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HUMANITIES 1315-43400 FINE ARTS APPRECIATION

Spring 2015

COURSE SYLLABUS

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Course Number: HUMA 1315 – Fine Arts Appreciation
Section Numbers: 41400
Credit Hours: 3 credit hours
Census/Certification Date: Monday, February 2, 2015
Withdrawal Date (with a “W”): Thursday, April 16, 2015

This course is available through eCampus Blackboard. This is a course management software platform for use by students and faculty. Course information, communication, and grades will be accessible through this system. Students must have an email address to access the eCampus system. Email addresses may be acquired for FREE through a variety of sources.

Students are NOT REQUIRED TO OWN A COMPUTER. You ARE REQUIRED to utilize a computer for this course. As a student enrolled in the DCCCD, you have access to computers that are located in areas designated for student use.

It is your responsibility to become familiar with eCampus and check it regularly. Please note that if you have trouble with eCampus you must call technical support at: 972-669-6402.
THE CORE

The core of learning in college is a set of courses that will provide you with the knowledge, skills and educational experiences you need to succeed in higher education. Those classes - called the Core Curriculum - are the courses that lead to an associate degree from DCCCD and which then transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

This solid foundation of Core courses enables you to meet the challenges of your entire college career head-on, and transfer important credits to another college or university while saving yourself time and money. Core courses are guaranteed to transfer to Texas public colleges and universities.

TIER 2 - CORE DOMAINS
Courses in Tier 2 reinforce and apply the knowledge and skills that you learned in Tier 1.

*Humanity, Creativity, and the Aesthetic Experience* – Humanities 1315 is in this category. This learning category focuses on the value of literature, philosophy, and the visual and performing arts. You will be able to critically analyze and form artistic judgments about the arts and humanities.

COURSE PREREQUISITES:

Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Reading and Writing standards

REQUIRED MATERIALS

**Textbook:**

Author: Geraldine Nagle  
Title: The Arts – World Themes  
Publisher: McGraw-Hill  
Copyright: 1997

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

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TEKSAS STATE REQUIREMENTS

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Humanities 1315 is about the processes and products of creativity. It starts in that mysterious world and impulse called creativity and ends with paintings on museum walls, sculptures in gardens, massive buildings in public spaces and music in the symphony hall and even over your car radio.

The course should lead you to explore your own creative potential; to question how you grow and become open to a larger world. It will give you the vocabulary to discuss how the arts effect you and how to become more critical and analytical and, in turn, more appreciative and sensitive.

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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board recently issued this revised course description for Humanities 1315: Understanding purposes and processes in the visual and musical arts including evaluation of selected works

HUMANITIES IN THE NEW CORE.

A newly designed Core goes into effect in the Fall of 2010 for DCCCD campuses. The new Core is designed to “move away” from “distribution credits” to a more interdisciplinary, thematic approach. Humanities 1315 is now in Tier Two Domain under the learning category of Humanity, Creativity, and the Aesthetic Experience.

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**TEXAS STATE REQUIREMENTS**

HUMA 1315 Fine Arts Appreciation (3 Credit Hours)
TCCNS: HUMA 1315 Fine Arts Appreciation
2014 Core Curriculum Foundational Component Area: 050 Creative Arts
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Coordinating Board Academic Approval Number 5001015126

Student 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.
Core Objectives:

Critical Thinking – to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information

Communication – to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication

Teamwork - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal

Social Responsibility – to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities

Core Objective Development Statements:

HUMA 1315 develops critical thinking and communications by requiring students to analyze and interpret various works of art, through cultural, social, iconographic, style and technical significance in essays, presentations, and multiple-choice format quizzes.

HUMA 1315 develops teamwork by requiring students to work on a team task where they must interact with others on the team, contribute to the team effort, advance the effort of the team, and be supportive of the team climate, aware of the behaviors under each students’ individual control.

HUMA 1315 develops social responsibility by requiring students to identify works of art that are relevant to civic engagement and to one’s own view and participation in civic life, and to demonstrate knowledge of the complexity of the artistic influences on U. S. culture.

MODULES of INSTRUCTION

The content for this course is arranged in Modules that correspond to the textbook chapters with one exception. The course module entitled DIGITAL ARTS provides content that is supplemental to the textbook.

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LEARNING ACTIVITIES

At minimum, this course incorporates the following learning activities. Your professor may add more activities to this list.

A. Attendance at and critical review of specified events (i.e., film, museum visits, music, dramatic, and dance performances)

B. Preparation of written and oral assignments.

EVALUATION TECHNIQUES

All class work, projects and exams are designed to measure student progress toward the performance objectives outlined above. Evaluation parameters are provided under the menu tab labeled ‘EVALUATION’ located in the ‘START HERE’ content area.

PLAGIARISM

Your instructor may submit your essays to SafeAssign for a plagiarism check. Plagiarism is a serious offense that can have significant impact on your status as a college student. If your work reflects plagiarism, it will not be counted and will be assigned a grade of zero.

SCHOLASTIC DISHONESTY/ACADEMIC HONESTY

Academic honesty is expected, and integrity is valued in the DCCCD. Scholastic dishonesty is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism (as discussed earlier in this document), and collusion. As a college student, you are considered a responsible adult. Your enrollment indicates acceptance of the DCCCD Code of Student Conduct published in the DCCCD Catalog. More information is available at https://www1.dcccd.edu/cat/0406/ss/code.cfm.

More specifically, scholastic dishonesty shall include, but not be limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion.

“Cheating on a test” shall include:

a. Copying from another student’s test paper.
b. Using test materials not authorized by the person administering the test.

c. All forms of academic dishonesty, including cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, plagiarism, and collusion.

d. Collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test without permission from the test administrator.

e. knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing, or soliciting, in whole or in part, the contents of an unadministered test.

f. The unauthorized transporting or removal, in whole or in part, of the contents of an unadministered test.

g. Substituting for another student, or permitting another student to substitute for one’s self, to take a test.

h. Bribing another person to obtain an unadministered test or information about an unadministered test. Penalties as are appropriate. “Aggravated violation” means a violation which resulted or foreseeable could have resulted in significant damage to persons or property or which otherwise posed a substantial threat to the stability and continuance of normal college or college-sponsored activities.

“Plagiarism” shall be defined as the appropriating, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another’s work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one’s own written work.

“Collusion” shall be defined as the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work for fulfillment of course requirements.

Source: Eastfield College Student Handbook, 2010-2011

Consequences for Academic Dishonesty and/or Plagiarism:

Any student in this Humanities 1315 class found guilty of cheating on an examination or of Plagiarism (using the definitions given for both terms in the attached document, student “Responsibility”) will receive one or more of the following penalties:

. The grade of zero (0) on that particular assignment.
. A course grade of F (depending on the severity of the student’s dishonesty or plagiarism).
. The professor may request that the student drop the class.

Please Note: Do not give a test code to another student. Doing so would be considered collusion.
INSTRUCTORS’ RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The instructor reserves the right to establish the guidelines for the ONLINE, HYBRID and/or FACE-TO-FACE class settings. The instructor reserves the right to maintain decorum and to remove from class anyone who behaves in a manner that disturbs the instruction process.

The instructor is charged by the college with the responsibility for maintaining the classroom environment and the instructor’s decision is final. Any student having problems with the course should consult the instructor.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Whether you are enrolled in a face-to-face, hybrid or online course, attending class is important. In a face-to-face course, sometimes a student is physically there, but mentally "somewhere else." In an online course, there is little social pressure to be there or pretend to be there, but if you don't visit the course site regularly, you won't get much from the course and will find it difficult to get a good grade.

In this Fine Arts Appreciation course, content is available online. Here are some ideas to keep in mind.

Check the course site regularly.

Even if you don't have specific assignments to complete, check the course site and your email regularly. Your instructor will make announcements, new postings will appear in discussion forums, and other plans may undergo subtle changes. Regular checks will help you remember all that you need to get done.

Plan on spending at least two hours of work time for every credit hour that the course receives.

As a general rule of thumb, a course assumes that you will attend for as many hours are listed in the credit hours, then do homework and prepare in an equivalent number of hours during each week. In an online course, the distinction between attendance and study hours is removed, but the same amount of time is necessary. This is a minimum amount of time. In actual practice, many courses will take many more hours of study.

Your instructor can tell if you are visiting the course site.

There are tools in Blackboard Course Info that allow your instructor to get general statistics about how often you visit the course site. Sometimes, they can even tell you have visited specific parts.
You will have to show your instructor the quality of your participation.

Statistical tools in Blackboard won't let your instructor know if you understand what you read, if you enjoy or dislike aspects of the course, or if you are succeeding as a student. That is up to you. Your assignments, postings, and instructor communication will show the quality of your work.

You are expected to communicate with both the instructor and your classmates.

Do not wait to be asked to communicate. Send your instructor questions. Post messages to other students. Ask questions and share your ideas.

FINANCIAL AID

If you are receiving Financial Aid grants or loans, you must begin attendance in all classes. Do not drop or stop attending any class without consulting the Financial Aid Office. Changes in your enrollment level and failing grades may require that you repay financial aid funds.

NO MAKE-UPS

There are NO MAKE-UPS for missed exams. If an emergency arises and you cannot take a scheduled exam it may be possible for you to take the exam early. Please note however, that the decision to give an exam early is the instructor's and that decision will be determined on an individual basis.

STOP BEFORE YOU DROP

For students who enrolled in college level courses for the first time in the fall of 2007, Texas Education Code 51.907 limits the number of courses a student may drop.

You may drop no more than 6 courses during your entire undergraduate career unless the drop qualifies as an exception. Your campus counseling/advising center will give you more information on the allowable exceptions.

Remember that once you have accumulated 6 non-exempt drops, you cannot drop any other courses with a "W". Therefore, please exercise caution when dropping courses in any Texas public institution of higher learning, including all seven of the Dallas County Community Colleges. For more information, you may access:

NEW STATE OF TEXAS SIX (6) CLASS DROP POLICY

https://www1.dcccd.edu/coursedrops
WITHDRAWAL POLICY (with drop dates)

Refer to the “Critical Course Dates” information located in the “Start Here” content area of the course eCampus site.

REPEATING THIS COURSE - TEXAS

Effective in the Fall 2005 Semester, the Dallas County Community Colleges will charge additional tuition to students registering the third or subsequent time for a course. This class may not be repeated for the third or subsequent time without paying the additional tuition. Third attempts include courses taken at any of the Dallas County Community Colleges since the Fall 2002 semester. More information is available at: http://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0506/ss/oep/third_attempt.cfm

FINANCIAL AID

Students who are receiving any form of financial aid should check with the Financial Aid Office prior to withdrawing from classes. Withdrawals may affect your eligibility to receive further aid and could cause you to be in a position of repayment for the current semester. Students who fail to attend or participate after the drop date are also subject to this policy.

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI)

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) is a statewide program designed to ensure that students enrolled in Texas public colleges and universities have the basic academic skills needed to be successful in college-level course work. The TSI requires assessment, remediation (if necessary), and advising of students who attend a public college or university in the state of Texas. The program assesses a student's basic academic skills in reading, writing, and math. Passing the assessment is a prerequisite for enrollment in many college level classes. Students who do not meet assessment standards may complete prerequisite requirements by taking developmental courses in the deficient area and passing them with a grade of C or higher. Additional information is available at https://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0506/admiss/tsi_requirements.cfm.

ADA STATEMENT

Students with Disabilities

It is the policy of Eastfield College and your instructor to comply fully with the Americans with Disabilities Act and to make reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. Students requesting accommodations due to a disability must
identify themselves in a timely fashion and demonstrate/document the need for accommodation with Special Services.

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

This statement does not really have an impact on students enrolled in online sections. Absences for observance of a religious holy day are excused. A student whose absence is excused to observe a religious holy day is allowed to take a make-up examination or complete an assignment within a reasonable time after the absence.

Spring 2015 Critical Dates

Important due dates and exam deadlines for this semester can also be found under *Critical Dates* on the course menu but they are reproduced here:

**SPRING 2015**

Classes Resume: Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Census/Certification Date: Monday, February 2, 2015

Last Date to Withdraw with a "W": Thursday, April 16, 2015

The following dates are deadlines for Module Assignments and Exams. Exam codes will not be released unless assignments have been submitted. In other words, Assignments must be submitted by stated deadlines. Requests for codes must be made no less than 24 hours ahead of the stated exam deadlines. Late work will not be accepted.

Orientation Quiz Deadline

**Friday, January 23**

Module One: Overture

**Quiz deadline Friday, January 30**

Module Two: Visual Arts

**Assignment deadline Wednesday, February 18**
Exam deadline Friday, February 20

Module Three: Camera Arts
Assignment deadline Wednesday, March 4
Exam deadline Friday, March 6

Module Four: Architecture
Assignment deadline Wednesday, March 18
Exam deadline Friday, March 20

Module Five: Music
Assignment deadline Wednesday, April 1
Exam deadline Friday, April 3

Module Six: Drama and Dance
Assignment deadline Wednesday, April 15
Exam deadline Friday, April 19

Module Seven: Digital Arts
Assignment deadline Wednesday, April 29
Pass codes for tests will not be released after the 24 hours prior to exam deadline. Allow at least 24 hours for test code requests. All due dates cut off at midnight.

Other Important Due Dates:
Topic Proposal for Critique Submitted no later than midnight Monday, April 13, 2015
Final Critique Assignment Submitted no later than midnight Monday, May 4, 2015

Humanities 1315 is designed to expose you to all of the Fine and Performing Arts. That means there is a lot of material to process and experience. It is imperative that you observe the due dates above. This is not a self-paced course (although you may work ahead of schedule if you wish). The above calendar is designed to pace you through the semester. If you miss a deadline you must contact the professor to determine if an extension is justifiable (which is granted only in the most dire circumstances).

The Spring 2015 Academic Calendar Follows on the Next Page.

Spring Academic Calendar, 2015

January 2 (F) College Buildings and Offices Open
January 12 (M) Faculty Reports
January 19 (M) Martin Luther King Holiday
January 20 (T) Classes Begin
February 2 (M) 12th Class Day – Census Day
February 19 (R) Conference day – day and evening classes will not meet.
February 20 (F) Professional Development Day – Friday day classes will not meet. Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday classes will meet.
February 23 (M) Classes Resume
March 9-13 (M-F) Spring Break (M-F)
March 16 (M) Classes Resume
April 3 (F) Holiday
April 6 (M) Classes Resume
April 16 (R) Last Day to Withdraw
May 11-14 (M-R) Final Exams (M-R)

The Instructor Reserves the Right to Amend This Syllabus as Necessary.