



Art History Honors Syllabus

Course Details

Course Code: 358800HW

Subject: Fine Arts

Required Prerequisites: Successful completion of two sequential fine arts courses

Suggested Prerequisites: None

Recommended Grade Levels: 9th through 12th

Duration: Semester

Course Availability: A listing of when this course is offered in the current school year can be found on the [VirtualSC Current Course Offerings page](#) (opens in a new window).

Class Times: This course has scheduled instructional meetings. Information on scheduled meetings for each course is communicated by the teacher. Recordings of these meetings will be available for students unable to attend. Students should expect to spend 7-9 hours a week working on this course independently, in addition to any live meetings, and are expected to meet the deadlines posted in the course pacing guide.

Textbook: Cengage Gardner's Art through the Ages: A Global History 15th Edition (MindTap)

Required Course Materials: None

Outside Websites: A list of links to websites and online textbooks used in this course can be found here: [VSC Course Links Document Folder \(opens in a new window\)](#). Students will need to be able to access all of these links to access all course materials.

Final Exam: Students in this course take a VirtualSC final exam. Details on scheduling and taking final exams can be found on the [Final Exam Page](#) (opens in a new window) of the VirtualSC webpage.

Course Description

The course serves as an introduction to art history beginning with Mesopotamian and Egyptian civilizations to modern century artists. During the semester, students will survey a variety of

images and monuments produced throughout history, focusing on European and non-western art and architecture. Students will analyze the works of the past, historian interpretations, and the ideological and societal contexts of the images. Likewise, students will demonstrate an awareness of artistic styles and developments in relationship to their ideological and historical contexts through a variety of projects and forum discussion groups.

The curriculum used in this course is guided by the [South Carolina Academic Standards for the Visual and Performing Arts](#).

Scope and Sequence

- **Unit 01: Orientation & Introduction**
 - Students will learn the skills required to navigate and participate in this course.
- **Unit 02: Introduction to Ancient Near Eastern Art**
 - Scope and Analysis: A look at the art and architecture from the earliest of civilizations, many of which had a pivotal impact on today's world cultures
- **Unit 03: Ancient Greek, Etruscan and Roman Art**
 - Scope and Analysis: A look at works that have influenced both art and architecture the world over
- **Unit 04: Early Christian, Medieval, Byzantine, Islamic and South Asian Art**
 - Scope and Analysis: A look at the artwork and architecture from the Early Christian and Medieval world, along with Early Islamic and South Asian art
- **Unit 05: Romanesque and Gothic Art**
 - Scope and Analysis: A look at art and architecture from 1,000 A.D. to the 13th, 14th and 15th Centuries and into Japan
- **Unit 06: Renaissance, Baroque and Rococo Art**
 - Scope and Analysis: A look at art and architectural works from the artistic powerhouse that was the Italian Renaissance and into the periods of art that followed
- **Unit 07: Late 18th - 19th Century Art/ West Africa**
 - Scope and Analysis: A look at art and architectural works from the 18th and 19th Centuries, along with works from West Africa.
- **Unit 08: 20th Century Art**
 - Scope and Analysis: A look at how art has been used to express individual concerns of changing political views and social awareness through modern times.
- **Unit 09: Review and Final Exam**

Students will be sent a full list of assignments and their due dates at the beginning of the course.

Current pacing guides for this course can be found on the [Current Course Offerings page](#) (opens in a new window) on the VirtualSC website.

Course Grades

The final grade in this course results from the following:

- Coursework: 80%
- Final Exam: 20%

VirtualSC Details

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