

Syllabus: Art History

Course Description

Being made in God's image, Man was given the gift of creativity. The record of virtually every culture can be found in its art. By studying art history – an integrated exploration of history, science, mathematics, philosophy, all with reference to and under the authority of the Scriptures- students gain a greater understanding of the world God made. This course covers a general survey of Western art history, from the caves of Lascaux to the artists of the twenty-first century. There will be readings, in-depth slide presentations, writing and art projects that will help students learn to "read" and analyze significant works of the past and build biblically informed artistic literacy in our present culture. Homework will be approximately 2-3 hours per week.

Attendance and Participation

Both attendance and participation are vital parts of this course; therefore, students are required to attend class sessions and participate actively in discussions. Students are expected to view archives of any missed classes, and are responsible for obtaining any notes or assignments.

Students will be given quarterly grades for both participation and attendance:

- Fifteen percent of the final grade will be attributed to *relevant class participation*. This includes raising one's hand, commenting regularly via microphone/webcam, and using the chat box regularly to contribute to the academic conversation.
- Five percent of the final grade will be attributed to *class attendance*. Being present, being on time, and readiness for class are all factors to be considered in the class attendance grade. *Excused* absences will not detrimentally impact attendance grades

Grading rubrics are located in the Course Documents folder in each course page.

Assignments

Homework assignments will include weekly readings, research of the weekly topic from other sources, sketches, and visual analysis of masterworks. Students will be required to complete one project per quarter to include writing, research, and/or creating a piece of artwork.

Evaluation

The final grade is determined on the following basis:

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| • Class Attendance | 5% |
| • Relevant Class Participation | 15% |
| • Homework | 20% |
| • Projects | 60% |

Grading Scale

The following grading scale will apply for all assignments and final grades. 100% – 90% = A; 89% - 80% = B; 79% - 70% = C; 69% - 60% = D; 59% - 50% = E; 49% - 40% = F. All grades are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Late Work

If a student fails to submit any assessment by the due date, it is considered “late.”

- Assignments submitted 0-24 hours late will result in a 10 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments submitted 24-48 hours late will result in a 20 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments submitted 48-72 hours late will result in a 30 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments over 72 hours late will not be accepted and the student will receive a zero.
- Parent may request an extension from their child’s teacher *prior to the due date* or in the case of an emergency.

While we love grace and the opportunity to exercise it, we also desire to instill a sound sense of responsibility in our students, hence these expectations pertaining to late work.

Exam/Test Retakes

Any student may retake a failed assessment (except quizzes), but can score no higher than 70% on the retake. Retakes must be submitted within one week of the returned, failed test. If the retake is not submitted within one week, the original failing grade will stand.

Academic Dishonesty

Cheating on any assignment is considered academic dishonesty. This includes plagiarism in any form. Cheating will be dealt with in the following manner:

- If a student is caught cheating, he will receive a zero on the assignment and will be placed on academic probation for the remainder of the school year.
- If the same student is caught cheating again, he will likely be expelled.
- No refunds will be granted for students who are expelled due to cheating.
- A Disciplinary Action Form will be submitted by the student’s teacher for any instance of academic dishonesty.

Textbooks/Materials

Art History Course Kit (000082)

- History of Art (000081)
- Art History Cards (000080)
- The Story of Art (346150)

Course Calendar

See Course Assignment Sheet, located on course page, for class dates, breaks and all assignments and assessments. Class dates and breaks can also be found on the current academic year calendar.