	D-	60% to 63%	F	59% and below

Methods of Evaluation for Determining Grades

Assignment Detail for Course:

Assignments	Possible Points
Module Review Quizzes (10)	400
Reflection Paper	200
Midterm Exam	200
Final Exam	200
Total Points Possible in Course	1000

Reflection Paper

Students will write a Reflection Paper of 2 full double-spaced pages on a work of art or an art movement selected from an instructor-provided list. The list of approved topics and objects will be posted on the course site.

Purpose: This paper develops your skills in visual analysis, historical contextualization, and critical writing.

Required components:

- Object information: artist (if known), title, date, medium, dimensions (if available), and current location/collection.
- Visual(formal) analysis: subject matter and key formal elements and principles of design (composition, line, color, space, texture, light, etc.).
- Style and historical context: relate the work to its artistic movement, patronage, religious/political context, and intended audience.
- Display and curatorial critique: analyze how the object is presented (museum/gallery setting, lighting, placement, labels) and evaluate curatorial choices.
- Evidence and writing: support claims with specific visual observations and appropriately cited sources.

Sources and citation: Use the course textbook plus at least two additional scholarly sources (museum

essays, peer-reviewed articles, or academic books). Cite all sources using Chicago-style footnotes (or another instructor-approved citation style) and include a Works Cited/Bibliography.

Format and submission: 2 full pages of text (not including bibliography), 12-pt Times New Roman, double-spaced, 1-inch margins. Submit as .doc/.docx or PDF.

Module review quizzes and exams

This course includes ten short module review quizzes and two exams. They are designed to help you check your understanding of the key terms, images, and concepts in each module.

The Midterm Exam covers Modules 1-6 and includes image identifications, fill-in-the-blank items, short answers, and extended answers. The Final Exam is cumulative (Modules 1-10) and will be proctored online.

Outline for Course (Tentative):

Module	Topics&Assignments
Module 1	<i>CH. 18, Fourteenth-century Art in Europe</i> • Why Does Art History Matter? • Florentine Painting: Cimabue and Giotto • Sienese Painting: Duccio <i>Suggested Reading: Stokstad, 543-63</i> Quiz 1
Module 2	<i>CH. 20, Renaissance Art in Fifteenth-century Italy (1)</i> • Early Renaissance: The Rise of the “Artist” in Renaissance Italy <i>Suggested Reading: Stokstad, 553-83</i> Quiz 2
Module 3	<i>CH. 20, Renaissance Art in Fifteenth-century Italy (2)</i> • High Renaissance: Michelangelo, Raphael, Leonardo, and Donatello • “masters” of the Renaissance (the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles!) <i>Suggested Reading: Stokstad, 619-56</i> Quiz 3

Module 4	CH. 21, Sixteenth-century Art in Italy • Northern Italy • The Colorists of Venice • Mannerism <i>Suggested Reading: Stokstad, 629-33; 662-79; 696-7; 759-60; 783; 792-3</i> Quiz 4
Module 5	CH. 19, Fifteenth-century Art in Northern Europe • Naturalism and Detail in Northern Painting and Printmaking • Northern Renaissance • Jan van Eyck, Rogier van der Weyden, Albrecht Dürer, Hieronymus Bosch <i>Suggested Reading: Stokstad, 575 – 580, 582 – 593</i> Quiz 5
Module 6	CH. 22, Sixteenth-century Art in Northern Europe and the Iberian Peninsula • Art and Architecture of the European court • The Spanish Armada • Formal Court Portrait • Myth and Allegory: Peter Paul Rubens • Court Portraits of Spain: Velazquez • Court Artists and Portraits of France <i>Suggested Reading: Stokstad, 691 – 694, 703 – 723</i> Quiz 6 Midterm Exam
Module 7	CH. 23, Seventeenth-century Art in Europe (1) • Art and the Church: The Reformation and Baroque Art • Baroque versus Renaissance • Caravaggio and Bernini • Martin Luther: Protestantism <i>Suggested Reading: Stokstad, 687-92; 708-19</i> Quiz 7

Module 8	CH. 23, Seventeenth-century Art in Europe (2) • The Dutch Golden Age and Tulip-mania • Civic Pictures in the Dutch Republic: Rembrandt, Frans Hals • Northern Baroque v. Southern Baroque • Genre Painting: De Hooch, Vermeer <i>Suggested Reading: Stokstad, 735-64; 773-75; 805-6</i> Quiz 8 Reflection Paper
Module 9	CH. 30, 18th Century European and American Art • Enlightenment Order and Rococo Splendor in the 18th Century • The 3 R's: Revolution, Romanticism, and Realism • Jacques-Louis David, Revolution, and Neo-Classicism • From Neo-Classicism to Romanticism • Napoleonic Spain: Goya • England in the early 1800s: John Constable, J.M.W. Turner • The Rise of Realism: Gustave Courbet, Millet <i>Suggested Reading: Stokstad, 951-60; Stokstad, 967-69; 972-82; 979-82; 985-1009</i> Quiz 9

Module 10	CH. 31, Mid to Late Nineteenth Century Art in Europe and the United States • The Making of a Modern World • Academic Art and the Paris Salon • Impressionism and the Art of Modern Life, Monet, Manet, Degas, Mary Cassatt, Renoir Neo-Impressionism: Seurat and Post impressionism: Van Gogh • Northern France: Primitivism and Symbolism: Gauguin • South of France: Cézanne <i>Suggested Reading: Stokstad, 1009-1076</i> • Bridging High and Low: Cubism, Collage, Expressionism, Fauvism, Futurism, Dada and Avant-garde <i>Suggested Reading: Stokstad, 1076-82; 1088-91</i> CH. 32, Modern Art in Europe and the Americas • International Modernism <i>Suggested Reading: Stokstad, 1082-87; 1091-1118</i> • Art Between the Wars in Europe • American Art and Abstract Expressionism • Art Between the Wars in the Americas • Postwar Art in Europe and the Americas • Conceptual Art and Contemporary Art <i>Suggested Readings: Stokstad, 1091-1099; 1111-18; 1126-41</i> Quiz 10 Final Exam
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