

DEPARTMENT OF FINE

ARTS COURSE OUTLINE

Fall 2023

AR2810 A2: Twentieth Century Art I – 3 (3-0-0) 45 Hours for 15 Week

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We acknowledge the history of this land and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.

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OFFICE	Online and by appointment.				
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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: This course will cover the major developments in painting and sculpture from the turn of the 20th century until the mid of the 20th century.

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: None

RECOMMENDED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Readings for this class can be found on <u>archive.org</u>. **Please register for an account.** It is free. Each lecture has a chapter, pages and a link which will take you directly to the book.

Reading can also be accessed via JSTOR. You will need to log in with your institutional account.

A few readings will be uploaded on myClass.

Please email me on <u>AMilcic@nwpolytech.ca</u> if you are having issues logging in or accessing the readings.

DELIVERY MODE(S): Online

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The course will cover major developments in art from the turn of the 20th century to the mid-20th century. It will focus on various art forms and movements from both non-Western and Western contexts. Although the lessons are structured chronologically, they will not encompass every period or geographical location. Lectures will explore multiple and diverse perspectives, delving into a range of visual phenomena. These may include painting, sculpture, photography, architecture, museum displays, exhibition practices, and the relationships between art, techniques of expression, politics, culture, revolutions, and everyday life. The course will also explore key terminology associated with 20th-century art, such as modernism, modernity, and the avant-garde.

LEARNING OUTCOMES: By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Identify basic terms and concepts associated with 20th century art.
- 2. Identify key examples of non-Western and Western art in relation to a philosophical worldview.
- 3. Compare and contrast examples of art from different movements and periods.
- 4. Form their own visual analysis.
- 5. Form an argument centred around a case-study of their choice.
- 6. Discuss these examples *in context* (geographical, historical, cultural, religious, economic, political).
- 7. Exercise the basics of writing art history essays.

TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at the Alberta Transfer Guide main page http://www.transferalberta.ca.

** Grade of Dor D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.

EVALUATIONS:

Participation	10%	Throughout the course.
Long Presentation	20%	17th and 19th of October. Further
		details TBC in class.
Essay Outline (200 words +	10%	Deadline: 21st of Novembre at 10
bibliography)		am. Send by email.
Short Presentation	10%	30 th of Novembre. Further details
		TBC in class.
Essay (2000 words)	50%	Deadline: 20th of December at
		midnight.

Participation: In assessing participation, the instructor will determine whether students have completed the readings based on their contributions to class discussions and group work. Attendance will be recorded for every class. You must make an effort to attend all lectures and participate in class discussions. Students should engage thoughtfully with the texts, their colleagues' comments and questions. During class discussions, students should maintain respect and decorum and engage in a discussion in a respectful and mindful way. If you have high levels of social anxiety or find it challenging to read social cues in groups discussion, and find yourself unable but eager to participate please email me at AMilcic@nwpolytech.ca: we can discuss alternatives or how to manage anxiety around participation.

Long Presentations: When grading presentations, the instructor will assess how students incorporate the readings and material from the lectures to craft their own arguments, conduct visual analyses, and place the work within a broader context. The precise duration of the presentation will be specified during the first week. When preparing your presentations, you should:

- a) Start with your own argument and follow it throughout the presentation.
- b) Choose one work that is mentioned in the readings or lectures.
- c) Conduct an independent visual analysis and discuss the technique.
- d) Discuss the stylistic elements of the work.
- e) Position the work in a geographical, social, political, religious and cultural context.
- f) Compare the work to another affiliated piece.
- g) Highlight anything unique about the work.

Further details about how to structure your presentation will be discussed during the class.

Short Presentations: The grading and structure of short presentations are the same as the long presentations. The duration of both will be confirmed during the first week.

Essay Outline: For the essay outline, the students need to submit via email a 200-word outline (with a 10% wordcount leeway up or down) with a bibliography. 10% will automatically be assigned to the student if they submit the outline on time with the appropriate word count.

Essays: When grading presentations and essays, the instructor will assess how students utilize readings and materials from lectures to formulate their own arguments, conduct visual analyses, and position the work within its broader context. At the start of the semester, we will delve deeper into essay writing. You will receive a handout that details essay-writing techniques, and we will further explore this during tutorials. You are asked to submit an essay outline to promote early thinking about the topic. I will review these outlines and provide feedback. If you cannot meet the deadline on the 20th of December due to unforeseen circumstances beyond your control, please email me as soon as possible at (AMilcic@nwpolytech.ca).

THE ARTWORK CHOSEN FOR THE LONG PRESENTATION, THE SHORT

PRESENTATION AND THE ESSAY MUST ALL BE FROM A DIFFERENT LECTURE

AND PERIOD.

Participation:

If you are unable to attend class for health or other reasons please let your instructor know.

GRADING CRITERIA: (The following criteria may be changed to suite the particular course/instructor)

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-.**

Alpha	4-point	Percentage	Alpha	4-point	Percentage
Grade	Equivalent	Guidelines	Grade	Equivalent	Guidelines
A+	4.0	90-100	C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-89 _I	С	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84 _I	C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79 _I	D+	1.3	55-59
В	3.0	73-76 _I	D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72 _I	F	0.0	00-49

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Class offered: Tuesday and Thursday: 1:00 pm – 2:20 pm Location: online: https://nwpolytech.zoom.us/j/98346946706

Week Reading/Activity

1 Lecture 1 (Tue: 5 Sept): From Tradition to Transition: Introduction to Twentieth-century Art

Reading: Charles Baudelaire, 'The Painter of Modern Life', in *The Painter of Modern Life and Other Essays*, (London: Phaidon, 1995), pp. 1-15.

Free online: http://www.columbia.edu/itc/architecture/ockman/pdfs/dossier-4/Baudelaire.pdf

1 Lecture 2 (Thurs: 7 Sept): Industrial Insights: Walter Benjamin on the Shift in Artistic Paradigms

Walter Benjamin, 'The Work of Art in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction', 1938. Originally published as: Walter Benjamin, 'L'œuvre d'art à l'époque de sa reproduction méchanisée', in *Zeitschrift für Sozialforschung* Jahrgang V, (Paris: Félix Alcan, 1936, pp. 40-68).

Free online: https://www.marxists.org/reference/subject/philosophy/works/ge/benjamin.htm

2 Lecture 3 (Tue: 12 Sept): Reframing the Gaze: Introduction to the Discourse of Women in Twentieth-century Art

Reading: Nochlin, Linda 'Why have there been no Great Women Artists?' in *Women, Art and Power* (first published 1971) (New York: Harper and Row, 1988), pp.145-178.

Read online with registration: https://archive.org/details/NochlinGreatWomenArtists/mode/2up

2 Lecture 4 (Thurs: 14 Sept): Beyond the Western Frame: Globalising the Avant-garde

Reading: Partha Mitter, 'Decentring Modernism: Art history and avant-garde art from the peripheries', *The Art Bulletin*, vol. 90, no. 4, 2008, pp 531-548.

Free online:

https://edisciplinas.usp.br/pluginfile.php/6758490/mod_folder/content/0/decentering%20modernism%2C%20Partha%20Mitter.pdf

3 Lecture 5 (Tue: 19 Sept): Changes in Form and Feeling: European Modernist and Avant-garde Movements

Reading: Rosalind Krauss et al, '1900-1909', in Art Since 1900, (New York: Thames & Hudson), pp. 62-89.

Read and borrow online with registration:

https://archive.org/details/artsince1900mode0000unse v6s7/page/n3/mode/2up

3 Lecture 6 (Thurs: 21 Sept): Changes in Form and Feeling: European Modernist and Avant-garde Movements

Reading: Same as lecture 5.

4 Lecture 7 (Tue: 26 Sept): Blast and Bless England and Italy: The Dynamic Directions of Futurism and Vorticism

Reading: Valentine de Saint-Point, 'Manifesto of the Futurist Woman (Response to F. T. Marinetti), 1912. Originally published as: Valentine de Saint-Point, 'Manifesto della Donna futurista. Risposta a F. T. Marinetti', (Milan: Direzione del Movimento Futurista, 1912).

Free online:

http://mariabuszek.com/mariabuszek/kcai/DadaSurrealism/DadaSurrReadings/FtrstWoman.pdf

4 Lecture 8 (Thurs: 28 Sept): Blast and Bless England and Italy: The Dynamic Directions of Futurism and Vorticism

Reading 1: Wyndham Lewis et al, 'Manifesto' and 'To Suffragettes', *Blast*, no. 1, 20 June 1914, pp. 11-43 and pp. 151-152.

Read and borrow online with registration: https://archive.org/details/BlastNo.1/page/n12/mode/1up

Reading 2: Miranda Hickman, 'The Gender of Vorticism: Jessie Dismorr, Helen Saunders, and Vorticist Feminism', in Mark Antliff and Scott W. Klein, eds., *Vorticism: New Perspectives*, pp. 119-136.

Uploaded on myClass.

5 Lecture 9 (Tue: 3 Oct): Indirect Rule and Colonial Modernism: Twentieth-century Art in Nigeria

Reading: Chika Okeke-Agulu, 'Indirect Rule and Colonial Modernism', in *Postcolonial Modernism: Art and Decolonization in Twentieth-Century Nigeria*, (Durham and London: Duke University Press, 2015), pp. 39-69.

Borrow and read online with registration:

https://archive.org/details/postcolonialmode0000okek/page/28/mode/2up

5 Lecture 10 (Thurs: 5 Oct): Indirect Rule and Colonial Modernism: Twentieth-century Art in Nigeria

Reading: Same as lecture 9.

6 Lecture 11 (Tue: 10 Oct): Dreams and Disruptions: Surrealism and Dada from Paris to New York

Reading 1: Tristan Tzara, 'Seven Dada Manifesto', (1918), in *Seven Manifestos and Lampisteries*, trans. Barbara Wright, ill. Francis Picabia, (London: John Calder, 1977), pp. 1-48.

Read and borrow online with registration:

https://archive.org/details/writingsofmarcel0000duch/page/n1/mode/2up

Reading 2: Helen Molesworth, 'Work Avoidance: The Everyday Life of Marcel Duchamp's Readymades,' Art Journal, vol. 57, no. 4, Winter 1998, pp. 51-61.

Access via JSTOR:

https://www.jstor.org/stable/777927?searchText=Work%20Avoidance%20The%20Everyday %20Life%20of%20Marcel%20Duchamp%27s%20Readymades&searchUri=%2Faction%2FdoBasicSearch%3FQuery%3DWork%2BAvoidance%253A%2BThe%2BEveryday%2BLife%2Bof%2BMarcel%2BDuchamp%2527s%2BReadymades&ab_segments=0%2Fbasic_search_gsv2%2Fcontrol&refreqid=fastly-default%3Aa990aab763df3bd0d845023d25411f36

6 Lecture 12 (Thurs: 12 Oct): Dreams and Disruptions: Surrealism and Dada from Paris to New York

Reading: Briony Fer, 'Surrealism, Myth and Psychoanalysis' in: Briony Fer et al, eds., *Realism, Rationalism, and Surrealism: Art Between the Wars* (London: Open University and Yale University Press, 1993), pp. 170-237 (optional until p. 247: Frida Kahlo will appear in another reading).

Read and borrow online with registration: https://archive.org/details/realismrationali0000ferb

7 Lecture 13 (Tue: 17 Oct): Presentations

Details TBC in class.

7 Lecture 14 (Thurs: 19 Oct): Presentations

Details TBC in class.

8 Lecture 15 (Tue: 24 Oct): The Cut and Paste Revolution: Avant-garde Art in the Soviet Union

El Lissitzky, 'The Artist in Production', (1927), pp. 108-109; Gustav Klutcis, 'Photomontage as a New Kind of Agitation Art', (1931), pp. 116-118; in Adrian Sudhalter and Deborah Roldan, eds., *Photomontage between the Wars (1918-1939)*, (Carleton University Art Gallery/Fundacion Juan March: Madrid, Ottawa, 2012).

Free access: https://www2.march.es/arte/catalogos/visor.aspx?p0=cat%3A156&l=2

8 Lecture 16: (Thurs: 26 Oct): The Cut and Paste Revolution: Avant-garde Art in the Soviet Union

Reading: Benjamin H. D. Buchloh, 'From Faktura to Factography', *October*, vol. 30, 1984, pp. 82-119.

Access via JSTOR:

https://www.jstor.org/stable/778300?searchText=from+faktura&searchUri=%2Faction%2FdoBasicSearch%3FQuery%3Dfrom%2Bfaktura&ab_segments=0%2Fbasic_search_gsv2%2Fcontrol&refreqid=fastly-default%3Ab183c868bbf8a570847c1e7afb57d8a5

9 Lecture 17 (Tue: 31 Oct): The Renaissance of American Black Culture and Consciousness: Harlem's Vanguards

Reading: Alain Locke, 'The Legacy of the Ancestral Arts', in *The New Negro*, (Albert and Charles Boni: New York, 1925), pp. 254-267.

Borrow and read online with registration:

https://archive.org/details/newnegrointerpre00unse/page/n7/mode/2up?q=legacy

9 Lecture 18 (Thurs: 2 Nov): *The Renaissance of American Black Culture and Consciousness: Harlem's Vanguards*

Reading: Kobena Mercher, 'Alain Locke's Philosophy and Culture', in Alain Locke and the Visual Arts, (Yale University Press: New York, 2022), pp. 1-34

Uploaded on myClass.

10 Lecture 19 (Tue: 7 Nov): From Shtetls to Montmartre Streets: Eastern European Jewish Artists in Paris

Readings: Marina Dmitrieva and Gerald Holden, 'Traces of Transit: Jewish Artists from Eastern Europe in Berlin', *Osteuropa*, vol. 58, no. 8/10, 2008, pp. 143-156.

Access via JSTOR: https://www.jstor.org/stable/44934281

10 Lecture 20: (Thurs: 9 Nov): From Shtetls to Montmartre Streets: Eastern European Jewish Artists in Paris

Donald Kuspit, 'Jewish Naivete? Soutine's Shudder', in Matthew Baigell and Milly Heyd, eds., in *Complex Identities: Jewish Consciousness and Modern Art*, (New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 2001), pp. 87-99.

Borrow and read online with registration:

https://archive.org/details/complexidentitie0000unse/page/n7/mode/2up

- 11 Tue: 14 Nov: FALL BREAK
- 11 Thurs: 16 Nov: FALL BREAK

12 Lecture 21 (Tue: 21 Nov): Essay Tutorials

By 10 am on the 21st of Novembre send me a 200-word outline of your essay via email. Further details in class.

Reading: Anne D'Alleva, 'Chapter 4: Writing Art History Essays and Papers', in *How to Write Art History*, (London: Laurence King, 2010), pp. 74-117.

Read and borrow online with registration:

https://archive.org/details/howtowritearthis0000dall/page/n3/mode/2up

12 Lecture 22 (Thurs: 23 Nov): Manifestos and Murals: Art and Revolution in Latin America

Oswald de Andrade, 'Manifesto Antropófago', Revista de Antropofagia, vol. 1, no. 1, São Paulo, 1928.

Read the English translation by Leslie Bary for free online: https://www.academia.edu/1424345

13 Lecture 23 (Tue: 28 Nov): Manifestos and Murals: Art and Revolution in Latin America

Reading: David Craven, 'The Mexican Revolution', in *Art and Revolution in Latin America*, 1910-1990, (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2002), pp. 25-73.

Borrow and read online with registration:

https://archive.org/details/artrevolutioninl0000crav/page/n7/mode/2up

- 13 Lecture 24 (Thurs: 30 Nov): SHORT PRESENTATIONS
- 14 Lecture 25 (Tue: 5 Dec): Material, Motion, Modernism: The Gutai Art Association in Japan

Yoshihara Jirō, 'Gutai Art Manifest', 1956. Originally published as 'Gutai bijutsu sengen', Geijutsu Shinchō 7, no. 12 (December 1956), pp. 202–04. Here is a later translation by Reiko Tomii:

 $\frac{http://web.archive.org/web/20160310033146if_/http://www.exhibitions international.org/extra/9780892074891_01.pdf\#page=3$

Ming Tiampo, 'please draw freely', in Ming Tiampo and Alexandra Munroe, eds., *gutai: splendid playground*, exh. cat., (New York: Guggenheim Museum: 2013), pp. 45-79.

Uploaded on myClass.

14 Lecture 26 (Thurs: 7 Dec): Material, Motion, Modernism: The Gutai Art Association in Japan

Alexandra Munroe, 'To Challenge the Midsummer Sun: The Gutai Group', in Alexandra Munroe, ed., *Scream Against the Sky: Japanese Art After 1945*, (New York: Harry N. Abrams), 1994, pp 83-124.

Free online:

https://monoskop.org/images/f/f0/Munroe_Alexandra_1994_To_Challenge_the_Midsummer_Sun_The_Gutai_Group.pdf

15 Lecture 27 (Tue: 12 Dec): From Havana to the World: OSPAAAL and Posters of Solidarity and Subversion

Reading: Jessica Stites Mor, 'Rendering Armed Struggle: OSPAAAL, Cuban Poster Art, and South-South Solidarity at the United Nations', *Jahrbuch für Geschichte Lateinamerikas*, vol. 56, 2019, pp. 42-65.

Download for free: https://journals.sub.uni-hamburg.de/hup1/jbla/article/view/132

Essay deadline: 20th of December 2023

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- On-line Communication & Professionalism: Students are expected to maintain a highlevel of professionalism across all course-related communications. Please conduct your communications as you would any other professional experience. Treat your colleagues with respect!
- You are join the lecture to on time and remain for duration of class and related activities.
- Students can expect to put in a minimum of 4 hours per week on out-of-class work. Assignments will be expected on the date required.
- ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN THE CLASSROOM: All cell phones should be turned off before class. Computers should be used only for the purposes of the lecture. Exceptions are made for parental responsibilities or emergency situations. Please inform your instructor at the beginning of the lecture. Social media platforms are not to be used during class time.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and there will be penalties. For a more precise definition of plagiarism and its consequences, please refer to:

https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/#academic policies

These are serious issues and will be dealt with severely.

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.