

MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART (MOCO): ART 4763.280

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Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts
The Juanita & Ralph Harvey School of Visual Arts

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This syllabus is subject to change!

Course Description

This course is an undergraduate seminar on modern and contemporary art and considers visual representations of the modern, postmodern, and contemporary periods. The ability to read, think, write, and analyze visual representations critically will be modeled and practiced throughout the course. Students will give short presentations on images, artists, and concepts regularly in class. Students will also be introduced to key theoretical art historical writings. Self-directed learning is a central expectation of the course. **From the MSU catalog:** Examines art, architecture, visual, and material culture from the mid-19th century to the present through the analysis of visual and theoretical texts. Explores major art critical texts that debate modernity, modernism, ideologies of the avant-garde, postmodernism, gender.

Social Justice Defined

Social justice is one of Midwestern State University's stated core values. The classroom is a place where students will treat and be treated with respect as human beings, regardless of their worldview, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religious or spiritual affiliation or lack thereof, sexual orientation, political beliefs, age, or ability. Diversity of thought is the keystone of effective intellectual and academic pursuits. The expression of differences of opinion is valued and encouraged.

Course Definition

A seminar course differs from a lecture/lab course by its very structure and definition. A seminar is a highly participatory, discussion-based course where all members of the teaching-learning community contribute to the shared work of the class. Students define and pursue individual research questions and projects that arise from personal areas of interest or sparked by contact with course materials, themes, and content.

Course Objectives

The course introduces students to the discipline of art history and establishes its position within the humanities as both a form and a body of knowledge. The specific objectives are:

- To familiarize students with a range of producers and makers of visual and material cultures during the modern, post-modern, and contemporary periods
- To enable students to define visual representations and concepts that epitomize the modern, postmodern, and contemporary periods
- To familiarize students with styles, periods, and artists of the modern, postmodern, and contemporary periods as a means to encourage their intellectual development as critical thinkers and their creative work as art makers
- To increase the student's ability to think, read, and write critically
- To increase the student's ability to think conceptually

Course Policies

Students are required to familiarize themselves with and adhere to the policies regarding attendance, engagement and contribution, expected workload, academic honesty, written work and oral presentations, and classroom environment described in this syllabus.

Technology Requirement

Students are required to save their work by 1) creating a FREE Google Drive account (15 GB), 2) creating a FREE Dropbox account (2.25 GB), 3) using an external drive, or 4) using Microsoft 360.

Course Materials: Required

The following texts are required and are available in the university bookstore and in Moffett Library.

Finger, Brad, and Christiane Weidemann. *50 Contemporary Artists You Should Know*. New York: Prestel, 2011. ISBN: 978-3-7913-4530-7

Weidemann, Christiane, and Christine Nippe. *50 Modern Artists You Should Know*. New York: Prestel, 2010. ISBN: 978-3-7913-8338-5

Ormiston, Rosalind. *50 Art Movements You Should Know: From Impressionism to Performance Art*. New York: Prestel, 2018. ISBN: 978-3-7913-8457-3

Weidemann, Christiane, Petra Larass, and Melanie Klier. *50 Women Artists You Should Know*. New York: Prestel, 2018. ISBN: 978-3-791-38361-3

Course Materials: Recommended

Brettell, Richard R. *Modern Art: 1851-1929*. New York: Oxford University Press, Inc., 1999.

Hopkins, David. *After Modern Art: 1945-2000*. New York: Oxford University Press, Inc., 2000.

Assignments MUST BE READ IN ADVANCE of class discussion.

All assigned readings (textbooks or handouts) must be brought to class as identified in the course outline. MOST assigned readings will be available in PDF format and must be downloaded, printed, and brought to class for the assigned class period. You may purchase, rent, or share the required texts with classmates. ***If you do not bring the required reading assignment to class with marginalia and/or notes, you will earn an absence. You are required to bring a notebook and pen or sketchbook and pen to every class session.**

Course Evaluation

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| Contribution and Engagement: | 25% | |
| Modern or Contemporary Artist Paper: (4 pages) | | 25% |
| Theory/Concept Paper: (4 pages) | | 25% |
| Research Presentation: | 25% | |

The student earns their Contribution and Engagement evaluation by contributing significantly and consistently to class discussions. **Students are expected to speak at least three times per class session** with substantial observations. Additionally, students must demonstrate thorough and consistent preparation for each class session (notes, discussion questions, definitions, summaries, images, readings marked with questions, comments, observations). **Inability or unwillingness to speak in class and perform adequate preparation will affect your Contribution and Engagement evaluation.**

Grading Criteria

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| A 4.0 – 90 and above Excellent | B 3.0 – 80 and above Very Good |
| C 2.0 – 70 and above Acceptable – Average | D 1.0 – 60 and above Poor |
| F 0.0 – 50 and above Failing | |

*MSU Texas Emergency Student Fund

<https://msutexas.edu/student-life/dean/emergency/student-emergency-fund.php.php>

The Student Emergency Fund at MSU Texas provides limited financial assistance to currently enrolled students experiencing a financial hardship due to an emergency.

An emergency is defined as a recent unexpected and/or unforeseen expense, event, or circumstance that could cause a loss of momentum toward student success. Funding is considered for emergencies occurring within the past 30 days.

Funds are awarded directly to a receiving student. Fund amounts range from \$25 to \$500 per student and are typically only awarded once per academic year. Other possible financial resources must have been considered and deemed insufficient or not available in a timely manner to cover the essential expense(s). Funds are not considered income and do not require payment. Funds may be considered income and therefore subject to federal taxes, for which the accepting individual is responsible.

*Kadane Emergency Scholarship for Art Majors

See the Dean for information.

Course Requirements

Throughout the course, students will contribute actively to class discussion. ***Students MUST bring all assigned texts to class every class session. Students MUST bring legible notes and/or marginalia TO EVERY CLASS SESSION to support their engagement with course readings.** For every class session, students will prepare **open-ended questions** on assigned material formulated to prompt engaged discussion. One of the questions should make a connection between the student's existing knowledge and new content mastered through course readings and discussion. **These questions must be word-processed and brought to class in paper form and will be turned in at the end of every class session.**

Throughout the course, students will actively participate in class discussions. Students will be responsible for preparing and bringing to class information on artists along with images of artworks, images that illustrate the arguments/claims advanced by authors of assigned readings, posing open-ended critical thinking questions, and contributing to engaged discussions.

Students will produce a 4-page paper on a modern or contemporary artist with appropriate bibliographic citations.

Students will produce a 4-page paper on a theory or concept with appropriate bibliographic citations.

Throughout the course, students will develop a research project on an artist, an artistic style, or an art historical theory. The research project will result in a topic statement, a thesis statement and/or an argument, a **bibliography of fifteen sources**, and a formal presentation of research findings. The delivery of findings will be given using PowerPoint and consist of a 15-minute oral presentation.

Students must attend and participate in all research presentations by formulating critical questions and offering critiques in the final weeks of class.

Failure to attend final presentations will affect your engagement and contribution grade.

MWSU Alcohol Policy

Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on campus except in Bridwell Courts, Sundance Court and Sunwatcher Village apartment residences (see the current edition of the Housing and Residence Life Handbook for the specific policy guidelines regulating the use of alcoholic beverages in university housing) and at social functions which have been registered and approved through the Dean of Students office. Open containers are not allowed in public areas. 1. Alcoholic beverage functions must conform to state law. 2. State law prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages without a liquor license. This shall include the free distribution of alcoholic beverages in connection with a function for which a cover charge has been assessed. 3. Public intoxication is considered to be offensive and in violation of this policy. Inappropriate and imprudent behavior will result in disciplinary sanctions. 4. Texas state law prohibits the consumption of alcoholic beverages in a public place at any time on Sunday between the hours of 2:15 a.m. and 12:00 noon and on all other days at any time between the hours of 2:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. 5. Alcoholic beverages may be served at scheduled university events only with prior approval by the Dean of Students. Applications for approval must be submitted in writing ten days prior to the event. Approval will be based upon organization planning, frequency of the event, groups served by the activity, activity focus, and the use and distribution of alcohol. 6. Alcoholic beverages at approved university events must be distributed under conditions which ensure compliance with state law with regard to consumption, intoxication, drinking age, distribution, sale, etc. The Dean of Students provides appropriate guidelines. 7. It shall be a violation to possess, sell, distribute, or consume alcoholic beverages at athletic events, while on property owned or leased by Midwestern State University, whether the event is sponsored by the university or an outside organization. 8. It is the responsibility of university organizations, organizational officers and advisors, and individuals to be aware of these guidelines and their application to individual, as well as organizational, activities. The Clark Student Center office will provide information to student organizations as to duties and responsibilities of advisors.

MWSU Tobacco Policy

USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS Date Adopted/Most Recent Revision: 08/07/2013 - Effective Date: 01/01/2010 A. Policy Midwestern State University seeks to provide a safe, healthy, pleasant environment for its faculty, staff, and students. To this end, the use of tobacco products, including smoke and smokeless tobacco, and the advertising, sale, free distribution, and discarding of tobacco products shall be prohibited in all indoor and outdoor facilities and in all university vehicles. The policy extends to faculty, staff, students, vendors, guests, and visitors.

Specifications

- "Use of tobacco products" shall include a. Possession of a lighted tobacco product b. Use of smokeless tobacco products c. Use of e-cigarettes and other tobacco derived products
- "Indoor and outdoor facilities and university vehicles" shall include a. All buildings and facilities owned or leased by Midwestern State University, including residential homes b. All outdoor areas owned or leased by Midwestern State University, including the grounds of the Main Campus and the South Campus and the grounds of residential homes owned by the university c. All university-owned or leased vehicles, including cars, pick-up trucks, vans, box trucks, and carts d. All private vehicles parked on property owned or leased by Midwestern State University

Enforcement

- It is the responsibility of all members of the campus community & campus visitors to observe the provisions of this policy. 2. It is the responsibility of all students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors to uphold the honor of the university by affirming its commitment to this policy. 3. Courtesy and consideration will be exercised when informing violators of this policy. No person will be retaliated against for informing others of the policy or asking others to comply with the policy.
- A complaint against a violator who fails to comply with the policy after being asked by another to do so, may be referred to a provost, vice president, associate vice president, dean, or director. Appropriate disciplinary action may be applied to a violator against whom multiple complaints have been received.

Code of Student Conduct: Student Honor Creed

As students at MSU, we recognize that any great society must be composed of empowered, responsible citizens. We also recognize universities play an important role in helping mold these responsible citizens. We believe students themselves play an important part in developing responsible citizenship by maintaining a community where integrity and honorable character are the norm, not the exception.

Thus, we, the students of Midwestern State University, resolve to uphold the honor of the University by affirming our commitment to complete academic honesty. We resolve not only to be honest but also to hold our peers accountable for complete honesty in all university matters.

We consider it dishonest to ask for, give, or receive help in examinations or quizzes, to use any unauthorized material in examinations, or to present, as one's own, work or ideas which are not entirely one's own. We recognize that any instructor has the right to expect that all student work is honest, original work. We accept and acknowledge that responsibility for lying, cheating, stealing, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty fundamentally rests within each individual student.

We expect of ourselves academic integrity, personal professionalism, and ethical character. We appreciate steps taken by University officials to protect the honor of the University against any who would disgrace the MSU student body by violating the spirit of this creed.

Written and adopted by the 2002-2003 MWSU Student Senate

Academic Dishonesty Policy & Procedures:

Appendix E (Page 119 - 2015-2016 MWSU Student Handbook)

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

The term "cheating" includes, but is not limited to: (1) use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations; (2) dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments; or (3) the acquisition without permissions, of tests or other academic material belonging to a member of the university, faculty, or staff.

The term "plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, the use by paraphrase or direct quotation, of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgement. It also includes the unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials.

The term "collusion" means collaboration with another person in preparing work offered for credit if that collaboration is not authorized by the faculty member in charge.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism is stealing and cheating. **If you use another's thoughts or words, you must footnote them. If you paraphrase, (rewrite another's material in your own words) you must footnote the source.** You may not copy a single sentence, etc., from another source and present it as your own. Intentional plagiarism, meaning the use of text(s) from a printed or Internet source, will result in a failing grade for the course. **Plagiarism by default, meaning the use of ideas from texts without citation, will result in a failing grade for the specific project.** Read the University's policies in the current *Midwestern State University Student Handbook*. **You may NOT cut and paste from the Internet for your research presentation. Ethics regarding proper citation will be discussed in class.**

Attendance, Absence, and Lateness: NEW DEPARTMENT-WIDE POLICY AS OF FALL 2014

Students enrolled in the Juanita and Ralph Harvey School of Visual Arts must comply with the following department-wide Attendance, Absence, and Lateness Policy:

- Arriving late to class disrupts the focused work of the teaching/learning community. Avoid tardiness!
- Students arriving ten minutes after class begins will be considered late, and will be counted absent.
- THREE late arrivals count as a single absence.
- **Students may be absent from class TWO times without penalty and without providing any documentation regarding the absence. Because we meet once a week, absences are fewer than for a class that meets twice a week. Each class session is composed of the length of two class sessions.**
- Because this is a weekly seminar, we meet only 14 -15 times a semester. As a result, the typical HSOVA attendance policy does not apply. Two absences constitute four absences. "If students incur a FOURTH absence, their final course evaluation will be reduced by a full letter grade." **At the third absence in this seminar, your grade will decrease a full letter grade.**
- **If students incur a THIRD absence, their final course evaluation will be reduced by a full letter grade.**
- If students are absent or late FIVE times, whatever the reason, they will receive a FAILING GRADE, be dropped from the class roll, and be asked to stop attending class.

Faculty members have the discretion to make exceptions to this policy based on individual circumstances.

Expected Workload

The generally accepted ratio of outside-of-class study and preparation for college-level coursework is two to three times the amount of in-class contact with your professor. *Prepare 6 hours each week for this course outside of class meetings. **This is an upper-level course. Consistent and sustained effort is expected.**

Classroom Environment and Expected Standards of Conduct

As a member of this class, you are part of a community. As such, you have made a commitment to yourself, to me, and to the other students enrolled in the course. If you come unprepared, are late to class discussion, or initiate side conversations, you disrupt our work together. Please show respect for yourself and others by coming to class prepared and on time. Respect and dignity are course requirements as important as those listed earlier in the syllabus. Demonstrating respect for the process of learning, for the variety of cultures and worldviews discussed, and for your role and contribution to the course are critical components of your commitment to this class. Comporting yourself with dignity and treating your classmates and professor in a similar manner are additional important expectations of every student.

- ***Bring the syllabus, assigned texts, and other assigned materials to every class session.**
- Come prepared to every class session with notes and questions about assigned materials.
- Participate actively in class discussions and group work.
- Take notes during class sessions. **Failure to take notes will affect your engagement grade.**
- Turn cell phones off before entering the classroom.
- Do not text message or use your telephone in class.
- **You may NOT sit in the classroom before class begins and use your cell phone. Review your notes instead! When you enter the classroom, you begin academic work.**
- If you use your phone in class, you will be asked to leave and earn an absence.
- I will not tolerate private conversations in the classroom. Side conversations distract me and all other class members. If you need something clarified, ASK!
- When you are absent, it is YOUR responsibility to contact class members and learn what you missed.

Email Communication: I require you to check your MSU email daily.

***Please check your MSU email daily. I make an effort to respond to your emails within 24 hours and expect you to reply to the group emails for the first several class sessions with a timely response indicating that you have read the email, such as “received.”**

Here is the new (2024) MSU Texas policy regarding email communication.

Beginning January 1, 2024, the university-assigned (my.msutexas.edu) email address will be required to receive all official communication from Midwestern State University.

Because of the increasing reliance and acceptance of electronic communication, email is considered an official means for communication with MSU Texas.

MSU Texas provides students with an email account upon admittance to the institution. This account is free of charge and remains available while students are enrolled or active within their degree program.

The university-assigned student email account is Midwestern State University’s official means of email communication with all students. Students are responsible for all official information sent to their university-assigned email account. Students are expected to check their email regularly and are responsible for all information sent to them via their university-assigned email address.

Students may access their University-assigned email using any of the following procedures:

- Portal: Use of the [myMSUTexas portal](#) provides students with many resources and applications, including access to their university-issued email.
- Portal app: The myMSUTexas app is available for free in the [Google Play Store](#) and the [Apple App Store](#).
- Direct: Login directly via [Google mail](#).

Special Needs

Please let me know *by the second session* if you have learning or physical challenges that require accommodation.

Student Privacy

Federal law prohibits the professor from releasing student information to outside parties without the student’s signed consent. The professor will not discuss students’ academic progress with parental units.

Written Work: The following guidelines apply to all submitted work including complete drafts.

- *YOU ARE REQUIRED TO USE MICROSOFT WORD FOR ALL WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS.*
- *YOU ARE REQUIRED TO USE POWERPOINT FOR ALL PRESENTATIONS.*
- Written work must be submitted on the due date electronically BEFORE class on the same day as Microsoft Word documents, saved with the file extension.doc or .docx OR as compressed JPEG scans or PDFs.
- You are required to upload all written work and images to the class D2L site in advance of the due date.
- Computer and printer malfunctions will not be accepted as an excuse for lateness – it is your responsibility to ensure that your professor receives your work in a timely manner.
- ***You MAY NOT use the Internet for research assignments, unless I give express instructions to the contrary. Unauthorized use of Internet sources will result in a failing grade.***
- Research entails a visit to the library, course reserves, and library databases.
- Using library databases are the method of research and an appropriate use of the Internet.
- *I WILL NOT ACCEPT LATE WORK for any reason and late work will receive a failing grade.*
- **A digital copy of each assignment must be turned in BEFORE class on the due date or it will be considered LATE. No exceptions!**
- ***DO NOT EXPECT ME TO DO YOUR WORK!*** A fulfilled assignment is not simply sending me an email. You must present the paper copy of all assignments IN CLASS or in my mailbox in paper form.

Departmental Policy for Gallery Openings (Revised 2013)

Students enrolled in studio or art history courses must attend every gallery opening.

At every gallery opening, the student will receive a comment sheet.

During each opening, the student must fill out and submit the comment sheet.

If the student cannot attend the gallery opening, they must meet following requirements:

The student must write a paper on the artist exhibited in the Juanita Harvey gallery.

The paper should emphasize the student's reaction to the work.

The paper must be formatted in Times New Roman, 12pt font, and be double-spaced.

The paper must consist of 500 words.

The paper must be submitted to the art office one week after the exhibition opening.

If the exhibition extends past the final class day of the semester, the paper will be due one week before the final class day of the semester.

If a student does not attend the show nor submit a paper, their final grade will be dropped 3.3% per gallery opening.

If a student misses all of the gallery openings and does not write a paper for each required exhibition, the student's final grade will be dropped by 10%.

Mandatory Exhibitions and Departmental Field Trips: Policy Reinstated Fall 2022

Mandatory exhibitions will be announced in class as well as mandatory field trips.

HSOVA Computer Lab (C115F) Policy: Adopted Fall 2018

The Computer Lab C115F is a MSU and HSOVA facility shared by all currently enrolled HSOVA students, faculty, adjuncts, and Resident Ceramic Artists. The Computer Lab schedule is posted every semester near or on the C115F door. The schedule indicates when the lab is used for teaching purposes and when it is available for student and faculty use. No one is allowed to enter C115F when class is in session, except students enrolled in that class. The lab is available on a first come, first served basis during non-class session periods. Other important computer lab policies include: 1) no food or drink is allowed inside the lab, 2) the door must never be propped open under any circumstances, unless initiated by faculty.

This syllabus and its schedule of topics and assignments are subject to change.

Dropbox

For questions regarding how to post to Dropbox, contact this email.

<https://msutexas.edu/distance/opr.s.php>

One Drive

For students to access OneDrive, they should first go here: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/education/products/office> to sign up for an Office 365 account. Students should create their account using their @my.msutexas.edu email address, which will entitle them to the Office 365 products offered to them as a student. Once they have created their account, they can log into "Office.com" for access to available Office 365 products (including OneDrive with 1TB of storage space). OneDrive is also accessible directly via <https://www.onedrive.com>. Working in OneDrive is very similar to Google Drive. Students can drag and drop files to and from their drive, as well as share folders between each other.

Microsoft has a very good tutorial for the use of OneDrive available here: <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/upload-and-save-files-and-folders-to-onedrive-a1397e56-61ec-4ed2-9dac-727bf8ac3357> (also see links on the left side of the page).

I highly recommend that students use OneDrive as a digital backup.

Conduct Statement (As of Fall 2017)

Behavior that interferes with either the instructor's ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to benefit from the instruction will result in the instructor removing the disruptive student(s) from the class, either temporarily or permanently (instructor drop), and receive a final lower grade, up to an including an F. Depending upon the nature of the behavior or conduct, the student(s) may be subject to further disciplinary actions as per MWSU policies.

A History Written by the Victors

Stephen Colbert invited three of Guerrilla Girl's members to take part in his recent Late Show episode, and he prepared some interesting and prominent questions to pose. At one point, he says that "History is written by the winners," and that "History is a record of violence. Is the art world a record of violence in and of itself?" One of the Girls going by the name of Frida explains how violence towards a democracy in art has existed even in the time of kings and queens, where they have been the one determining what art is about and what should be portrayed in it. In today's democratic society, the art world has been "delayed" in a sense that modern kings and queens still regulate the flow of art. Billionaire art collectors will buy and promote artists and art that appeal to their values and it is mostly art made by a number of white males, thus creating a very limited art catalogue when it should look like the whole of our culture. As Frida states: **"Unless all the voices of our culture are in the history of art, it's not really a history of art, it's a history of power."**

Please reflect on this statement throughout the duration of this course.

<https://www.widewalls.ch/magazine/guerrilla-girls-twin-cities-stephen-colbert>

Why Are You an Artist and What is Your Work About?

This is one of the central questions that this course asks you to consider.

Here is one possible answer to that question:

"The role of the artist is to make revolution irresistible."

Toni Cade Bambara (1939-1995)

Gorilla, My Love (1972)

The Lesson (1972)

The Salt Eaters (1980)

Those Bones Are Not My Child (1999)

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SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS

WEEK 1

January 22

OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTION TO STRUCTURES OF POWER

Definitions of Modern & Contemporary Art, Artists in Your Concentrations

Tasks: NASAD Survey, Identity Wheel, Praxis of Reading Skills Using Case Studies

Case Study 1: Gaspar de Alba, Alicia. "The Chicana/Latina Dyad, or Identity and Perception." *Latin American Studies* 1 (2003): 106-114.

Case Study 2: D'Alleva, Anne. "Introduction" and "Chapter 1, Thinking About Theory." In *Methods & Theories of Art History*, 1-16. London, UK: Lawrence King Publishing, 2005.

WEEK 2

January 29

METHODS AND THEORIES OF MODERN ART

Check-In: Towards a Definition = What is a theory? What is a method?

Costache, Irina D., "Chapter 10, Methodologies of Art." In *The Art of Understanding Art*, 162-179.

15 Case Studies

Case Study: Biography

Case Study: Context

Case Study: Deconstruction

Case Study: Feminism (Euro-Am & WOC)

Case Study: Feminism (Euro-Am & WOC)

Case Study: Formalism

Case Study: Gender

Case Study: Iconography

Case Study: Multiculturalism

Case Study: Coloniality

Case Study: Decoloniality and Post-Coloniality

Case Study: Queer Theory (Not in the text)

Case Study: Psychoanalysis

Case Study: Semiotics

Case Study: Visual Culture

Provide a definition of the art historical method or theory (above).

Provide two images that represent how an artist explored the method or theory.

Define and describe the artists that created these images.

ASSIGN: RESEARCH PROJECT

WEEK 3

February 5

EUROPEAN MODERNISM

8 Case Studies

Case Study: Realism

Case Study: Impressionism

Case Study: Fauvism

Case Study: Expressionism (German)

BREAK

Case Study: Cubism

Case Study: Dada

Case Study: Surrealism

Case Study: Abstract Expressionism

RESOURCES:Brettell, Richard R. "Introduction." In *Modern Art, 1851-1929*, 1-7. **PDF**Brettell, Richard R. "Part 1." In *Modern Art, 1851-1929*, 9-47. **PDF**

Study the movements of Modernism as defined by Brettell from the list above and those in our *50 Modern Artists You Should Know*, *50 Art Movements You Should Know*, and *50 Women Artists You Should Know* texts. The women artists must be part of modernist movements.

Describe the defining characteristics of these movement, styles, bio & representative works.

Provide and bring two visual representations that epitomize the movement.

Include artists bios & representative works, titles, dates, and periods and/or styles.

ASSIGN: MODERN/CONTEMPORARY ARTIST AND THEORY PAPERS**WEEK 4**

February 12

Professor on leave

Independent research on research project and artist and theory papers.

WEEK 5

February 19

WOMEN OF COLOR FEMINISMS

Check-In: Central differences between European/Euro-Am and WOC feminisms?

Case Study: Audre Lorde

Case Study: The Combahee River Collective Statement (1977)

Case Study: Gloria E. Anzaldúa

Lorde, Audre. "Uses of the Erotic: The Erotic as Power." In *Sister Outsider*, 53-59. Berkeley: The Crossing Press, 1984.

Smith, Barbara, et. al. "The Combahee River Collective Statement."

Anzaldúa, Gloria E. TBD.

Study the examples of artists who engage with feminism from our *50 Contemporary Artists You Should Know*, *50 Art Movements You Should Know*, and *50 Women Artists You Should Know* texts.

Describe the defining characteristics of these movement, styles, artists bio & representative works.

DUE: RESEARCH PROJECT TOPIC STATEMENT – DRAFT 1**WEEK 6**

February 26

EUROPEAN AND EUROPEAN AMERICAN FEMINISMS

Check-In: Definition of Feminism(s) – Research in advance.

Case Study: Linda Nochlin

Case Study: Griselda Pollock

Case Study: Guerilla Girls

Nochlin, Linda. "Chapter 7: Why Have There Been No Great Women Artists?" In *Women, Art, and Power and Other Essays*, 145-178. Boulder: Westview Press, 1988.

Pollock, Griselda. "Chapter 1: Feminist Interventions in the Histories of Art: An Introduction." In *Vision and Difference: Femininity, Feminism, and Histories of Art*, 1-24. London and New York: Routledge, 1988, revised 2003.

Freeland, Cynthia. "Chapter 5: Gender, Genius, and Guerilla Girls." In *But Is It Art?* 122-147. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2001.

Come prepared to discuss the readings listed above. Research every artist analyzed by the authors. Bring images that illustrate the points made by each author with dates, movements, styles, periods, artists, etc.

DUE: TOPIC STATEMENT (REVISED) & 5 BIBLIOGRAPHIC CITATIONS CMOS

WEEK 7
March 5

Professor on leave

Assignment TBD and/or independent research artist and theory papers.

DUE: MODERN OR CONTEMPORARY ARTIST PAPER

WEEK 8
March 12

SPRING BREAK

No Class Session

WEEK 9
March 19

FIELD TRIP: MANDATORY

No Class Session

WEEK 10
March 26

INTERSECTIONALITY AND IDENTITY: RACE AND ETHNICITY

Check-In: Bring a definition for ethnicity. How do you understand your ethnicity?

Case Study Examples: Carrie Mae Weems, Lorna Simpson, Faith Ringgold, Kara Walker, Yolanda López, Christina Fernández, Kathy Vargas, Delilah Montoya, Malaquias Montoya, Judy Baca, Vincent Valdez, Alma López

Routledge, Chapter 1, "Race." PDF
Routledge, Chapter 2, "Ethnicity." PDF
Reading or Definition of Intersectionality, PDF

Study the examples of artists who engage with race and ethnicity from our *50 Contemporary Artists You Should Know* and *50 Women Artists You Should Know* texts. Prepare examples of artists who interrogate issues of ethnic, national, and "racial" identity in their work. Bring images of their work and be able to discuss how the artists engage with these issues. Supply artist, title, date, and media. Discuss and be able to apply the definitions and information from the chapters.

WEEK 11
APRIL 2

READING SESSION: FLIPPED CLASSROOM

The professor will provide two readings. Bring to class in paper form. The first part of the session will be devoted to reading independently and analyzing the chosen texts (175 minutes). The second part of the session will be devoted to presenting a summary of the key ideas, points, concepts introduced by the authors in these readings and class discussion. Students are expected to create 5 questions during the reading session.

DUE: THEORY OR CONCEPT PAPER

WEEK 12
APRIL 9

INTERSECTIONALITY AND IDENTITY: QUEER THEORY

Check-In: Introduce us to a Queer or a Trans artist. Bring two images from their work and explain how these artists explore queer and trans identity.

Case Study Examples: Laura Aguilar, JEB, Harmony Hammond, Zanele Muholi, Nancy Andrews, David Hockney, Nick Cave, Robert Mapplethorpe, Keith Haring Jo Spence, Tee Corrine, Catherine Opie

"Chapter 8: Race, Gender, and Sexuality." 64-72. *The Routledge Companion to Race and Ethnicity*, 2011.

Leimer, Ann Marie. "Chapter 11: Creating a Space and a (Visual) Language in the Work of Laura Aguilar." DOI: 10.4324/9781003049968-11

Jones, Amelia. "Bodies and Subjects in the Technologized Self-Portrait: The Work of Laura Aguilar." *Aztlan* 23:2 (Fall 1998): 203-219.

Jones, Amelia. *The "Eternal Return": Self-Portrait Photography as a Technology of Embodiment.* *Signs* 27:4 (2002): 947-978.

Pérez, Laura E. "Decolonizing Sexuality and Spirituality in Chicana Feminist and Queer Art." *Tikkun* (July/August 2010). <http://www.tikkun.org/article.php/july2010perez>

WEEK 13
April 16

COLONIALITY, DECOLONIALITY, POST-COLONIALITY

Check-In: What is decoloniality? Is it possible? How?

Case Studies: Viva Paredes, Consuelo Jimenez Underwood Lugones, María, "Towards a Decolonial Feminism," 742-759.

Leimer, Ann Marie. "*Lengua, Mano, Alma*: Reading the Decolonial in the Work of Viviana Paredes," 1-11.

Leimer, Ann Marie, "Garments for the Goddess of the Américas: The *American Dress Triptych*," 1-26.

WEEK 14

April 23

PRESENTATIONS (7)

WEEK 15

April 30

PRESENTATIONS (6)

WEEK 16

May 7

PRESENTATIONS (2), POTLUCK, AND CLOSURE