

## Course Syllabus

### ARH2000 Art Appreciation Syllabus

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##### Teaching Assistants

For further information about your instructor and Teaching Assistants (TAs), please see Canvas page [About/Contact Your Instructor and TA](#). You can use Canvas Inbox to contact your group's TA.

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#### Course Information

## Course Description

In this course, students will develop an appreciation of and the ability to think critically about culture and be provided with the tools to understand, analyze, and discuss works of visual art and material culture, including works from the western canon and other cultural traditions.

### Student Learning Outcomes:

- Students will identify and describe terms, concepts, and methods used in the discipline of art history.
- Students will apply terms, concepts, and methods used in the discipline of art history to works of visual art and material culture.
- Students will identify and describe works of visual art and material culture in the works' cultural context, including works from or inspired by the Western canon and other cultural traditions.
- Students will analyze works of visual art and material culture in the works' cultural context, including works from or inspired by the Western Canon and other cultural traditions.
- Students will generate an analytical response to works of visual art and material culture in the works' cultural context.

### General Education Objectives and Outcomes

This course fulfills the requirements for General Education in the Humanities (H). Please refer to the General Education Subject Area Objectives for more information [Subject Area Objectives - Undergraduate Affairs - University of Florida \(ufl.edu\)](#)[Links to an external site.](#). A minimum grade of C is required for general education credit.

This class introduces students to the visual arts from a global perspective to equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary to engage critically with the artistic and cultural landscape of the United States today (H). This course helps students master the skills necessary to analyze artworks according to the basic elements and principles of design (H). It also exposes students to canonical artworks from many of the world's artistic traditions, helping them appreciate how artists, both inside and outside of the United States, have engaged with art's global histories to make work that reflects the rich diversity of the American experience (H). The semester is organized thematically, with each module dedicated to a single theme or issue that resonates with art from around the globe and throughout time (H). These modules, when combined, offer a broad and deep look at the history of global arts and the role of art in American society.

### Goals for the Class

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

1. Identify and analyze a varied collection of artworks from across time and geographical regions.

2. Identify and explain key art historical terms and concepts (H).
3. Explain the various meanings of the term "appreciation," and apply those meanings to the appreciation of art (H).
4. Identify the elements and principles of art and apply these to the creation of an artwork of your own (H).
5. Identify and describe some of the major art historical methods (including formal analysis, stylistic analysis, iconographic analysis, contextual analysis) (H).
6. Carry out visual and contextual analyses of artworks using the elements and principles of art as well as multiple art historical methods (H).
7. Identify some of the perspectives/artworks that have shaped the discipline of art history, along with how those perspectives resonate or conflict with current values (H).
8. Identify artists whose biographies and/or artworks enrich our understanding of the historical processes and contemporary experiences characterizing social and cultural differences within the United States.
9. Analyze artworks that consider the complexity and nuances of important issues related to the history of art and the diversity within the United States.
10. Practice both oral and written communication as you engage with historical material and reflect on its relevance to your own life (H).

#### Learning Outcomes

See the General Education Student Learning Outcomes page for more information. [Student Learning Outcomes - Undergraduate Affairs - University of Florida \(ufl.edu\)](#)[Links to an external site.](#)

#### Category

#### ARH2000

#### Content

Lecture Comprehension activities assess content in every lecture video.

InQuizitives assess the content of the textbook readings.

Application Assignments throughout the semester develop critical thinking skills by expanding on core concepts with real world examples.

#### Critical Thinking

The Museum Essay and Presentation Project assess application of themes, terminology, and concepts to a chosen subject.

## Communication

Application Assignments throughout the semester develop communication skills with an original post and a reply post to a group peer.

The Museum Essay cultivates communication of the terms and concepts in the modules of the first half of the class.

The Presentation Project develops oral presentation skills while applying appropriate terminology and concepts from the whole course to a chosen subject.

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## Course Requirements

### Required textbook (E-Book)

Debra J. DeWitte, Ralph M. Larmann, and M. Kathryn Shields, *Gateways to Art: Understanding the Visual Arts*, 4th edition (New York: Thames and Hudson, 2023).

Note that you MUST acquire the digital access code for *Gateways to Art* to have access to the full suite of resources. This book can best be acquired using UF ALL ACCESS. For more information on how to acquire and access the textbook see [Textbook Information](#).

### Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.

### Minimum technology requirements

The University of Florida expects students entering an online program to acquire computer hardware and software appropriate to his or her degree program. Most computers can meet the following general requirements. A student's computer configuration should include:

- Webcam
- Microphone
- Broadband connection to the Internet and related equipment (Cable/DSL modem)
- Microsoft Office Suite installed (provided by the university)

Individual colleges may have additional requirements or recommendations, which students should review prior to the start of their program. You will also need a camera capable of taking high-resolution photographs. For our purposes, high-resolution is at least 300 dpi and at least 1000 x 750 pixels.

### Minimum technical skills

To complete course tasks, you will need a basic understanding of how to operate a computer and how to use word processing software.

### Materials/Supply Fees

There is no supply fee for this course.

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### Grading Policy

A minimum grade of C is required for a general education credit.

### Course Grading Policy

Assignment	Points
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Lecture + Comprehension Assignments	15%
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InQuizitive Assignments	20%
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Application Assignments	30%
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Museum Analysis Essay	15%
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Final Project Proposal	5%
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Final Project Presentation	15%
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### Grading Scale

Percent	Grade	Grade Points
100 to 94	A	4.00
< 94 to 90	A-	3.67
< 90 to 87	B+	3.33
< 87 to 84	B	3.00

< 84 to 80	B-	2.67
< 80 to 77	C+	2.33
< 77 to 74	C	2.00
< 74 to 70	C-	1.67
< 70 to 67	D+	1.33
< 67 to 64	D	1.00
< 64 to 60	D-	0.67
< 60 to 0	E	0.00

See the current UF policies on grading for more details. <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies>[Links to an external site.](#)

#### Late-Work and Make-Up Policies

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in the course are consistent with university policies. [See UF Academic Regulations and Policies for more information regarding the University Attendance Policies.](#)[Links to an external site.](#)

As this is an online class, you are responsible for observing all posted due dates and are encouraged to be self-directed and take responsibility for your learning. Do not wait until the last minute to submit an assignment; technical problems will not excuse late work.

Late submissions of InQuizitive activities and Application Assignments will NOT be accepted. Instead, your lowest InQuizitive score, and your lowest Application Assignment scores will be automatically dropped by Canvas gradebook, meaning that they will not be factored into your final grade. So, if you miss a deadline for any reason, whether it be because of technical issues or for personal reasons, you can rest assured that you have a cushion and you can simply proceed without concern that those missed assignments will impact your grade.

For the larger projects, the Museum Paper and the Final Project, late submissions will be accepted but will incur a 10% grade penalty per day late.

If you are unable to complete class work due to an illness, family emergency, or other serious issues, please contact your instructor immediately and refer to the Dean of Students Office for assistance.

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#### UF Policies

##### University Policy on Accommodating Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the Disability Resource Center by visiting our [Get Started](#)

[pageLinks to an external site.](#) It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

### Class Attendance

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>[Links to an external site.](#)

### University Policy on Academic Conduct

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Conduct Code specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. See the UF Conduct Code website for more information. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code>[Links to an external site.](#)

### Netiquette and Communication Courtesy

All members of the class are expected to follow rules of common courtesy in all email messages, threaded discussions, and chats. <https://lor.instructure.com/resources/f0915f09ab0340dabcc1ae3dee1595d3?shared>

### In Class Recordings

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal education use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A “class lecture” is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and deliver by an instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentation such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private 3 Revised: September 2024 conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or guest lecturer during a class session.

Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To “publish” means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless, of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third-party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

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### Getting Help

#### Technical Difficulties

For issues with technical difficulties for Canvas, please contact the UF Help Desk at:

<http://helpdesk.ufl.edu> Links to an external site.

(352) 392-HELP (4357)

Walk-in: HUB 132

#### Tips for Success

- Taking a course online can be a lot of fun! Here are some tips that will help you get the most of this course while taking full advantage of the online format:
- Schedule "class times" for yourself. It is important to do the coursework on time each week. You will receive a reduction in points for work that is turned in late!
- Read ALL the material contained on this site. There is a lot of helpful information that can save you time and help you meet the objectives of the course.
- Print out the Course Schedule located in the Course Syllabus and check things off as you go.
- Take full advantage of the online discussion boards. Ask for help or clarification of the material if you need it.
- Do not wait to ask questions! Waiting to ask a question might cause you to miss a due date.
- Do your work well before the due dates. Sometimes things happen. If your computer goes down when you are trying to submit an assignment, you'll need time to troubleshoot the problem.
- To be extra safe, back up your work to an external hard drive, thumb drive or through a cloud service.

#### Health and Wellness



- **U Matter, We Care:** If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu), 352-392-1575, or visit [U Matter We Care - U MATTER, WE CARE \(ufl.edu\)Links to an external site.](#) to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.
- **Counseling and Wellness Center:** Visit [Homepage - UF Counseling and Wellness Center \(CWC\) \(ufl.edu\) Links to an external site.](#) or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.
- **Student Health Care Center:** Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need or visit [Student Health Care Center » College of Medicine » University of Florida \(ufl.edu\)Links to an external site.](#)
- **University Police Department:** Visit [UF Police Department \(ufl.edu\) Links to an external site.](#) or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).
- **UF Health Shands Emergency Room/Trauma Center:** For immediate medical care in Gainesville, call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; [UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center - UF HealthLinks to an external site.](#)

#### Academic and Student Support

- **Career Connections Center:** 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services [Career Connections Center Main - Career Connections Center \(ufl.edu\)Links to an external site.](#)
- **Library Support:** Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources [Using the Libraries » George A. Smathers Libraries » UF Libraries » University of FloridaLinks to an external site.](#)
- **Teaching Center:** 352-392-2010 General study skills and tutoring: [Academic Resources – College of Liberal Arts & Sciences \(ufl.edu\)Links to an external site.](#)
- **Writing Studio:** 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers: [Writing Studio - University Writing Program \(ufl.edu\)Links to an external site.](#)

#### Course Evaluations

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/studentsLinks to an external site.>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens and can complete evaluations through the email, they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluer.com/uflLinks to an external site.>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-resultsLinks to an external site.>.

#### Privacy and Accessibility Policies

For information about the privacy policies of the tools used in this course, see the links below:

	<a href="#">Product Privacy   Policy (instructure.com)</a>
Instructure (Canvas)	<a href="#">Canvas Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT)   Instructure</a>
Sonic Foundry (Mediasite Streaming Video Player)	<a href="#">Privacy Policy   Sonic Foundry</a> <a href="#">Links to an external site.</a> <a href="#">Mediasite Content Accessibility</a> <a href="#">Links to an external site.</a>
PlayPosit	<a href="#">PlayPosit Privacy Policy</a> <a href="#">Links to an external site.</a> <a href="#">Accessibility — PlayPosit by WeVideo</a> <a href="#">Links to an external site.</a>
Zoom	<a href="#">Zoom Privacy Statement   Zoom</a> <a href="#">Links to an external site.</a> <a href="#">Accessibility   Zoom</a> <a href="#">Links to an external site.</a>
YouTube (Google)	<a href="#">Privacy Policy – Privacy &amp; Terms – Google</a> <a href="#">Links to an external site.</a> <a href="#">Use YouTube with a screen reader - YouTube Help (google.com)</a> <a href="#">Links to an external site.</a>
Microsoft	<a href="#">Microsoft Privacy Statement – Microsoft</a> <a href="#">Links to an external site.</a> <a href="#">Accessibility tools for Microsoft 365 - Microsoft Support</a> <a href="#">Links to an external site.</a>
Adobe	<a href="#">Adobe Privacy Center</a> <a href="#">Links to an external site.</a> <a href="#">Accessibility At Adobe</a> <a href="#">Links to an external site.</a>

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## Course Assignments

There are no exams, midterms, or finals in this course. Assignments are open at least one week before their due date and can be completed anytime between opening and the due date.

See the end of the syllabus for examples of rubrics.

## Lecture + Comprehension Assignments

These quiz-type interactions that accompany the lecture videos are designed to ensure that you are following along and understanding the basics. All you will need to do is answer the questions that appear during the video. You must answer each question to continue watching the video. If you get a question wrong, you can rewind and retry the question. You must answer all questions correctly to receive a grade for this assignment and to unlock the next course module. If your PlayPosit application is not working, try using different browsers and contacting UF Technical Help.

### InQuizitive Assignments

In each module with an assigned reading from our textbook *Gateways to Art*, you will have an InQuizitive assignment. These are designed to ensure that you can engage with and understand the material in the reading. These interactive assignments blend the traditional quiz format with game theory to create a more dynamic, personal method of helping you review the material from the text. You will also complete the InQuizitive assignments listed in the module [Visual Analysis of Art](#) to help you build your vocabulary of the principles and elements of art. InQuizitives are gamified, interactive quizzes with multiple types of question formats. You can keep working on or “playing” the InQuizitive until you achieve full points. As long as the assignment is still open, you can return to the InQuizitive to keep trying for full points. There are no limits on how many times you can try it. If your InQuizitive does not operate correctly or does not transfer your grade into Canvas Gradebook, please contact Norton Technical Support (see the Textbook Information page for contact info and more).

### Application Assignments

Most modules will have an assignment designed to *apply* your knowledge to the visual world around you. The exact nature of these assignments will differ based upon the material, but *all* of them will require you to extend beyond recollection to apply what we learn in class to something outside of class. More details regarding these assignments can be found in the individual modules. Please contact your Teaching Assistant if you have questions about the instructions, grading, or about feedback you have received.

### Museum Analysis Essay

This assignment is designed to help us reflect on how museums shape our experience with artworks. The goal is for you to identify and visit a museum in your area, and during that visit: select a single artwork to analyze within the museum context and carefully consider how the museum scripts your viewing experience of that artwork. After our visit, you will compose a brief essay that describes your artwork and analyzes the ways that its context shapes its meaning. This assignment will give you a chance to showcase your understanding of the concepts in the Museum modules in the course, your mastery of the terms of formal analysis of art, and your skills in critical analysis of how context effects artistic content. Please contact your Teaching Assistant if you have questions about the instructions, grading, or about feedback you have received.

### Final Project and the American Experience

For your final project, you will pick a single artwork that reflects an aspect of the theme of American diversity and carry out basic art historical research into that artwork. You will then write a proposal that explains why you chose this artwork. Your research will culminate in a brief video presentation

on your artwork at the end of the term, wherein you will analyze the artwork's formal qualities and explain its connection to the American experience. The goal of this assignment is first to find an artwork of your choice that represents an aspect of the American Experience within a diverse cultural and artistic landscape. Then, you will practice your research skills about the context of the artwork as well as the piece itself. Finally, you will write and present a formal analysis on the visual qualities of the work: demonstrating your application of terms and concepts of art analysis; and analyze how the piece represents a historical moment, cultural aspect, social identity, or social issue within a broader, diverse American experience. Please contact your Teaching Assistant if you have questions about the instructions, grading, or about feedback you have received.

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### Weekly Schedule

This schedule may be subject to minor changes to accommodate the university's schedule or unforeseen circumstances throughout the semester.

Unless otherwise indicated, all assignments are due by the end of the Friday of each week by 11:59 PM EST. See late policy for more details.

#### Week 1 & 2 - Modules 1 & 2 - Orientation and The Value of Art - Jan. 13-24

This week familiarizes students with the types of assignments they will encounter throughout the semester, introduces them to foundational terms and concepts, and respond with an Application Assignment: Personal Keystone Artwork that provides a chance to explore and explain their personal connection to art at the start of the class.

In the module The Value of Art, we will get to the very heart of the issue and address two big questions that drive the rest of the course forward: what is art, and what does it mean to appreciate it? We will look at some familiar and some unfamiliar artworks to help answer those questions and pave the way for a future rich in powerful interactions with art.

- InQuizitive Assignment: How to Use InQuizitive
- InQuizitive Assignment: Introduction
- Lecture + Comprehension Assignment: Course Introduction 8:33 minutes
- Lecture + Comprehension Assignment: What is the Value of Art? 42:18 minutes
- Application Assignment: Personal Keystone Artwork
- Gateways to Art Textbook pages 50-62

#### Week 3 - Module 3 & 4 - Visual Analysis of Art and Analyzing Art - Jan. 27-31

This module will help us learn to carry out basic visual analysis. While most of us are familiar with concepts such as "color" or "line," this module's goal is to develop a mastery of the complete set

of design elements and principles required to effectively describe and analyze art and visual culture. We will also practice using visual analysis as a starting point for the types of contextual analysis that we commonly associate with art history.

- InQuizitive Assignment 1.1: Line Shape, and the Principle of Contrast
- InQuizitive Assignment 1.2: Form, Volume, Mass, and Texture
- InQuizitive Assignment 1.10: Engaging with Form and Content
- Lecture + Comprehension Assignment: Analysis of Form and Content 36:27 minutes
- Lecture + Comprehension Assignment: Keystone Artwork: Las Meninas 25:28 minutes
- Gateways to Art Textbook pages 16-32; 34-48; 157-166; 171-175

#### Week 4 - Module 5 - Museum History - Feb. 3-7

In this module, we will think about the history of the art museum and how its legacy can continue to be felt today. We will trace the origins of the modern art museum back in time and consider how it has evolved in our rapidly changing world.

- InQuizitive Assignment 1.3: Implied Depth: Value and Space
- InQuizitive Assignment 1.4: Color
- Lecture + Comprehension Assignment: The Art Museum 34:15 minutes
- Application Assignment: Reflections on the Museum
- Gateways to Art Textbook pages 66-82; 84-98

#### Week 5 - Module 6 - Museum Visit - Feb. 10-14

In this module, we turn our attention from the history of art museums to their present. First, we will learn about how technology is reshaping museum practices, including innovative ideas for using technology within museums and technology that can bring the museum to you. Second, we will prepare ourselves for our own museum visit and the completion of our Museum Analysis Essay.

- InQuizitive Assignment 1.5: Motion and Time
- InQuizitive Assignment 1.6: Unity, Variety, and Balance
- InQuizitive Assignment 1.7: Scale and Proportion
- Application Assignment: Analyzing an Exhibition
- Gateways to Art Textbook pages 104-113; 116-126; 130-134

#### Week 6 - Module 7 - Community and Public Art - Feb. 17-21

In the module Community and Public Art, we widen our gaze, turning to artworks and architectural monuments that were created to be viewed and used by a broader public. These artworks include gathering spaces, monumental structures, and public murals and sculptures. By looking at the connections between art and community, we hope to think about how art can bring people together, forge collective experience, and sometimes create controversy.

- InQuizitive Assignment 1.8: Focal Point and Emphasis
- InQuizitive Assignment 1.9: Pattern and Rhythm
- InQuizitive Assignment 4.1: Art and the Community
- Lecture + Comprehension Assignment: Art and the Community 33:01 minutes
- Lecture + Comprehension Assignment: Keystone Artwork: The Great Wall of Los Angeles 20:25 minutes
- Gateways to Art Textbook pages 140-146; 148-156; 540-553

#### Week 7 - Module 8 - Art and Spirituality - Feb. 24-28

In this module, we turn to one of the most important themes within art history from across the globe: spirituality. We will examine artworks from distinct cultural contexts to appreciate the many ways that people have used art and architecture to forge a connection with something outside of themselves. Our survey will include artworks that depict and make connections with deities and ancestors, as well as sacred spaces designed to facilitate spiritual practice (both personal and collective).

- InQuizitive Assignment 4.2: Art and Spirituality
- Lecture + Comprehension Assignment: Art and Spirituality 38:33 minutes
- Lecture + Comprehension Assignment: Keystone Artwork: Yaxchilán Lintels 20:20 minutes
- Gateways to Art Textbook pages 554-567

▲ Museum Analysis Essay Due 2/28/25 by 11:59 PM EST

#### Week 8 - Module 9 - Art and Cycle of Life - Mar. 3-7

In this module, we examine artworks that engage with life's beginnings and endings. We also look at artworks and monuments that address the passage of time, including ideas of what might await us after death. These artworks, which address fundamental concerns about human experience, showcase distinct worldviews from cultures around the globe.

- InQuizitive Assignment 4.3: The Cycle of Life: Nature and Time
- Lecture + Comprehension Assignment: Art and the Cycle of Life 36:28 minutes
- Lecture + Comprehension Assignment: Keystone Artwork: The Taj Majal 18:14 minutes
- Gateways to Art Textbook pages 568-579; 126-127; 256-257

#### Week 9 - Module 10 - Final Project Part 1 - Mar. 10-14

This module is designed to help prepare you to pick an artwork for your final project and to successfully carry out research into that artwork. For some of you, the resources and suggestions found below might be familiar; for others, they might be brand new. Either way, this module will help you build critical research skills that can help you in this class and beyond.

#### Week 10 - Spring Break - No Assignments - Mar. 17-21

#### Week 11 - Module 11 - Art and Nature - Mar. 24-28

We can all likely call to mind the image of bulls painted on the walls of a poorly lit cave and appreciate the foundational role that art has played in mediating the human relationship with the natural world. Humans have used art and architecture to mediate their relationship to their environment for thousands of years. In this module, we will look at artworks that establish connections and kinship with the land, artworks that establish dominion over it, and artworks that are explicitly aimed at addressing the crises of the Anthropocene period.

- Lecture + Comprehension Assignment: Art and the Environment 49:29 minutes
- Lecture + Comprehension Assignment: Keystone Artwork: The Great Wave 27:04 minutes
- Gateways to Art Textbook pages 124; 35; 239; 118; 122; 216; 405; 492

▲ Final Project Proposal Due Wednesday, 3/26/25 by 11:59 PM EST

#### Week 12 - Module 12 - Art and the Human Body - Mar. 31 – Apr. 4

The human body has long been a common motif in the arts. The human figure plays a central role in several genres of artworks, including classical sculpture, erotic paintings of the female nude, and performance art (where the artist's body is their medium). In this module, we will consider some of the ways in which the body has been represented by cultures from across the globe. We will think about archetypal, idealized and eroticized bodies, as well as the way in which representations of the human form can intersect with larger social and cultural dynamics.

- InQuizitive Assignment 4.8: The Body in Art
- Lecture + Comprehension Assignment: The Human Body in Art 42:33 minutes
- Lecture + Comprehension Assignment: Keystone Artwork: The Two Fridas 17:17 minutes
- Application Assignment: Body as Subject or Medium
- Gateways to Art Textbook pages 629-646; 44; 191; 644

#### Week 13 - Module 13 - Art and Political Leaders and Rulers - Apr. 7-11

Rulers have long recognized the power of a good portrait. Whether they are bronze statues of equestrian leaders, profile portraits on coins, or silk-screened posters hung in people's homes, the images of the powerful can help to generate political authority. In this module, we will look at several types of iconic portraits of political leaders and examples of artworks employed to regulate society.

- InQuizitive Assignment 4.9: Art and Political Leaders and Rulers
- Lecture + Comprehension Assignment: Art and Political Leaders and Rulers 37:20 minutes
- Lecture + Comprehension Assignment: Keystone Artwork: Kehinde Wiley's Political Portraits 28:52 minutes
- Gateways to Art Textbook pages 592-603

#### Week 14 - Module 14 - Art, War, and Healing - Apr. 14-18

Art can help us make sense of the most profound and ineffable aspects of our human existence. Images of war and its aftermath, for example, can sometimes capture moments of pain and suffering in ways that words cannot. In this module, we examine artworks that depict warfare from



a variety of perspectives, including works that celebrate heroic victories and those that lament the tragic cost of conflict.

- InQuizitive Assignment 4.6: Art, War, and Healing
- Lecture + Comprehension Assignment: Art, War, and Healing 31:44 minutes
- Lecture + Comprehension Assignment: Keystone Artwork: Wo-Haw Between Two Worlds 33:16 minutes
- Application Assignment: Art and Truth
- Gateways to Art Textbook pages 604-617; 424

#### Week 15 - Module 15 - Final Project Part 2 - Apr. 21-25

In this module, we will conclude our class with presentations of the research you have all conducted over the past few weeks. You will upload your presentations and have a chance to watch and learn from each other's work.

▲ Final Project Presentation and Transcript Due Wednesday 4/23/25 by 11:59 PM EST

#### Week 16 - Finals Week - Apr. 28 - May 2

NO FINAL EXAM