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**Course Description:**

An introductory survey of the visual arts with guidelines to evaluate art by focusing on selected works from the textbook as well as including current local exhibitions and creating individual projects. This course fills the Visual and Performing Arts core curriculum requirements.

**Important dates can be accessed on the SPC website such as: Last day to Register, Withdraw Date, Holidays, and Final Exams. Dates for papers and tests will be announced in class (select “Academic Calendar”).**

**Course Objectives:**

- Cultivate a greater appreciation and understanding for the arts
- Introduce students to a broad range of art media and techniques.
- Promote discussions of the visual, intellectual, social, and historical facets of art pieces
- Provide techniques to evaluate, appreciate, and understand the arts

**Course Content:**

- Define the term “art” and its purposes, including general categories of visual art
- Identify the visual elements and design principles
- Examine the techniques of the Fine and Applied Arts such as: sculpture, painting, drawing, printmaking, photography and crafts
- The art of the past: historical trends and styles in visual arts and how the art produced by each culture studied has influenced and been influenced by other cultures and civilizations

**Possible Methods:**

- Quizzes, Online Discussions, Tests
- Videos and video write-ups

**Course Requirements:**

- **Participation:** Students are required/expected to participate in class discussions, exercises and/or activities.
- **Preparation:** Students should keep up with assignments and discussions.
- **Tests:** Made up of matching, fill-in-the-blank, multiple choice, and short answer questions. There are (usually) three (3) exams, each will have a review in the class prior to the exam, and the tests will be returned once they are graded. No scantrons will be used. Make-up tests are **rarely** given and are for extreme circumstances, and are at the teacher’s discretion.

**Required Texts:** *Gateways to Art: Understanding the Visual Arts*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. DeWitte, Larman, & Shields.

*Students are responsible for chapter content in the book.*

**Grading Criteria:**

- **Attendance:** As this is an online class, there will be no daily attendance. The responsibly fall on the students to ensure that work is completed and turned in on time.
- **Participation:** Input in class discussions as well as performance and work ethic in class activities and assignments. (See Class Etiquette)
- **Presentation:** Projects/Discussions must be **typed** and reasonable effort given to projects.

**Class Etiquette:** Information, images, and discussion topics may deal with subject matter uncomfortable or offensive to some students. Discussions require a calm and open-minded dialogue to consider different points of view. Civility and respect will be required at all times. There will be zero tolerance for inappropriate behavior.

- **Individual behavior and attitude can greatly influence the class mood as a whole. Please conduct yourself in a way that promotes the productivity of the entire group. As this is an online class, please be mindful of how sensitive topics are approached. The online world is an easy place to lose sight of this. Respect and courtesy are expected in the online discussions.**

**Academic Honesty:** The faculty is strongly committed to upholding standards of academic integrity. These standards, at the minimum, require that students never present the work of others as their own. WARNING – Cheating or plagiarism will result in the student receiving a 0 on the assignment for the first offense, second offence you will be dropped from the class. Please make sure your thoughts on the discussions are your own. I'm interested in what you have to say. Please do not copy/paste the ideas of others into your discussion posts without giving proper credit.

**Grading Scale:** For the semester grade, the grades will be scaled as:

90-100	"A" Superior work
80-89	"B" Above average work
70-79	"C" Average work
60-69	"D" Below average work
00-59	"F" Failure

**Grading:** Final grades will consist of

Class participation, Attitude	15%
Quizzes and Discussions	35%
Test Average	50%

### **ARTS 1301 ONLINE COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Student must access the course on a regular basis
2. Student must login online via Blackboard to complete their assignments
3. Student must complete assignments on time Deadlines will be posted and reasonable time given for completion.

***If you move to a new address or have no internet access at home, know that this your responsibility, not mine.***

### **IMPORTANT! How to answer the Group Discussions/Shared Writing Questions:**

Try to answer these questions to the best of your ability. Use your newly obtained 'art language' and describe what you 'see'. Try not to over-think it!

**DO YOUR OWN WORK! I'm interested in *your* thoughts and observations. ☺**

### **INTERNET COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Internet access and email are required. (This is on you. Please aware that I'm neither your ISP nor tech support)
2. Initial correspondence with the instructor is the student's responsibility, by the first week of class, via email to the instructor's SPC email.
3. It is the student's responsibility to make sure they have the necessary computer resources and skills to take the online course. There are computer labs available to use at Levelland Technology Center, SPC Building 8 (Reese Center) room 827, and Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center, Lubbock and Plainview Center.
4. The computer you use must be able to connect to the Internet and allow you to browse the World Wide Web.

### **STUDENT REQUIRED SKILLS**

1. Typing skills
- +2. Word processing skills
3. Know basic functionality of a computer and how to do basic troubleshooting
4. Know how to connect to the Internet
5. Know basics of how the Internet works and how to search and conduct research using the Internet
6. Know how to compose, reply, and forward email messages
7. Know how to attach and open documents in an email message
8. Have basic file management skills
9. Know how to save and delete documents

**SPC Standard Disability Statement:** Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) & Lubbock Center 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

**Non-Discrimination Statement:** South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College -1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336, 806-894-9611

**Diversity Statement:** In this class the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will

serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. **There will be zero tolerance of disrespectful or inappropriate language or behavior.** By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but model society as it should and can be.

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