

ARH 1000: Art Appreciation

Valencia College – Spring 2022

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Course Format – Online

All course content and assignments will be delivered through our Canvas classroom.



Hubert Robert, *Le Salle des Saisons du Louvre*, c. 1800.
Musée du Louvre, Paris.



People at the Louvre, c. 2019.
Photographer Unknown.

Course Description

What is it about art that captivates us to the point of stopping us in our tracks? What about artmaking is so uniquely *human*?

This course explores these questions and offers an introduction to visual art that focuses on the central concepts, historical developments, and fundamentals of understanding art. Concepts from these disciplines will be integrated with periods of art history. We will focus on the following: Visual Literacy, The Visual Elements, The Principles of Design, Two-Dimensional Media, Three-Dimensional Media, and the Digital Arts. By the end of the semester, you will have the tools to explore, examine, and discuss art with confidence.

There is no prerequisite for this course. It is not a Gordon Rule writing course and therefore will not satisfy the Gordon Rule requirements of the State Board of Education, Rule 6A-10.30.

Course Objectives

- Distinguish the major media in art including painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, photography, film, and have a working familiarity with the terms specific to these media.
- Understand why artists create and what motivates them to create a particular type of work.
- Recognize the visual elements and principles of design used in composing a work of art.
- Apply art historical concepts and terms to an appreciation of the arts.
- Uphold the [Valencia Student Core Competencies](#): (1) think clearly, critically, and creatively, analyze, synthesize, integrate and evaluate in many domains of human inquiry; (2) make reasoned value judgments and responsible commitments; (3) act purposefully, effectively, and responsibly; (4) communicate with different audiences using varied means.

Tools for the Course

- **Required Text:** Mark Getlein, *Living with Art* (12th edition). ISBN 978-0-07-337931-9
- **Articles:** In some weeks I will assign additional reading to facilitate your textbook reading and our classroom discussions. These are listed in the Course Calendar (p. 4) and will be made available to you via Canvas.

Useful Resources

- **ArchiveGrid** - A database of archived materials from public and private collections from all over the world. You can access the full database from the [Valencia College Library Databases](#).
- **Bibliography of the History of Art (BHA)** - A database maintained by the Getty Research Institute that will be helpful for paper and presentation research.

Course Policies

This course provides opportunities for students to demonstrate college-level-writing skills per the State Board of Education Rules as implemented at Valencia College. Students are expected to demonstrate writing proficiency in all assignments and written correspondence.

Coursework

An "A" in the course can be achieved with 5-7 hours per week of focused engagement with your coursework. For an overview of weekly assignments, see the Course Calendar (p. 4).

Your coursework consists of reading, lectures, discussions, a class presentation, and exams. You will take a weekly quiz on the reading material on Canvas. Discussions are designed to help you master the content, facilitate exchange, and prepare for the exams. In addition to general discussion, some activities and assignments that take place in Discussion meetings can include debates, short writing prompts, and group presentations. Our meetings encourage you to think critically about the material we cover in lecture, and to increase your acuity in analyzing and synthesizing information from diverse sources.

You will take three exams for this class, which take place on Canvas. They will be timed and include both multiple-choice and written response questions. The exams are designed to test your knowledge on the vocabulary, concepts, and ideas covered in your reading and in lectures. Your study guides for the exams will be the 'Concepts and Images' lists uploaded to Canvas every week. Exams are *not* cumulative - in other words, each exam will cover material that you have examined up to that point in the semester.

Rubrics, Grades, & Grading Scale

Your course grades will be updated weekly on Canvas. Discussion grades are determined by a rubric that is attached to that assignment in our Canvas classroom. I will review each rubric with you on our first day of class.

Discussions: 35%

Quizzes: 20%

Exam 1: 15%

Exam 2: 15%

Exam 3: 15%

Total Percentage	Letter Grade
90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
0-59%	F

Late Work, Make Up Work, and Deadlines

Students are responsible for knowing the due dates of each assignment (see the Course Calendar, p. 4). As part of my duties as your professor, I will keep your grade updated weekly on Canvas. Therefore, any missing assignments will be marked with a '0' grade. Please note, however, that this is not a permanent score. Late submissions for assignments are welcome but will receive a 10%-point deduction.

Exam deadlines are less flexible than course assignments. Exams should be completed by the assigned day and time as outlined in the course calendar. Extensions may be granted in extreme circumstances (such as illness or bereavement), but only on a case-by-case basis as decided with your professor.

If, for any reason, you believe you will miss an assignment deadline, please let me know by email. Life sometimes gets in the way of things, and I am happy to work with you based on your situation. We're in this together!

Communication with Professor

Students should communicate with the instructor via Canvas email or by using their academic email to contact me at egleeson@valenciacollege.edu. I will respond to you within 24 hours on a weekday. Email correspondence on a weekend is not guaranteed. All e-mails must be written with appropriate formal writing etiquette and grammar, including use of capitalization, punctuation, and complete sentences. Failure to check your Atlas or Canvas email does not excuse you from acting on any notices that have been sent.

Attendance Policy

This is an online course, available 24/7, managed through Canvas. A successful semester requires your active participation. In the event of an extended absence, you should contact me via email as soon as possible so that we can discuss strategies for catching up with the work.

No-Show Policy

If you do not log in to the course during the first week and complete the Academically Required Attendance Activity, you will be withdrawn from the class as a "no show". Class attendance is required for online classes; students who do not submit the required attendance activity or assignment by the scheduled due date must be withdrawn by the instructor at the end of the first week as a "no show". If you are withdrawn as a "no show," you will be financially responsible for the class and a final grade of "WN" will appear on your transcript for the course.

Classroom Demeanor

ARH 2051 takes place entirely on Canvas. Our virtual classroom is a professional learning space. As your Professor, I ensure for my students a civil and safe environment conducive to learning and inquiry. Students are expected to assist in maintaining a classroom environment that is conducive to learning, in accordance with the [Valencia Student Code of Conduct](#). I reserve the right to request removal of a student who displays inappropriate, disruptive, or intolerant behavior in the classroom.

Valencia College Withdrawal Policy

The College will drop you from your courses for non-payment of fees. It is your responsibility to make sure all of your fees are paid on time. You may drop the course by the end of Add/Drop Week (August 30th 2021). The deadline to withdraw with a grade of "W" is March 25th, 2022

Academic Integrity

All work submitted to the professor must be in your own words. Any evidence of academic dishonesty in any class work will earn you an immediate zero on that work. It may also result in a grade of "F" for the course and a report to the Dean of Students Office. Violations of the Academic Dishonesty policy for this course include, but are not limited to, violation of testing protocols, submitting work which is not your own, lying to instructors or college personnel, and plagiarism. Per [Valencia's Student Code of Conduct](#), "academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, acts or attempted acts of plagiarism, cheating, furnishing false information, forgery, alteration or misuse of documents, misconduct during a testing situation, facilitating academic dishonesty, and misuse of

identification with intent to defraud or deceive.” In some cases, there may be additional consequences, such as expulsion from Valencia College.

Important Valencia Academic Dates	School Holidays
Add/Drop ends: January 18 th	January 17 th : Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Last day to Withdraw with “W” – March 25 th	March 7 th – 13 th : Spring Break
Final Exam Week: April 25 th – May 1 st	