

## DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2019

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

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HOURS:	Monday and Wednesdays: 1:00 -2:20 pm By appointment			

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:** This course will cover the major developments in painting and sculpture which occurred during the final decades of the nineteenth century and the first half of the twentieth century.

## PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: None

## **REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:**

H. H. Arnason, History of Modern Art, 7th Edition, ISBN-10: 0205259472

## **DELIVERY MODE(S):** Lecture

#### **COURSE OBECTIVES:**

The course will cover the major developments in Western Art during the final decades of the nineteenth century and early twentieth century. The development of "modernism" will be examined within the context of changing social, political and philosophical ideas of the time. Lectures will explore different stylistic movements and may examine realism, impressionism, post-impressionism, fauvism, expressionism, cubism, futurism, dada, surrealism and constructivism. The lectures will explore multiple and diverse perspectives and cover a range of visual culture among which may include painting, sculpture, photography, architecture, museum display and exhibition practices.

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

- 1. Identify basic terms and concepts used to talk about "modernism" as a philosophical worldview.
- 2. Identify key examples of art and architecture of Western Art from late nineteenth century to mid- twentieth century (artist, title/description, date and medium).
- 3. Compare and contrast examples of art or architecture from these movements/periods.
- 4. Discuss these examples *in context* (geographical, historical, cultural, economic political).

## TRANSFERABILITY

\*Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for specific course transfer information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at Alberta Transfer Guide main page <u>http://www.transferalberta.ca</u> or, if you do not want to navigate through few links, at <u>http://alis.alberta.ca/ps/tsp/ta/tbi/onlinesearch.html?SearchMode=S&step=2</u>

# Students have the final responsibility for ensuring the transferability of courses taken to Alberta Colleges and Universities.

\*\* Grade of D or 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:**

Research Paper	30%:	December 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Mid Term Exam	30%:	October 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Participation	10%	
Final Exam	30%	During Examination Weeks

In grading the exams and quizzes, the instructor will evaluate the students' knowledge of the material presented in the course lectures/readings. The questions may address the following topics: stylistic definitions, geographic locations, historical dates, social historical analysis, thematic content and cultural context. The instructor will not only assess students' understanding of the information covered in the course, but s/he will also ask them to identify key art works, artists' names, titles of pieces and dates of stylistic movements.

**Exams:** The exams will test students' knowledge of the material covered in the course. To prepare for the exams and quizzes students should keep detailed notes on the lectures and readings throughout the semester. The questions will focus on the content, form, technique and materials of 19<sup>th</sup> century art to Early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Additional questions may also focus on the social, historical and political significance of particular works and require students to identify important religious and cultural practices surrounding processes of art making.

**Participation:** Students will be asked to sign in every class. They 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 respect and remain sensitive to other people's opinions and ideas. The instructor will not allow disruptive and intolerant behavior. *If you are unable to attend class for health or other reasons please let your instructor know.* 

Research paper you have the option of doing a research paper or a project.

#### **Research paper:**

The research paper provides a student an opportunity to develop their analytical skills. Students will prepare a 1500 word that critically examines the subject matter they have selected. In discussing works of art, students must reflect upon the ideas/concepts explored in the course readings/lectures. This is not a summary, but rather an opportunity for students to link the readings/ questions/themes/theories addressed in class.

You can select from the following topics:

- 1. Art for Social Change: Constructivism, Futurism and The Bauhaus.
- 2. 20thc. Avant-garde's Impact upon Graphic Design: Dada, Constructivism, De Stijl and The Bauhaus
- 3. The Collage Aesthetic in Early Modern Art: Cubism, Dada and Surrealism.
- 4. Social commentary in early 20thc. Art; Expressionism, Dada and The New Objectivity.
- 5. Select an artist from the textbook active between 1850 1930 and write an essay about their work discussing their life, influences, social and philosophical ideas present in their work. Discuss why they are important in the history of modern art. The instructor must approve your choice of an artist.

Please refer to the articles on reserve in the library on how to write an effective essay.

Your essay must be typewritten and include a bibliography, footnotes. Also a photocopy of all sources of quotes and source material used in your essay must be submitted. Your essay should follow academic formats: Chicago or APA.

http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org

#### http://www.apastyle.org

**Bibliography:** Your references will have to include at least 4 books, one may be the textbook, 4 journal articles and 3 web sources. **No online or print encyclopedias can be used as primary resource** i.e. Wikipedia,

Encyclopedia Britannica, etc.

You should begin your research early, as much of the information is challenging to locate. I will ask you to submit a working bibliography by the end of the first month of classes to be sure that you are working diligently on this research.

## **RESEARCH PAPER GRADING:**

The Paper is worth 30% of Final Course Grade.

## **RESEARCH PAPER DATES:**

**Outline:** Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 **Bibliography:** Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 **Rough Draft:** Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 **Final Draft:** Thursday, December 5<sup>h</sup>, 2019

Your essay must be typewritten and include a bibliography, footnotes.

## **PROJECT/PAPER:**

Select an artist from the textbook active between 1850 – 1930, whose work you enjoy. The instructor must approve your choice of an artist.

**1.** Execute a copy of 3 works using similar materials and scale. You are then asked to create series of 2 works in their style with your own subject matter.

2. Write a 500 word essay about their work discussing influences, social and philosophical implications and ramifications present in their practice.

**Project DATES:** 

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Note: Project involves significant time commitment. Start early to ensure success!

No late papers will be accepted.

## **GRADING CRITERIA:**

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

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

## **COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:**

Students will be expected to invest a minimum of four hours a week out of class.

Assignments will be expected on the date required.

Week 1 **Introduction to the course:** Text, Assessment, Expectations. Research paper: Questions to consider when writing about Art. Readings: IN BRIEF: HOW TO WRTIE AN EFFECTIVE ESSAY by Sylvan Barnet, A Short Guide to Writing About Art,  $5^{th}$  ed., 1997, pp. 121 - 135. MANUSCRIPT FORM by Sylvan Barnet, A Short Guide to Writing About Art, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., 1997, pp. 154 - 186. **Lecture 1: Origins of Modern Art Readings:** Chapter 1: The Sources of Modern Painting, pp. 1-14 Week 2 Lecture 2: Modernism Week 3 Lecture 3: Modernism: Part 2 **Readings:** Chapter 2: The Search for Truth: Realism, Impressionism and Early Photography, pp. 15-42Lecture 4: Trends in 19th c Art: Part 1 Week 3 Lecture 5: Trends in 19th c Art: Part 2 Week 4 Readings: Chapter 4: Arts & Crafts, Art Nouveau and the beginnings of Expressionism, pp. 70-89 Week 4 Lecture 6: Art Nouveau Week 5 Lecture 7: Art Nouveau Architecture Week 5 **Lecture 8: Early Expressionism** Readings: Chapter 5: The New Century: Experiments in Color and Form, pp. 90-109 Week 6 Lecture 9: Matisse Week 6 Lecture 10: Matisse: Part 2 Week 7 Lecture 11: Brancusi and Expressionism Readings: Chapter 6: Expressionism in German and Austria, pp. 111-135 Week 7 Lecture 12: Expressionism 2 Week 8 Lecture 13: Expressionism 3 Lecture 14: Expressionism 4 Week 8 Readings: Chapter 2: The Search for Truth: Realism, Impressionism and Early Photography, pp. 15-42

Week 9	Lecture 15: Photography Readings: Chapter 7: Cubism. pp. 136 -168.
Week 9	Lecture 16: Cubism 1
Week 10	Lecture 17: Cubism 2 Readings: Chapter 9: European Art after Cubism. pp. 186 -212.
Week 10	Lecture 18: Futurism and Suprematism
Week 11	<b>Lecture 19: Constructivism</b> <b>Readings:</b> <i>Chapter 10: Picturing the Wasteland.</i> pp. 213 - 241.
Week 11	Lecture 20: Dada
Week 12	<b>Lecture 21: German Dada</b> <b>Readings:</b> <i>Chapter 13: Bauhaus and the Teaching of Modernism,</i> pp. 275 – 296.
Week 12	Lecture 22: Bauhaus Readings: Chapter 14: Surrealism. pp. 288 -328
Week 13	Lecture 23: Surrealism
Week 13	<b>Lecture 24: Surrealism 2</b> <b>Readings:</b> <i>Chapter 8: Early Modern Architecture</i> , pp. 169 – 185.
Week 14	Lecture 25: Early Modern Architecture 1
Week 14	Lecture 26: Early Modern Architecture 2

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- You are expected to arrive 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, Blackberries, and other communication devices should be turned off before class. Exceptions are made for parental responsibilities or emergency situations. Social media (facebook, skype, etc.) are not to be used during class time. All cell phones must be turned off and stored away from view. *Students found checking messages or texting in class will be asked to leave.*
- No IPOD or MP3 players allowed in the classroom. Failure to do so will result in you being asked to leave the class.

## **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, refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Admission Guide at <u>http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/</u> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at <u>http://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/</u>

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

#### **Additional Information:**