

COURSE SYLLABUS

Art 160, Section 03

Introduction to the Visual Arts

3 Credit Hours

Spring 2008

Class Location: ARTE, Rm 108
Instructor: Petrina Sowa
Office hours: By appointment

Class Time: TTH 9:30 – 10:50
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Course Description:

Catalogue Description: (Non-Majors only) [ARTS 1301] This course will introduce the visual elements of art, their nature, functions and relationships in Painting, Sculpture, and Architecture to the non-major. Prerequisite: None. Credit 3.

Objectives:

- Gain a broader understanding and appreciation of the visual arts
- Identify the art elements and principles of design in works of art throughout history and across cultures
- Understand the motivations of individual artists, and the influences of culture, history, and media
- Use the above skills to develop personal interpretations of artworks

The class format includes lectures with slides and visual aids, weekly reading assignments, four exams, and a final.

Required text: Getlein, Mark. 2008. *Living With Art*. (8th ed.) McGraw-Hill

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory. In accordance with The SHSU Undergraduate Catalog, you are allowed 2 absences without penalty. We have much material to cover in a short period of time, therefore, your preparation for each class and attendance is essential. Your final grade will be dropped by one letter for over three absences. Also, excessive absences will result as an F. Please inform me if you anticipate any absence or tardiness throughout this semester. Students are responsible for being prepared for each class, therefore, I encourage all students to contact me before returning to class. I will inform them of any announcements that were given in class. If you should happen to be tardy, it is your responsibility to speak to me after class to let me know that you were here, otherwise *you will* be considered absent. I also acknowledge and consider frequent tardiness and/or leaving early when averaging borderline grades.

Grading Plan: *Please note that the grading scale is strictly enforced. Also, grades will not be discussed through email. I will not respond to emails requesting information about grades. However, you may schedule an appointment to meet with me regarding any concerns you may have in class.

Grading Criteria: Strictly Enforced!

Four Exams = 75%

Final Exam = 25%

Grading Scale: A = 90 - 100

B = 80 - 89

C = 70 - 79

D = 60 - 69

F = 59 - 0

Exams: There will be four exams. You must provide your own Scan-tron for each exam and the final. Each exam will consist of slide identification, multiple choice, and true or false questions. *Please note that you are allowed only *one make-up exam* (which may or may not be in essay form). Also, make-ups must be taken before the next class meeting. You must inform me of your absence on or before the exam date, in order to schedule a make-up. No exceptions.

Final Exam: Tuesday, May 13th, 8:00–10:00am. Please arrive on time. No make-ups. No Exceptions.

Academic Dishonesty: All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials. Academic Policy Statement 810213.

Classroom Rules of Conduct: *Section 5 of the Student Handbook.* Students will refrain from behavior in the classroom that intentionally or unintentionally disrupts the learning process and, thus impedes the mission of the university. **Cellular phones and pagers must be turned off before class begins.** Students are prohibited from eating in class, using tobacco products, making offensive remarks, reading newspapers, sleeping, talking at inappropriate times, wearing inappropriate clothing, or engaging in any other form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in a directive to leave class. Students who are especially disruptive also may be reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action in accordance with university police.

Visitors in Classroom: Unannounced visitors to the class must present a current, official SHSU identification card to be permitted in the classroom. They must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. If the visitor is not a registered student, it is at the instructor's discretion whether or not the visitor will be allowed to remain in the classroom.

Americans with Disabilities Act: It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that no otherwise qualified disabled individual shall, solely by reason of his/her handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic or Student Life program or activity. Disabled students may request assistance with academically related problems stemming from individual disabilities by contacting the Director of the Counseling Center in the Lee Drain Annex or by calling 936.294.1720.

Religious Holy Days: Students are excused from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations for the observance of a religious holy day. Students shall also be excused for time necessary to travel. The request to attend a religious holy day "shall be in writing and shall be

delivered by the student personally to the Instructor of each class, with receipt of the notification acknowledged and dated by the instructor or by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the Instructor of each class. It prohibits an institution from penalizing the student for the absence and allows for the student to take an exam or complete an assignment from which the student was excused within seven calendar days.

General Information: Any student who feels that he or she may need accommodations for any type of disability as well as any other class related concerns, should not hesitate to make an appointment or speak with me as soon as possible.

I will be available before and after class if you need to speak with me, or you may schedule an appointment. I will be happy assist you in any way that I can, however, you must let me know in a timely manner so that I can actually offer assistance.

Sincerest wishes for a great semester!