

## **COURSE # ART 1010**

### **Introduction to Visual Arts**

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#### **Instructor**

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#### **Course**

##### **Course Description**

***This is a Concurrent Enrollment Course, offering both high school credit through Utah County Academy of Sciences (UCAS) and college credit through Utah Valley University (UVU). Credit from this course is transferable to all colleges and universities. Contact the receiving institution for how the credits will be applied.***

##### **Catalog Description**

Develops an appreciation of the visual arts by investigating the elements and principles of art, art criticism, art production, and the history of art. Includes written critiques and assignments. Requires students to identify works of arts and describe their significance in writing.

##### **Course Prerequisites**

This class is available to all high school students in good academic standing. High school prerequisites apply.

##### **Course Objectives or Learning Outcomes**

Defining (and re-defining) art and understanding its changing relationship with society over the centuries will be among the themes the course will investigate during the term. For instance, how do we understand art in our present setting? What is the function or place of art in modern society, especially when compared to how art was understood by past peoples? Class discussions regarding things seen, read, and talked about in class will be critical to the success of the class and to the learning process. Consequently, students are expected to look at art, read, think, ask, share observations, and discuss.

GE courses at UVU strive to aid students in developing skills in five areas: (1) students critically evaluate information they hear, read, and see; (2) students apply methods from particular areas, or disciplines, to collect and interpret data on specific issues; (3) students can work well collaboratively in diverse groups; (4) students communicate clearly and in writing, orally, and quantitatively; (5)

students apply to a given issue insights from various disciplines and from various perspectives/ methodologies.

### Required Text and Materials

R. and S. Lewis, *The Power of Art*, Fort Worth, 1995

## Department Policies

### Assessment

#### • Exams—

There will be two exams during the term: a midterm and a final. The exams will consist of slide identification, matching, and short answers. In-class reviews will be held prior to the exams.

#### • Class participation—

This class succeeds best when students participate: look at art, read about art, think about art, and share observations or questions in class.

#### • Written critiques—

Students will be expected to visit art museums or galleries during the term. These could include the UVU Woodbury Art Museum at University Mall, the University of Utah Museum of Art, the BYU Museum of Art, the Springville Art Museum, and others.

There will be two critiques required, and each critique will ask you to evaluate and analyze two works of art. The first critique will ask you to write on painting, the second critique will ask you to write on sculpture. Each critique will be about four pages (two pages for each work), and you will **not** be required to do research.

Class lectures and class discussion will provide you with the basic tools needed to understand, analyze, and critique a work of art. *Your observations* of and *your reactions* to the works of art you choose are what I'm looking for. Guidelines for the assignments are available on the course web site, and the specific nature of these assignments will be discussed in class.

#### • Art projects—

There will be three art projects required during the semester. You do not have to have any previous art experience for these. You'll find that you are more creative and "artistic" than you might think. The projects will introduce you to basic artistic issues from a practical, hands-on perspective. The specifics of the assignments will be discussed and handed out in class.

### Grading Scale

A = 100-95	B - = 83-80	D+ = 69-67
A - = 94-90	C+ = 79-77	D = 66-64
B+ = 89-87	C = 76-74	D - = 63-60
B = 86-84	C - = 73-70	F = 59-0

### Grades and Credit

Your grade for this class will become part of your permanent college transcript and will affect your GPA. A low grade in this course can affect college acceptance and scholarship eligibility.

Grades are determined by instructors, based upon measures determined by the instructor and department and may include: evaluation of responses, written exercises and examinations,

performance exercises and examinations, classroom/laboratory contributions, mastery of pertinent skills, etc. The letter grade “A” is an exceptional grade indicating superior achievement; “B” is a grade indicating commendable mastery; “C” indicates satisfactory mastery and is considered an average grade; “D” indicates substandard progress and insufficient evidence of ability to succeed in sequential courses; “F” (failing) indicates inadequate mastery of pertinent skills or repeated absences from class; “UW” indicates unofficial withdrawal from class.

## University Policies

### Academic Integrity

Utah Valley University expects all students to maintain integrity and high standards of individual honesty in academic work, to obey the law, and to show respect for others. Students of this class are expected to support an environment of academic integrity, have the right to such an environment, and should avoid all aspects of academic dishonesty. Examples of academic dishonesty include plagiarizing, faking of data, sharing information during an exam, discussing an exam with another student who has not taken the exam, consulting reference material during an exam, submitting a written assignment which was authored by someone other than you, and/or cheating in any form.

In keeping with UVU policy, evidence of academic dishonesty may result in a failing grade in the course and disciplinary review by the college. Any student caught cheating will receive, at minimum, zero points on that particular assignment for the first offense. A second offense can result in failing the course and will entail being reported to Student Advising. Academic dishonesty includes, in part, using materials obtained from another student, published literature, and the Internet without proper acknowledgment of the source. Additional information on this topic is published in the student handbook and is available on the UVU website.

### Student Code of Conduct

All UVU students are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner acceptable at an institution of higher learning. All students are expected to **obey the law**, to **perform contracted obligations**, to **maintain absolute integrity and high standards** of individual honesty in academic work, and to observe a **high standard of conduct for the academic environment**.

The Student Rights and Responsibilities Code, or Code of Conduct, outlines for students what they can expect from the University and what the University expects of them.

Students should review their Rights and Responsibilities. The Code of Conduct also outlines the process for academic appeals, and appeals related to misconduct and sanctions. It can be found at <http://www.uvu.edu/studentconduct/students/>

### Student Responsibilities

You are expected to take an active role in the learning process by meeting course requirements as specified in written syllabi. Faculty members have the right to establish classroom standards of behavior and attendance requirements. You are expected to meet these requirements and make contact with faculty members when unable to do so.

### Withdrawal Policy

If you do not wish to take this course or find that you are unable to continue, you should officially withdraw by the deadline stated in the current semester UVU Student Timetable.

You can officially withdraw from a course by dropping it through the online registration system or the campus One Stop desk (BA 106) by the listed date. If you officially withdraw from a course by the "Last Day to Drop and Not Show on Transcript," the course will not appear on your academic transcripts. If you officially withdraw from a course by the "Last Day to Withdraw," a "W" will appear on your transcripts. Although your GPA will not be affected — a "W" will indicate that you chose to withdraw. If you fail to complete the course and do not drop it before the "Last Day to Withdraw," a "UW" or "E" (a failing grade) will appear on your transcripts.

Withdrawing from a course may impact your financial aid status. For more information, see: UVU Financial Aid.

### Cheating and Plagiarism Policy Procedures

This document was taken from the Utah Valley University Policy 541, The Student Rights and Responsibilities Code

5.4.4 Each student is expected to maintain academic ethics and honesty in all its forms, including, but not limited to, cheating and plagiarism as defined hereafter:

1) Cheating is the act of using or attempting to use or providing others with unauthorized information, materials, or study aids in academic work. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, passing examination answers to or taking examinations for someone else, or preparing or copying another's academic work.

2) Plagiarism is the act of appropriating another person's or group's ideas or work (written, computerized, artistic, etc.) or portions thereof and passing them off as the product of one's own work in any academic exercise or activity.

3) Fabrication is the use of invented information or the falsification of research or other findings. Examples include but are not limited to:

- a) Citation of information not taken from the source indicated. This may include the incorrect documentation of secondary source materials.
- b) Listing sources in a bibliography not used in the academic exercise.
- c) Submission in a paper, thesis, lab report, or other academic exercise of falsified, invented, or fictitious data or evidence, or deliberate and knowing concealment or distortion of the true nature, origin, or function of such data or evidence.
- d) Submitting as your own any academic exercise (written work, printing, sculpture, etc.) prepared totally or in part by another.

### Students with Disabilities

**Students who need accommodations because of a disability** may contact the UVU Office of Accessibility Services (OAS), located on the Orem Campus in LC 312. To schedule an appointment or to speak with a counselor, call the OAS office at 801-863-8747. Deaf/Hard of Hearing individuals, email [nicole.hemmingsen@uvu.edu](mailto:nicole.hemmingsen@uvu.edu) or text 385-208-2677.

### Religious Accommodations

At the beginning of each semester, you shall promptly review the course syllabus and class schedule and notify faculty to request an accommodation for sincerely held religious beliefs and practices using the *Religious Accommodation Request Form*.

### Dangerous Behavior

The faculty member has the right to demand and secure the immediate removal of any person from the classroom whenever the faculty member determines, to the best of his or her knowledge or belief, that the person's actions are threatening or dangerous to students or themselves. If the faculty member cannot resolve a disruptive situation, the faculty member may request that the disruptive person(s) leave the classroom. If the disruptive person(s) will not leave voluntarily, the faculty member may call University Police for assistance. The incident shall be reported to the Dean of Students and to the Director of Judicial Affairs in accordance with Policy 541 *Student Rights and Responsibilities Code*.

### **Discriminatory, Exclusionary, or Disruptive Behavior**

Faculty members observing discriminatory, exclusionary, or disruptive behavior follow procedures described in UVU Policy 541 *Student Rights and Responsibilities Code*. 5.6

### **Attendance**

Regular attendance in this class is most effective way to do well on the assignments, tests, and quizzes. Students are responsible for getting their missing work and turning it in within a week of the due date. Class will consist of chapter reviews, discussion and group activities.

### **Policies/References**

1. Policy 541: Student Rights and Responsibilities Code  
<https://www.uvu.edu/catalog/current/policies-requirements/student-rights-and-responsibilities.html>
2. Policy 601: Classroom Instruction and Management.  
<https://policy.uvu.edu/getDisplayFile/5750ed2697e4c89872d95664>
3. Policy 635: Faculty Rights and Professional Responsibilities.  
<https://policy.uvu.edu/getDisplayFile/563a40bc65db23201153c27d>

### **Definitions**

- A. Syllabus: An agreement between faculty and students that communicates course structure, schedule, student expectations, expected course outcomes, and methods of assessment to students.

### **Dropping the Class**

October 18 is the last day to drop the course without it showing on your transcript.

November 19 is the last day to withdraw from the class.

If you drop the high school class, you must also withdraw from the UVU class to avoid receiving a failing grade.

**Due dates and this syllabus may change at the instructor's discretion due to the needs of the class members.**