Fine Arts Appreciation (HUMA 1315)

Credit: 3 semester credit hours (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite/Co-requisite: None

Course Description: This course is an exploration of the purposes and processes in the visual and performing arts (such as music, painting, architecture, drama, and dance) and the ways in which they express the values of cultures and human experience.

Required Textbook and Materials
1. Text Book: *The Humanities through the Arts*, 10th edition, by Martin and Jacobus
   ISBN: 978-1260154184
   1-800-262-4729 to order from McGraw Hill by phone
2. Additional Materials:
   a. Access to computer/internet
   b. Loose-leaf paper
   c. Pens

Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of this course, students will:
1. Employ formal elements and principles to critically analyze various works of the visual and performing arts.
2. Articulate the creative process of artistic works as expressions of human experience and cultural values.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the aesthetic principles that guide the creation of, and response to the arts.
4. Describe the relationship of the arts to everyday life.

Course Objectives
Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to
1. Identify major genres within the arts.
2. Recognize the styles of major artists within those genres.
3. Evaluate the impact of society on the arts.
4. Fully explain major themes found in the arts.

Core Objectives
The following four Core Objectives must be addressed in each course approved to fulfill this category requirement:
1. Critical Thinking Skills: To include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.
2. Communication Skills: To include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication.
3. Teamwork: To include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.
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4. Social Responsibility: To include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.

Course Outline (A specific professor’s course outline may be different from the outline in the general syllabus.)

A. Meet and Greet  
B. Course Orientation  
C. Being a Critic of the Arts  
D. Painting  
E. Sculpture  
F. Architecture  
G. Drama  
H. Music  
I. Film  
J. Television and Video Art

Grade Scale
A  90 – 100  
B  80 – 89  
C  70 – 79  
D  60 – 69  
F  59 and below

Course Evaluation
1. Daily grades comprise 30% of the semester average.  
2. Common assignment grade is the critique assignment and comprises 15% of the semester average.  
3. Test grades comprise 55% of the semester average.

Course Requirements (A specific professor’s course requirements may be different from the requirements in the general syllabus.)

1. Quizzes  
2. Panel Presentations  
3. Critiques  
4. Film Responses  
5. Unit Tests  
6. Final Exam

Course Policies
1. No food, drinks, or use of tobacco products in class.  
2. Computers, telephones, headphones, and any other electronic devices must be turned off while in class or used only with permission of the instructor.  
3. Do not bring children to class.  
4. No late assignments will be accepted.  
5. Tests. Students that miss a test are not allowed to make up the test. Students that miss a test will receive a grade of ‘0’.  
6. Attendance Policy. Two absences are allowed. If a student is tardy to class or departs early three (3) times, it will be equal to one (1) absence. Each absence beyond two absences will result in a five-point deduction from your final grade.
7. If you wish to drop a course, the student is responsible for initiating and completing the drop process. If you stop coming to class and fail to drop the course, you will earn an ‘F’ in the course.

8. Additional class policies as defined by the individual course instructor.

**Technical Requirements**
The latest technical requirements, including hardware, compatible browsers, operating systems, software, Java, etc. can be found online at:
https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting Started/Browser Support/Browser Checker
A functional broadband internet connection, such as DSL, cable, or WiFi is necessary to maximize the use of the online technology and resources.

**Disabilities Statement**
The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. Among other things, these statutes require that all students with documented disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodations for their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409) 880-1737 or visit the office in Student Services, Cecil Beeson Building. You may also visit the online resource at http://www.lit.edu/depts/stuserv/special/defaults.aspx

**Student Code of Conduct Statement**
It is the responsibility of all registered Lamar Institute of Technology students to access, read, understand and abide by all published policies, regulations, and procedures listed in the LIT Catalog and Student Handbook. The LIT Catalog and Student Handbook may be accessed at www.lit.edu, or obtained in print upon request at the Student Services Office. Please note that the online version of the LIT Catalog and Student Handbook supersedes all other versions of the same document.

**Starfish**
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