

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
DEPARTMENT OF ART

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE

Art History (ARHI) 311 - Lecture 01
Topics in Art History and Visual Studies
Winter 2017
W 18:00-20:45; AB 672

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Course Description

Key concepts and theories within the discipline of Art History. Topics may include: Feminist Art Histories; Themes in Contemporary Art; Art in the Global Context; Biennials and Exhibitions; and Art and Social Critique.

Prerequisites &/or Co-requisites

None.

Objectives of the Course

Students who successfully complete this course will:

1. display general, yet critical, engagement with a specific topic of art history and visual studies;
2. apply concepts, theories, and methods from a variety of academic disciplines to the analysis of visual and material cultural objects;
3. situate art and cultural objects within the historical contexts of their production, circulation, and interpretation;
4. develop critical evaluations of visual and material cultural objects using informed knowledge of historically specific categories, such as gender, race, class, and nation;
5. initiate assessments of art and cultural objects using experiential and theoretical knowledge, and articulate these assessments in both written and verbal discussions;
6. understand the contingency of creating history and knowledge, and be open to critical self-reflection.

Textbooks and Readings

The required readings are available as a course pack, which can be purchased at the University of Calgary Bookstore. Additional required readings will be posted on the course's D2L website. The assigned readings are a combination of book chapters, exhibition reviews, journal articles, and artist statements. From week to week, you may be asked to look at websites that relate to the artists we will be discussing. These will be assigned at least a week before the class to which they relate.

Assignments and Evaluation

(The instructor will circulate handouts that describe the assignments in further detail).

Reading Responses-----10%

- 5 responses in total are required, and each are worth 2% of your final mark. Three of these must be submitted by Wednesday, 15 February, 2017, and two of these must be submitted on or after Wednesday, 01 March, 2017. You must submit responses at the beginning of the class in which the readings are being discussed. There will be no exceptions. You are responsible for submission dates and length requirements, and exceptions cannot be made after submission dates have passed.

Class participation-----15%

- Your participation in class is based on evidence that you have been intellectually engaged with the reading and visual material, demonstrated by the quality of your participation and critical contribution to class discussions. Attendance will be taken each class and will be included in the calculation of your final class participation grade.

Group presentation-----15%

- Students will form groups and present on a topic of one of the weeks' readings.

Midterm assignment-----30%

Distributed: Wednesday, 08 February 2017
Draft due: Wednesday, 15 February 2017
Due: Wednesday, 01 March 2017

Final assignment-----30%

Distributed: Wednesday, 05 April 2017
Due: Wednesday, 19 April 2017 between 9:00-13:00 in AB 663

***Please note: Unless otherwise stated, all assignments must be submitted in hard-copy. It is the student's responsibility to keep a copy of each submitted assignment.

Please hand in your assignments directly to your instructor. If this is not possible, you can use the drop box outside of AB 608. Assignments that are put into the drop box will be date-stamped and placed in the instructor's mailbox.

Writing

The format, organization, and style of writing will be assessed as part of all written assignments.

Registrar-Scheduled Final Exam

There is no registrar-scheduled final exam as part of this course.

Note: It is the student's responsibility to keep a copy of or any relevant documentation regarding each submitted assignment.

Late Assignment Policy

Late assignments will be penalized with a grade deduction of 5% per day. Aside from the final assignment, no assignment will be accepted after Wednesday, 05 April, 2017. Extensions will be given only in extreme circumstances and must be accompanied by supporting medical documentation.

Grading Method/Grading Scale:

Percentage	Grade	G.P.V.	Grade Definition
96-100	A+	4.0	Outstanding

90-95	A	4.0	Excellent-superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of subject matter.
85-89	A-	3.7	
80-84	B+	3.3	
75-79	B	3.0	Good – clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete.
70-74	B-	2.7	
65-69	C+	2.3	
60-64	C	2.0	Satisfactory – basic understanding of the subject matter.
55-59	C-	1.7	
53-54	D+	1.3	
50-52	D	1.0	Minimal pass – marginal performance; generally insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject.
0-49	F	0	Fail – unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet course requirements.

Internet and Electronic Communication Device Information

Please turn off cell phones during class. Laptops are permitted.

Academic Accommodation

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services (S.A.S.); S.A.S. will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy>

Academic Standing

For more information go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f.html>

Deferral of Exams/Term work

It is possible to request a deferral of term work or final examination(s) for reasons of illness, accident, family or domestic affliction, or religious obligations. Please check with Enrolment Services if any of these issues make it impossible for you to sit an exam or finish term work by stated deadlines.

For more information about deferring a final exam go to <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams>

For more information about the deferral term work go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-7.html>
http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/files/registrar/deferred_termwork15.pdf

F.O.I.P.

For more information go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>

Writing/Plagiarism

Writing skills are not exclusive to English courses and, in fact, should cross all disciplines. The University supports the belief that throughout their University careers, students should be taught how to write well so that when they graduate their writing abilities will be far above the minimal standards

required at entrance. Consistent with this belief, students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their University courses and, where appropriate, members of faculty can and should use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Support Services can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.

For more information go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support> or <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html>

Using any source whatsoever without clearly documenting it is a serious academic offense. Consequences include failure on the assignment, failure in the course and possibly suspension or expulsion from the university. Visual art projects submitted for course credit must be produced by the student specifically for this class. Students must not submit projects if credit has or will be provided for it in another class. This includes re-worked assignments from previous or concurrent courses, unless permission is provided in writing by the instructor. Additionally, the student is asked to be mindful of using visual sources from the internet, ensuring that that material is not derived from any on-line or other available source, and that appropriate copyright permission is granted, when required.

For more information go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2-1.html>

Student Misconduct

For more information go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>

Student Union

For more information go to <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/>

Student Ombudsman

For more information go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>

Lockers

The Art Building lockers are administered through the Student's Union's used bookstore, Bound and Copied. Lockers are rented on a first come, first served basis. Due to the shortage of lockers, and the high demand, students cannot hold more than one locker at a time. All of the details on renting a locker and your responsibilities can be found on the Locker Rental Agreement at

https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/locker_rental_agreement_2010.pdf

Lockers for all sessions can be rented through my.ucalgary.ca. Once you're in the Student Centre, click on **Other Academic Services** and choose **Locker Reservation**.

Lockers must be vacated by the end of term.

For more information go to <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/>

Ethics

Whenever you perform research with human participants (i.e., surveys, interviews or observation) as part of your university studies, you are responsible for following university research ethics guidelines. Your instructor must review and approve of your research plans and supervise your research.

For more information go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-5.html>

or

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/research/researchers/ethics-compliance/chreb>

Campus Security/Safewalk

Call 220-5333 anytime. Help phones are located throughout campus, parking lots and elevators;

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they connect directly to Campus Security - in case of emergency, press the red button.

For more information go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk>

Emergency Evacuation

For more information go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

Have a question but not sure where to start? The Arts Students' Centre is your information resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts. Stop by SS102, call us at 220-3580 or email us at ascarts@ucalgary.ca or artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.

For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre at 220-5881 or visit them on the 3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

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