

Department of Art Syllabus

- I. ART 407 *History of Art I*, 3 Credit Hours, Hybrid
- II. PREREQUISITES
None
- III. TEXTBOOK
Kliener, F. & Tansey, R. (2012). *Gardner's art through the ages* (14th ed.). Boston, MA: Cengage Learning.
- IV. COURSE DESCRIPTION
A study of art from the prehistoric period through the Medieval period, including utilitarian art, architecture, decorative arts, painting, and sculpture. This course is offered in both lecture and online formats.
- V. RATIONALE
History of Art I is one of the foundation courses required for all art majors and an elective course allowed for many degree programs at Mississippi College. In this course, students are exposed to the sweep of art history from Ancient times to the foundations of the Renaissance as they come to know the great works throughout the span of all time. The exposure and integration of knowledge gleaned from these periods should enable the students to connect their own experience with those displayed in the past. Art students should seek to build a foundation for the integration of historical images with production of their own creative work.
- VI. LEARNING OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES
 - A. To present to the students information and presentations relative to the periods and phases of art and provide the students an opportunity to explore an understanding of the available content; to delve into the symbolic meanings of art products and ultimately to make meaningful connections between their work and larger world of art.
 - B. To explore the formal, psychological, religious, and sociological significance of works of art from these periods.
 - C. To examine the influences of historical development on the evolution of art form and to give the students a framework for placing works of art in a sound historical context.
 - D. To balance the time segments available among the arenas of art history, art production or studio time, art criticism and aesthetics.
- VII. COURSE TOPICS
 - A. Prehistoric art
 - B. The Ancient Near Eastern art

- C. Egyptian art
- D. Aegean and Greek art
- E. Etruscan and Roman art
- F. Early Christian and Byzantine art
- G. Early Medieval and Romanesque art
- H. Gothic art

VIII. INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS AND ACTIVITIES

- A. Lecture
- B. Discussion
- C. Art history research
- D. Preparation of notebook
- E. Studio activities
- F. Aesthetic activities
- G. Critique sessions and discussions
- H. Historical applications and implications

IX. ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Text information
- B. Handout information
- C. Media presentations
- D. Tests
- E. Notebook
- F. Research in art history
- G. Studio work
- H. Critique and aesthetic discussions

X. EVALUATION

The student will be responsible for the following:

- A. Reading textbook assignments
- B. Exams on information and presentations
- C. Notebook presentations
- D. Handout information
- E. Studio work
- F. Critique and aesthetic information

XI. GRADING SCALE

See Department of Art Syllabus Addendum for Grading Scale

XII. LIST OF MATERIALS

Textbook and notebook **MUST** be brought to each class meeting.

XIII. REFERENCES

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