



**ART 1301-03H - 80831 GLB/Art Appreciation  
FALL 2024 - TTH 11-12:15 pm - Art 111**

**INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

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**COURSE INFORMATION**

**Textbook(s) Required:** None

**Online Articles:**

Online reading materials from sources such as Smarthistory and museum websites.

**Videos:**

Videos linked to or embed in D2L portal provide in-depth looks at specific artists and/or artworks relevant to each module topic. Most videos are 3-5 minutes in length.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course examines the relationships between the visual arts and other expressions of human imagination and invention. Special attention is given to parallel developments in the histories of ideas, technology, and art.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES** *Student Learning Outcomes*

1. Gain an understanding of art terminology, the elements of art, and the principles of design.
2. Gain an understanding of the processes and materials used in the production of various works of art.
3. Gain an understanding of the visual arts as an expression of human insight, imagination, and technological achievement.
4. Learn how to critically interpret and evaluate works of art.
5. Learn the ways in which art reflects or communicates social, political, ideological, and religious values and constructions.
6. Explain and differentiate creative works as expressions of values within cultural and historical contexts.
7. Learn 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, Adobe Spark Video, and Adobe Express.

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

This course will require weekly reading assignments and viewing of online videos. Assignments will include writing assignments, creative projects, and exams.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Grading**

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

A = 89.5%-100%		A = 369 - 400 Points
B = 79.5%-89%		B = 320 - 368 Points
C = 69.5%-79%	OR	C = 280 - 319 Points
D = 59.5%-69%		D = 240- 279 Points
F = 59% or Below		F = 278 & > Points

### **Assessments**

In-class projects/Writing Assignments/Creative Projects /Quizzes- 6 @ 50 pts = 300 pts  
Virtual Art Exhibition - 100 pts  
Total Points - 400

## Course Policies:

**In-Class Projects and Quizzes:** Can be made up only if absence falls within one of these categories: (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.

**Writing Assignments/Creative Projects:** 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.

**Virtual Art Exhibition:** Must be completed by the posted deadline and late submissions will only be considered in cases of emergency. Email notification must be sent to the professor **BEFORE** the assignment deadline and documentation of circumstance is required.

**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) unexcused absences. Unexcused absences require no explanation on the part of the student.

In this class, excused absences are: (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 illness, injury, or emergencies. For any absences to be considered excused, illness or otherwise, documentation is required for your absence and must be emailed to your professor not later than 5 days after the missed class. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence, **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

When a student accrues more than five (5) unexcused absences the instructor has the prerogative to drop the student 1 letter grade for each unexcused absence exceeding 5. For example, 6 unexcused absences will drop an "A" to a "B" and so forth. Students with excessive absences may be dropped from the course for non-attendance. Students with excess absences may be dropped from the course.

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**.

### **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, **use of AI technology**, 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. Please 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
- Grades are not an appropriate topic for discussion in the public forum

Any behavior that is deemed disruptive by the professor 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–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.

You may also contact me at 903-886-5455. VM is checked Monday-Friday.

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.

### 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](#)

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

Gee Library- Room 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/>

### **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)