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ART 101 History of Western Art I: Ancient to Medieval

Summer 2021

Course information

Course Credits: 4

Contact Hours: 58 hours

Class Time: 8:30 - 10:20

Instructor: TBA

Course Description

This course offers an introduction to the history of western art from the ancient time to the Medieval Age. Topics of the course include a variety of art forms in different historical periods. Students will learn to appreciate the art works in journals, museums and galleries and understand their significances, and build up connections among art works, the western civilizations of different historical eras, and the social, geographical, political and cultural existence during the course.

Prerequisite(s)

N/A



Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the basic concepts and theories of western art;
2. Describe the main features and the significances of the given art works;
3. Understand the historical background, style and genre techniques of western art in various periods;
4. Explain the characteristics of the western civilizations and their associations with the art works;
5. Improve students' ability of aesthetic appreciation.

Methodology

Methodology	Hours	Hours of work Face-to-face	Hours of work Non Face-to-face
Lectures	50	88 hours (60%)	
Practice teaching	8		
Assessment	30		
Personal study	30		68 hours (40%)
Tasks	22		
Practical teaching preparation	10		
Bibliographic search	6		
Total	156	88	68

Textbook(s)

Laurie Schneider Adams. 2011. *A History of Western Art*, 5th Edition, The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. Press.



Tasks and Evaluation

2 Quizzes	20% (10% for each)
2 Essays	20% (10% for each)
Midterm Test	20%
Final Exam	40%

According to the Soochow University Classroom Attendance Policy, class attendance is required. Students who miss the class for more than 2 times will get a penalty as 15% deduction from the cumulative grade. If the instructor reports a student's frequent missing of class to the Soochow University Academic Administration Office, the student might get a written warning and might be prohibited from attending final exam.

Assignments and quizzes are based on the course contents and questions discussed in class. Assignments should be completed in a T-account format. Every quiz is around 20-minute long. All quizzes must be completed before the due day. There will not be make-up quizzes.

Tentatively, midterm test will cover lec 1-10. The final exam will be in the last class. Every test is around 2-hour long. Note that there will be NO make-up tests and exams. Only non-programmable calculators can be used in the tests and exam. Any attempts to use electronic devices like cellphone, iPad, iWatch, laptops, etc. will be seemed as cheating.



Rating system:

1. Assessment

ASSESSMENT ITEM	PERCENT OF FINAL GRADE
2 Quizzes	20% (10% for each)
2 Essays	20% (10% for each)
Midterm Test	20%
Final Exam	40%

2. Grading Scale

A+ 96-100	A 90-95	A- 85-89
B+ 82-84	B 78-81	B- 75-77
C+ 71-74	C 66-70	C- 62-65
D 60-61	F < 60	

Course Content

Week	Lesson	Content
1	1	Course Introduction: Why Do We Study the history of Art?
	2	Why Do We Study the history of Art? (Cont.)
	3	The Language of Art
	4	The Language of Art (Cont.)
	5	The Language of Art (Cont.) Quiz 1
2	6	Prehistoric Western Europe
	7	The Ancient Near East



	8	Ancient Egypt Essay 1 due
	9	The Aegean
	10	The Aegean (Cont.)
3	11	Midterm Test Preparation
	12	Midterm Test
	13	The Art of Ancient Greece
	14	The Art of Ancient Greece (Cont.)
	15	The Art of the Etruscans
4	16	The Art of the Etruscans (Cont.) Quiz 1
	17	Ancient Rome
	18	Ancient Rome (Cont.)
	19	Early Christian and Byzantine Art
	20	The Early Middle Ages
5	21	The Early Middle Ages (Cont.) Essay 2 due
	22	Romanesque Art
	23	Gothic Art
	24	Final Exam Reviews
	25	Final Exam



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Note:

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