

**ART EDUCATION 101  
INTRODUCTION TO ART**

**BULLETIN INFORMATION**

ARTE 101 - Introduction to Art (3 credit hours)

**Course Description:**

Lectures in art appreciation introducing the elements and principles of the visual arts, with examples from the history of art

**SAMPLE COURSE OVERVIEW**

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the visual arts. Students will become acquainted with a variety of traditional art media, and achieve a basic understanding of historical styles and movements in Western art. Students will be encouraged to experience original works of art. Class presentations will include the use of digital images and/or video presentations.

**ITEMIZED LEARNING OUTCOMES**

**Upon successful completion of ARTE 101, students will be able to:**

1. Identify the elements and principles of the visual arts.
2. Define and employ terminology associated with the visual arts.
3. Apply fundamental aesthetic concepts in interpreting works of art.
4. Explain significant trends in style and content in Western visual arts.
5. Recognize notable works of Western art and discuss their significance.

**SAMPLE REQUIRED TEXTS/SUGGESTED READINGS/MATERIALS**

1. Lois Fichner-Rathus, *Understanding Art, 9<sup>th</sup> edition*

**SAMPLE ASSIGNMENTS AND/OR EXAM**

1. Three (3) exams: based on lecture notes and textbook readings; includes slide identifications
2. Final Exam: based on lecture notes and textbook readings; includes slide identifications
3. Report: critique of a specified art exhibition

**SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE WITH TIMELINE OF TOPICS, READINGS/ASSIGNMENTS, EXAMS/PROJECTS**

**Week 1:** Introduction  
Chap. I What is Art?

**Week 2:** Chap. 2 & 3 Elements & Principles of Art

Chap. 3 & 4 Style & Content

**Week 3:** Chap. 4 & 5 Style & Content; Drawing & Painting  
Chap. 5 & 6 Drawing & Painting  
**Report due**

**Week 4:** **Exam #1**  
Chap. 7 Printmaking

**Week 5:** Chap. 8 Photography  
Chap. 9 Sculpture

**Week 6:** Chap. 10 Architecture  
Chap. 10-11 Architecture; Craft & Design

**Week 7:** Chap. 11 Craft & Design  
**Exam #2**

**Week 8:** Chap. 12 Art of the Ancients

**Week 9:** Chap. 12-13 Classical Art  
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**Week 10:** Chap. 13-14 Christian Art  
Chap. 14-15 Renaissance

**Week 11:** Chap. 15 Renaissance  
Chap. 16 Baroque

**Week 12:** **Exam #3**  
Chap. 18 Modern Art

**Week 13:** Chap. 18 Modern Art  
Chap. 19 The 20<sup>th</sup> Cent.

**Week 14:** Chap. 20 Contemporary

**Final Exam according to University exam schedule** -