

ARTH 1.2 Course Outline as of Fall 2026**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: ARTH 1.2 Title: WORLD ART

Full Title: Global Art from 1500 CE to Present

Last Reviewed: 5/10/2021

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	5	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: ART 1.2

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:**Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100

Limits on Enrollment:**Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	E	Humanities	Fall 2025	
	H	Global Perspective and Environmental Literacy		
	L3	Arts and Humanities		
CSU GE:	Transfer Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	C1	Arts	Fall 1997	
	E	Humanities	Fall 1996	Fall 2025
	H	Global Perspective and Environmental Literacy		
IGETC:	Transfer Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	3A	Arts	Fall 1997	
CSU Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 1996	Inactive:
UC Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 1996	Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Utilize visual literacy skills to perceive, interpret, discuss, and criticize art.
2. Place a work of art in its historical, cultural, religious, political, and/or stylistic context.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Discuss the definition, purpose, and importance of art.
2. Describe visual elements of art and principles of design.
3. Compare and contrast the different types of art media.
4. Recognize and identify major works of art from a variety of cultures worldwide.
5. Examine the interrelations of world cultures and the impact these interconnections had on world art.
6. Identify the unique contributions of each artistic tradition studied and assess their continuing influence on world art today.
7. Evaluate unknown works of art using the principles of visual analysis.

Topics and Scope:

I. Introduction to Art History

- A. Defining Art
- B. Importance and Purpose of Art
- C. Themes, Types, and Ingredients of Art
- D. What is Art History?

II. Language of Art

- A. Visual elements of art
 - 1. line
 - 2. shape
 - 3. mass
 - 4. texture
 - 5. space
 - 6. color
 - 7. light
- B. Principles of design
 - 1. unity/variety
 - 2. balance
 - 3. emphasis/subordination
 - 4. scale
 - 5. proportion
 - 6. rhythm

III. Art Media

- A. Drawing
- B. Painting
- C. Sculpture
- D. Architecture
- E. Ceramics
- F. Textiles
- G. Printmaking
- H. Photography
- I. Graphic Design

IV. Global Survey of Art

- A. Renaissance and Baroque European Art
- B. Art of Africa and Islam
- C. Art of the Pacific and the Americas
- D. Art of Asia
 - 1. India
 - 2. China
 - 3. Japan
- E. 18th-19th Century Art in the Europe and North America
- F. Modern Art in 20th Century Europe and North America
- G. Contemporary World Art

Assignment:

- 1. Write 1000+ words as part of a research paper, museum/gallery response, formal analysis essay, and/or discussion post.
- 2. Take at least 3 examinations that consist of image identifications, image comparisons, vocabulary recognition, and/or vocabulary application.

3. Present visual and critical analyses (in written and/or verbal form) of works of art.
4. Read 2-3 hours per week of assigned texts.
5. Oral presentations

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Research paper, museum/gallery response paper, formal analysis essay, and/or discussion post.

Writing
10 - 40%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Visual and critical analysis (in written and/or verbal form) of works of art in the classroom, an online discussion, a museum, and/or a gallery.

Problem solving
0 - 20%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Oral presentations.

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0 - 20%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Exams

Exams
40 - 80%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Attendance and/or participation.

Other Category
0 - 20%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Art Matters: A Contemporary Approach to Art Appreciation. Gordon, Pamela. Oxford University Press. 2020

Gardner's Art through the Ages: A Concise Global History. 4th ed. Kleiner, Fred. Cengage Learning. 2017

Gustlin, Deborah and Zoe Gustlin. A World Perspective of Art Appreciation. Open Education Resource (OER) LibreTexts Project. 2021.

[https://human.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Art/A_World_Perspective_of_Art_Appreciation_\(Gustlin_and_Gustlin\)](https://human.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Art/A_World_Perspective_of_Art_Appreciation_(Gustlin_and_Gustlin)). CC BY

SmartHistory. Open Education Resource (OER) LibreTexts Project. 2020.

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Smarthistory: The Center for Public Art History
Khan Academy: AP/College Art History
Metropolitan Museum of Art: Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History