



EAST TEXAS A&M
— UNIVERSITY —

**ART 1301-9RW, ART 1301-G4W & ART 1301-GGW – Art Appreciation
FALL 2025 - ONLINE**

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

Instructor: Amin Tejani, Adjunct Professor

Office Location: DAL 1904

Office Hours: Email me as this is an online course

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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 the online through TAMUC library as well as other sources.

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.

The syllabus/schedule are subject to change.

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, or Google Slides.

Course Instruction Methods and Student Expectations:

This course requires regular class attendance, weekly reading assignments, and viewing of videos. Assignments include exams, written assignment, and participation in discussions.

Grading

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

A = 90%-100%

B = 80%-89%

C = 70%-79%

D = 60%-69%

F = 59% or Below

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Assessments:

Quizzes	50%
Written essay	20%
Discussions	30%
TOTAL	100%

COURSE SCHEDULE

MODULE OPENING & DUE DATES

Module 1:

Opening Date & Time: Monday, 8-25-25 at 8 AM

Due Date: Monday, 9-1-25 by 11:59 PM

Module 2:

Opening Date & Time: Friday, 8-29-25 at 12 AM

Due Date: Thursday, 9-4-25 by 11:59 PM

Module 3:

Opening Date & Time: Friday, 9-5-25 at 12 AM

Due Date: Thursday, 9-11-25 by 11:59 PM

Module 4:

Opening Date & Time: Friday, 9-12-25 at 12 AM

Due Date: Thursday, 10-16-25 by 11:59 PM

Module 4 is where the essay assignment documents are located. It will be due in Module 8.

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Module 5:

Opening Date & Time: Friday, 9-19-25 at 12 AM

Due Date: Thursday, 9-25-25 by 11:59 PM

Module 6:

Opening Date & Time: Friday, 9-26-25 at 12 AM

Due Date: Thursday, 10-2-25 by 11:59 PM

Module 7:

Opening Date & Time: Friday, 10-3-25 at 12 AM

Due Date: Thursday, 10-9-25 by 11:59 PM

Module 8:

Opening Date & Time: Friday, 10-10-25 at 12 AM

Due Date: Thursday, 10-16-25 by 11:59 PM

Module 8 is where you will upload your essay that was assigned to you in Module 4. You will also email me your essay.

Module 9:

Opening Date & Time: Friday, 10-17-25 at 12 AM

Due Date: Thursday, 10-23-25 by 11:59 PM

Module 10:

Opening Date & Time: Friday, 10-24-25 at 12 AM

Due Date: Thursday, 10-30-25 by 11:59 PM

Module 11:

Opening Date & Time: Friday, 10-31-25 at 12 AM

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Due Date: Thursday, 11-6-25 by 11:59 PM

Module 12:

Opening Date & Time: Friday, 11-7-25 at 12 AM

Due Date: Thursday, 11-13-25 by 11:59 PM

Module 13:

Opening Date & Time: Friday, 11-14-25 at 12 AM

Due Date: Thursday, 11-20-25 by 11:59 PM

Module 14:

Opening Date & Time: Friday, 11-21-25 at 12 AM

Due Date: Monday, 12-1-25 by 11:59 PM

Module 15:

Opening Date & Time: Friday, 11-28-25 at 12 AM

Due Date: Thursday, 12-4-25 by 11:59 PM

Module 16:

Opening Date & Time: Friday, 12-5-25 at 12 AM

Due Date: TUESDAY, 12-9-25 by 11:59 PM

COURSE ENDS!!!

I highly recommend discipline to regularly keep up with the course as falling behind is VERY easy as you work on your own schedule.

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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

Zoom Video Conferencing Tool

https://inside.tamuc.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu

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 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>

Classroom Etiquette:

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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. I will conduct email correspondence according to the following schedule:

- Monday–Thursday: 24-48-hour period.
- Friday–Sunday: following Monday or Tuesday

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific 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.

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/documents/studentGuidebook.pdf>.

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 [Procedures 13.99.99.R0.01](#)

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

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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>

Graduate Students Academic Integrity Policy and Form

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/aboutus/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10.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

Website: [Student Disability Services](#)

<https://www.tamuc.edu/student-disability-services/>

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.

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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

Mental Health and Well-Being

The university aims to provide students with essential knowledge and tools to understand and support mental health. As part of our commitment to your well-being, we offer access to Telus Health, a service available 24/7/365 via chat, phone, or webinar. Scan the QR code to download the app and explore the resources available to you for guidance and support whenever you need it.



<http://telusproduction.com/app/5108.html>

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AI use policy [Draft 2, May 25, 2023]

Texas A&M University-Commerce acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty

13.99.99.R0.10 Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty