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ART 1303-01E- 80477 - GLB/History of Art I  
Fall 2022 – TTH-2-3:15 pm – Art 111

### **INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

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Office Location: Art 113

Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays – 1 – 1:45 pm or by appointment

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Preferred Form of Communication: email

Communication Response Time: M-TH: 24-48 hours, F-Sun will reply following Monday

### **COURSE INFORMATION**

#### **Textbook(s) Required:**

No textbook is required for purchase. Assigned readings and videos will be accessed via D2L and online through TAMUC library.

#### **Course Description**

A survey of the visual arts throughout the Western and Non-western world from prehistory to the fifteenth century. Both the form and content of major works of art will be examined in relation to their social and cultural contexts.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. To gain an understanding of the visual arts 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.
3. To understand the development of the visual arts against the patterns and chronology of human history.
4. To learn themes and meanings embodied in works of art.
5. To recognize the interconnections between art and other expressions of human activity, such as literature, science, economics, music, and theatre.

### **Minimal Technical Skills Needed**

Using D2L Brightspace learning management system, Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, or Google Slides.

### **Course Instruction Methods and Student Expectations:**

This course requires regular class attendance, completion of weekly readings/videos, and written assignments. Assignments include visual style guides and exams.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Grading**

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

A = 89.5%-100%		A = 450 – 500 Points
B = 79.5%-89%		B = 400 – 449 Points
C = 69.5%-79%	OR	C = 350 – 399 Points
D = 59.5%-69%		D = 300 – 349 Points
F = 59% or Below		F = 0 – 299 Points

### **Assessments**

Analysis Papers – 2 @ 50 pts = 100 pts

Exams – 4 @ 100 pts each = 400 pts

Total Points – 500

### **Course Policies:**

**Analysis Papers:** Late submissions will receive a ½ letter grade deduction for each day submitted late and will not be accepted after three (3) days past deadline. See course schedule for paper deadlines.

**Missed Exams:** If you miss an exam for any reason, you will be permitted to take a comprehensive make-up given on the last day of class or you may also take the comprehensive make-up to replace the grade on one of your other tests.

**Attendance:** Regular class attendance is expected. It is the responsibility of each student to monitor his/her attendance. Each student in this course is allowed five (5) absences. **There is no distinction between excused and unexcused absences.**

When a student accrues more than five (5) absences the instructor has the prerogative to drop the student 1 letter grade for each absence exceeding 5. For example, 6 absences will drop an “A” to a “B” and so forth.

Note: It is the student's responsibility to sign the attendance sheet each class and keep track of your absences. If your signature is not on the sign-in sheet, you are considered absent. If you forget to sign in or come in more than 10 minutes late for class, you are absent. No, you cannot show the professor you were in class on a later date if you forgot to sign in. NO EXCEPTIONS.

The only exception where additional absences beyond 5 may be excused: (1) participation in pre-approved University activities such as athletic events, sponsored field trips, and travel for specific University-related academic reasons; (2) verifiable legal proceedings; and (3) cases of severe illness, injury, or emergencies. Documentation will be required.

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

### **Classroom Etiquette:**

**CELL PHONE USE IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE CLASSROOM. ANY STUDENT TEXT MESSAGING WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE CLASS. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Please be mindful and respectful of others in the classroom. In all communication including email and discussion groups please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Use of profanity, slang or racial slurs is NOT permitted
- Be mindful of tone, keep it professional and respectful of others
- Avoid jokes, as they may not come across as such by others

Any behavior that is deemed disruptive by the instructor may result in a student being asked to leave class, and continued disruptions may also result in expulsion from the class.

### **Interaction with Instructor Statement**

Email is the quickest and most reliable way to contact me at [melynda.seaton@tamuc.edu](mailto:melynda.seaton@tamuc.edu) and I will conduct email correspondence according to the following schedule:

- Monday–Friday: Every effort will be made to answer your emails within a 24-48-hour period.
- Saturday–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.

You may also contact me at 214-810-4732. If you wish to call, please be mindful of the time and only call during normal business hours Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

If you encounter problems accessing D2L, please contact Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778.

## 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](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](mailto: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 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 at [melynda.seaton@tamuc.edu](mailto:melynda.seaton@tamuc.edu)

#### 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>

## UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

### 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](#)

[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

#### 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

Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162

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

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: [studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu](mailto:studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu)

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/)

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### **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.

### **A&M-Commerce Supports Students' Mental Health**

The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit [www.tamuc.edu/counsel](http://www.tamuc.edu/counsel)

## Course Schedule

This is an IDEAL outline of the schedule this course will take throughout the semester.  
Class discussion topics and exam dates are all subject to change at the instructor's discretion

Date	Topic
Tue., Aug. 30	Introduction to Course
Thu., Sep. 1	Art History Basics
Tue., Sep. 6	Paleolithic and Neolithic Art
Thu., Sep. 8	Near East
Tue., Sep. 13	Egypt
Thu., Sep. 15	Egypt
Tue., Sep. 20	<b>Exam 1</b>
Thu., Sep. 22	Prehistoric Aegean
Tue., Sep. 27	Greece
Thu., Sep. 29	Greece
Tue., Oct. 4	Greek Architecture
Thu., Oct. 6	Etruscan Art
Tue., Oct. 11	The Roman Empire
Thu., Oct. 13	Roman Architecture
Tue., Oct. 18	<b>Exam 2</b>
Thu., Oct. 20	Antiquity/ <b>Analysis Paper 1 Due</b>
Tue., Oct. 25	Byzantine Empire
Thu., Oct. 27	<b>No Class</b>
Tue., Nov. 1	Islamic Art & Architecture
Thu., Nov. 3	Medieval
Tue., Nov. 8	Romanesque
Thu., Nov. 10	Gothic in Northern Europe
Tue., Nov. 15	Gothic in Italy
Thu., Nov. 17	<b>Exam 3</b>
Tue., Nov. 22	Africa before 1800
Thu., Nov. 24	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday – No Class</b>
Tue., Nov. 29	South & Southeast Asia
Thu., Dec. 1	Ancient China/ <b>Analysis Paper 2 Due</b>
Tue., Dec. 6	Korea & Japan
Thu., Dec. 8	Ancient Americas
Tues., Dec. 13- 1:15-3:15pm	<b>Exam 4 and Make Up Exam</b>