

Virginia Community College Course Content Summary

Course Title: ART 100 - Art Appreciation

Course Description

Introduces art from prehistoric times to the present day. Describes architectural styles, sculpture, photography, printmaking, and painting techniques. Highlights major artists and key contributions from global and Western culture. Covers content chronologically and/or thematically. Lecture 3 hours. Total 3 hours per week. 3 credits

General Course Purpose

ART 100 is a foundation level course that provides the art history major and non-major alike a strong grounding in the formal study of art.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None.

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

Communication

- Develop a formal vocabulary to describe art
- Recognize the media and techniques used to create works of art, as well as the technologies used in architecture, and explain their significance

Cultural and Social Understanding

- Identify major artists and works of art
- Distinguish art historical periods and recognize their stylistic traits

Critical Thinking

- Evaluate works of art within their historical context

Foundations of Visual Analysis

- Identify and understand the visual elements, and principles of design, with examples of the roles these concepts play in specific works of art
- Utilize the vocabulary of art and design in analyzing works of art

Mediums and Techniques

- Identify different media in the arts that include both two- and three-dimensional forms
- Examine the basic formal elements, techniques, concepts, and vocabulary related to the specific media

Art of the Ancient World

- Identify the visual hallmarks of each art period for formal, technical, and expressive qualities
- Analyze works of art based on their themes, subjects, symbols, and historical context from a diversity of cultural perspectives
- Relate art and architecture to their cultural, economic, and political contexts

Renaissance – Contemporary

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Major Topics to be Included

Foundations of Visual Analysis

Mediums and Techniques

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