



ARTS 539-001 - 23806 - History of Contemporary Art
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INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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COURSE INFORMATION

Textbook(s) Required:

Art Since 1960 (World of Art) 3rd Edition by Michael Archer - ISBN 9780500204245

Additional readings/handouts posted to D2L

* Text will be available on reserve at the Gee Library. This syllabus is keyed to the 3rd edition, but students may use earlier editions if they are still in circulation. Note that page numbers, image numbers and some text may be different in older additions.

Course Description

This course considers criticism, theory, styles, processes and other issues relevant to an understanding of art since 1960.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. To gain an understanding of the visual arts from 1960 as an expression of human insight, imagination, and technological achievement.
2. To see the ways in which art reflects or communicates social, political, ideological, and religious values and constructions from 1960 to the present.
3. To learn themes and meanings embodied in works of art and identify key artworks and artists of the era
4. To recognize the interconnections between art and other expressions of human activity, such as literature, science, economics, music, and theatre.
5. To synthesis and share information gained from course readings.

The syllabus/schedule are subject to change.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Grading

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

A = 90%-100%	A = 405-450 Points
B = 80%-89%	B = 360-404 Points
C = 70%-79%	C = 315-359 Points
D = 60%-69%	D = 270-314 Points
F = 59% or Below	F = 269 & > Points

Assessments

Discussion outline - 1 @ 50 points each = 50 points

Reading Response Papers – 4 @ 50 pts each = 200 pts

Exhibition Review – 1 @ 50 pts each = 50 pts

Research paper – 100 points

Participation – 50 points

Total Points – 450 points

Reading Response Papers:

Written reviews of course of readings. See assignment guidelines for more details.

Discussions Outlines:

Students will be expected to provide an outline of **1** reading discussion topic and lead the online group discussion with classmates. Online discussion may be comprised of both video conferencing and typed responses. See assignment guidelines for more details.

Exhibition Review:

A written review of current contemporary art exhibition on view at a museum. See assignment guidelines for more details.

Research Paper:

In-depth research paper addressing topic relevant to subject covered in course. See assignment guidelines for more details.

Late Assignments:

Deadlines are firm and late papers will only be considered under extreme circumstances and instructor must be notified about possibility of a late paper **BEFORE** the deadline.

Active Class Participation:

Students are expected to participate in all online discussions as required by specific assignment guidelines. Additionally, students are expected to do ALL of the assigned readings and be prepared to discuss those reading via online typed discussed and occasionally for video conferencing with the class.

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Academic dishonesty:

There is zero tolerance for academic dishonesty in this class. Be sure that you understand what constitutes academic dishonesty (e.g., plagiarism, cheating on exams, theft of instructional material or exams, representing the work of someone else as one's own, misrepresenting absences or tardiness on sign-in sheets or roll calls, etc.). Academic dishonesty is a severe transgression in college and may result in referral to the Dean of Students, dismissal from class, expulsion from the University, and a failing grade.

CLASSROOM POLICIES

Please be mindful and respectful of others in the online discussions. Please note any disrespectful or inappropriate posts will not be tolerated.

Interaction with Instructor Statement

Email is the quickest and most reliable way to contact me, and I will conduct email correspondence according to the following schedule

- Monday–Thursday: Every effort will be made to answer your emails within a 24-48-hour period.
- Friday–Sunday: I will try to answer your emails in a timely manner, but please understand you may not receive a response until the following Monday or Tuesday.

Please feel free to contact the instructor with any questions or concerns you may have. If encounter problems accessing D2L, please contact Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778.

UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES**TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS****LMS**

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at

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home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here: <https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

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Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Gee Library- Room 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

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