Introduction to Art Syllabus

AT A GLANCE: 4 weeks of art production. Some of this will be at home and ALL of it can be at home if necessary. The remainder of the semester will contextualize elements of contemporary culture with art history. There is ONE museum trip that can be completely or partially online.

Goals and Objectives of Intro to Art

- Acquiring factual knowledge through the explanation of appropriate terminology, definitions, and historical, social, philosophical, and technological influences and through appropriate and helpful indication in class-lecture of constructive relationships, timelines, outlines, and periodic reviews, provided to the class.
- Acquiring an Understanding Of Historic Principles through explanations and summaries of historical trends and patterns, (i.e. political, philosophical, theological, technological, etc.), and their influences on the development of artistic forms and content the student will be able to contextualize art and its place in history.
- Developing Creative thinking through learning how to distinguish stylistic differences among individual works of art, analyze artistic composition, determine a work of art’s relevance within the history of human thought and development and an increased awareness of the value of artistic expression.
- Developing an understanding and appreciation of the significance of the visual arts within society and within one’s personal life.
- Creating art focused on the Elements of Art and Principles of Design.

Course Assignments and Projects

- There is no textbook required for this course.
- These is no presumption of artistic skill and the approach to making art in this class during this unique time will cater to class restrictions. That means we will not be painting in a lecture hall, basically.
- Students are expected to take notes in class and complete online assignments.
- The tests will all be online, and the content will derive from a combination of lecture and online materials.

Supplies for the first 4 weeks

- Approximately 35 pieces of paper. This can be unlined paper or Dollar Tree art pad paper. If you want to spend more money, buy a sketch pad that is 8.5” x 11”.
- Although it is not required, you may want a clipboard so you can lean back and hold your paper at an angle against your table. It will also be easier if we go somewhere to sketch.
- #2 pencils that are not mechanical. I can give you one.
- Ruler that is metal or plastic. Metal is always better, and they sell them most places. Go for the sharp edge.
- Black pen.
- Fine Sharpie or Micron
- You will need headphones and a music source that can loop ONE song for a day close to the 4-week mark.
- One sheet of white poster board. DO NOT BRING THIS TO CLASS!
Classroom Behavior
Owing to the nature and size of this course, any noise, talking, or other distractions will not be tolerated. Cellphones are only frowned upon because your professor’s wardrobe has gone viral. 😅..<℅

Grading
All assignments carry the same weight- A: 90-100, B: 80-89, C: 79-70, D: 69-60, F: Anything below a 60.

Covid-19
As a member of the Texas Tech University System, Angelo State University has adopted the mandatory Facial Covering Policy to ensure a safe and healthy classroom experience. Current research on the COVID-19 virus suggests there is a significant reduction in the potential for transmission of the virus from person to person by wearing a mask/facial covering that covers the nose and mouth areas. Therefore, in compliance with the university policy students in this class are required to wear a mask/facial covering before, during, and after class. Faculty members may also ask you to display your daily screening badge as a prerequisite to enter the classroom. You are also asked to maintain safe distancing practices to the best of your ability. For the safety of everyone, any student not appropriately wearing a mask/facial covering will be asked to leave the classroom immediately. The student will be responsible to make up any missed class content or work. Continued non-compliance with the Texas Tech University System Policy may result in disciplinary action through the Office of Student Conduct.

Attendance
Attendance is required by the University. However, Covid-19 could change the dynamics of every class. The best bet is to try and attend as many Face to Face classes as possible WHEN you are scheduled to be there. If a student is unavoidably absent (i.e. serious illness, emergencies, etc.), sufficient reason should be given to the instructor by the next class that the student attends. Failure to provide such notification will result in a non-excused absence. Of course, excused absences only will be allowed for serious reasons, such as those mentioned above. Staying home with a head cold is not an excused absence. Three free absences are allowed for one semester of this course. For every absence thereafter, a letter grade will be deducted from their final grade. Six absences constitute an automatic “F.” Written verification of emergency may be required.

**** HALF OF THE CLASS WILL BE THERE ON TUESDAY AND HALF WILL BE THERE ON THURSDAY.

IF YOUR LAST NAME BEGINS WITH A-K, YOU ATTEND IN PERSON ON TUESDAY.

IF YOUR LAST NAME BEGINS WITH L-Z, YOU ATTEND IN PERSON ON THURSDAY.

THERE WILL BE A SEATING CHART, SO IF YOU HAVE TO SIT UP CLOSER TO THE SCREEN, PLEASE SHOW UP EARLY ON DAY ONE OR EMAIL ME AND I WILL RESERVE YOU A SEAT.

No. If you miss Tuesday then you cannot come on Thursday even though it is the same material. The classes will be recorded. Yea! The information you are expected to work on out of class is either online or at home.

If you need help with any of your projects, I am there for you. Be ready with an image to show me if you texting me or simply come by my office, however, we will step over to a “screen”. These are plexi-shields I made to protect you from my buffalo breath.

Please feel free to text me: 325-262-9869. State your name and what class you are in.

My office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8-noon, Carr 246A, across from the elevator.

Details of course materials and syllabus may change due to circumstances through the semester.
UNIVERSITY COURSE WITHDRAWAL POLICY

The last day to drop a course or to totally withdraw from the University is November 10, 2020.

UNIVERSITY HONOR CODE

Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding the Academic Honor Code, which is contained both in print and web versions of the Student Handbook. During the semester, you must learn how to use the terms an artist would use. It is not true that your professors do not talk using those words. We do. We do so in an aggressive, “look how many terms I can strategically string together” way all the time because academia is competitive, and we are all athletes trying to stay at the top of our game. We may not do this in front of you because seeing the light fade from your eyes makes us sad. The point is you need to speak and write like an artist. I personally will try to model this behavior more.

TITLE IX at Angelo State University:

Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. The University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination including sexual assault, sex-based discrimination, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence and/or dating violence), and stalking. As a faculty member, I am a Responsible Employee meaning that I am in Title IX Compliance. This is done to connect students with resources and options in addressing the allegations reported. As a student, are encouraged to report any incidents of sexual misconduct directly to ASU’s Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator. You may do so by contacting:

Michelle Boone, J.D.
Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator
Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
325-942-2022
michelle.boone@angelo.edu

You may also file a report online 24/7 at www.angelo.edu/incident-form. If you are wishing to speak to someone about an incident in confidence you may contact the University Health Clinic and Counseling Center at 325-942-2173 or the ASU Crisis Helpline at 325-486-6345.

The Office of Title IX Compliance also provides accommodations related to pregnancy (such as communicating with your professors regarding medically necessary absences, modifications required because of pregnancy, etc.). If you are pregnant and need assistance or accommodations, please contact the Office of Title IX Compliance utilizing the information above.