HONR 2302:

Great Works in the Arts

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Virtual Office Hours: MW 1 – 3 PM, TR 2:30 – 4:30 PM, and by appointment

LECTURES: Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30-10:45am

This course, Great Works in the Arts, will introduce students to great achievements in music and the visual arts throughout history. This semester, the arts component of the course presents a thematic survey of global art from prehistory (c. 40,000 BCE) through the 21st century. Image-making is a behavior unique to human beings, a product of the cognitive ability called “symbolic thinking.” For all the diversity of human societies worldwide, many have used art to fulfill similar purposes or respond to similar life experiences. This course will explore a selection of themes that appear frequently in the history of art and images that represent them. By focusing on a thematic account of art-making (rather than a chronological or geographic narrative), this class will emphasize the commonalities shared by a wide variety of societies and cultures, and underscore the many different solutions artists have found to problems of representation.

STUDENT LEARNING GOALS:

1. To gain a basic understanding of the course material.
2. To become familiar with history of art from prehistory through the 21st century.
3. To develop critical thinking skills.
4. To build skill in visual analysis.
5. To acquire writing skills in order to express clearly and effectively what you perceive through looking.
6. To attain a proficiency in analyzing a work of art formally.

REQUIRED TEXT:

No text is required for this course. Supplemental readings will be provided by the instructor.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Exam I: 25%
Exam II: 25%
Group Presentation: 30%
Quizzes and Participation: 20%

Student grades are determined through two essay exams, occasional quizzes, participation in course activities and discussions, and through a final group presentation.
All exams and quizzes will be administered through Blackboard. All assignments should also be submitted through Blackboard. There will be no in-person class meetings on exam days.

**PLEASE NOTE** that no make-up exams will be administered under any circumstances except documented, excused medical circumstances. **No exams will be administered early.**

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 in both print and web versions of the Student Handbook. Please consult your Student Handbook for broad (though not exhaustive) definitions of both cheating and plagiarism. You are responsible for knowing and understanding what constitutes cheating and/or plagiarism; if you are caught cheating or if you commit plagiarism, you will fail the exam or assignment and fail the class with no exceptions.

**GRADE SCALE:**

- 90-100 = A
- 80-89 = B
- 70-79 = C
- 60-69 = D
- 59 and below = F

**ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION:**

Students are expected to attend class regularly and to participate actively. In the event that you must arrive late or leave early, please do so quietly so as not to disrupt the class. Acquiring information (including but not limited to class notes, assignments and important announcements) missed due to tardiness or absence will be the responsibility of the student.

**CLASSROOM CONDUCT:**

Students are expected to treat each other, and Dr. Stewart, with respect at all times. Any student who disrupts the class through their speech, behavior, or any other distraction, may be asked to leave the class for the duration of the period. Repeated infractions may result in being removed from the class.

**Cell phones** should be silenced or placed on vibrate before the class period begins. All cell phones should be put away for the duration of the class period. Any use of a cell phone, including texting, web browsing, social media, ringing or other audible notifications, during the class period will be considered intentionally disruptive student behavior. Any use of an electronic device during an exam will result in automatic failure of the exam with no possibility of make-up.

Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, students must abide by certain guidelines when attending in-person class sessions:

- All students (and faculty and staff) **must** complete a daily wellness screening, available through RamPort, before coming onto campus each day.
• All students **must** wear appropriate face coverings while in public spaces on campus (see statement below).
• All students **must** practice social distancing while in the classroom.
• All students **must** sit in the seat assigned to them at the beginning of the semester. This will aid in contact tracing in the event a student or faculty member tests positive for COVID-19.

If you are feeling unwell for any reason, please **DO NOT COME TO CAMPUS**, and **DO NOT COME TO THIS CLASS**. If you are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19, please follow the instructions on the daily wellness screening to contact Shannon on Demand for further medical advice.

COVID-19 poses a wide variety of challenges – both foreseen and unforeseen – to students, faculty, and university administrators alike. If you encounter any issues that interfere with your ability to complete this course, such as you or a loved one falling ill, a change in living situation, work schedule, or caregiving responsibilities, financial hardship, or mental health crisis, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. The help I can offer may be limited, but I am happy to work with you however I can.

REQUIRED USE OF MASKS/FACIAL COVERINGS BY STUDENTS IN CLASS AT ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY:

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.

UNIVERSITY COURSE WITHDRAWAL POLICY:

The last day to drop a course or to totally withdraw from the University will be **Friday, April 30, 2021**. Withdrawal grades will be indicated by W. Any student who withdraws from the course after this date will receive a failing (F) grade for the course.

ADA COMPLIANCE:

Persons with disabilities which may warrant academic accommodations must contact the Student Life Office, Garden Level, University Center, (325) 942-2191, in order to request such accommodations prior to any accommodations being implemented. You are encouraged to make this request early in the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made.
Title IX at Angelo State University:

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 obligated by law and ASU policy to report any allegations I am notified of to the Office of Title IX Compliance.

Students 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 at:

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.

For more information about Title IX in general you may visit www.angelo.edu/title-ix.

Class Schedule: Group A (first 8 weeks)

Week One (Jan. 26 - 28): Course Introduction/What is Art?

Week Two (Feb. 2 - 4): Dreams and Visions

Week Three (Feb. 9 - 11): History and Memory

Week Four (Feb. 16 - 18): Writing
   Exam I Tuesday, February 16

Week Five (Feb. 23 - 25): Death

Week Six (March 2 – 4): The Body

Week Seven (March 9 - 11): Converging Cultures
   Exam II Thursday, March 11

Week Eight (March 16 - 18): Student Presentations
Class Schedule: Group B (last 8 weeks)

Week One (March 23 - 25): Course Introduction/What is Art?

Week Two (March 30 – April 1): Dreams and Visions

Week Three (April 6 - 8): History and Memory

Week Four (April 13 - 15): Writing
   Exam I Tuesday, April 13

Week Five (April 20 - 22): Death

Week Six (April 27 - 29): The Body

Week Seven (May 4 - 6): Converging Cultures
   Exam II Thursday, May 6

Week Eight (May 11 – 13): Exam Week/Student Presentations Thursday, May 13, 2021, 8:30 – 10:00 AM.