



Master Course Syllabus

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Semester: Fall 2025

Year: 2025

Course Prefix: ARTH

Course and Section #: 2710-X02

Course Title: Prehistoric through Gothic Art

Credits: 3

Course Description

Covers major trends in Western art from the Paleolithic period to the Gothic era, including elements of political, religious, cultural, literary, and philosophical elements as they impacted the development of art.xxx

Course Attributes

This course has the following attributes:

- ☒ General Education Requirements
- ☐ Global/Intercultural Graduation Requirements
- ☐ Writing Enriched Graduation Requirements
- ☒ Discipline Core Requirements in Program
- ☐ Elective Core Requirements in Program
- ☒ Open Elective

Other: *Click here to enter text.*

Instructor Information

Instructor Name: Tonya Bassett

Student Learning Outcomes

Analyze art from the Paleolithic to the Gothic era.

Define the function and impact of art in past cultures, considering political, religious, literary, and philosophical elements.

Summarize knowledge of past styles, movements, and key artworks both orally and in writing.

Interpret scholarly opinions about art from the Renaissance to the contemporary era.

Course Materials and Texts

Pressbook created by UVU faculty. All readings are incorporated into the online course.

Course Requirements

Course Assignments, Assessments, and Grading Policy

Matching activities: 150 points

Reading quizzes: 150 points

Discussions: 300 points

Term paper: 100 points

Exams: 300 points

Grading scale:

94-100 A

90-92 A-

87-89 B+

83-86 B

80-82 B-

77-79 C+

73-76 C

70-72 C-

67-69 D+

63-66 D

60-62 D-

Required or Recommended Reading Assignments

All required readings are pages from the online Pressbook that align with the modules below.

General Description of the Subject Matter of Each Lecture or Discussion

Module 1: Prehistoric art/Stone Age Art

Module 2: Ancient Mesopotamia and Persia

Module 3: Egypt from Narmer to Cleopatra

Module 4: The Prehistoric Aegean

Module 5: Ancient Greece

Module 6: Art of Early East Asia

Module 7: Etruscans

Exam 1

Module 8: Art of the Romans

Module 9: Late Antiquity

Module 10: Art of the Byzantine Empire

Exam 2

Module 11: The Islamic World

Module 12: Art of African Kingdoms and Empires

Module 13: Early Medieval Europe

Module 14: Romanesque Europe

Module 15: Gothic Art

Required Course Syllabus Statements

Generative AI

It is expected that all assignments you submit for this class represent your own creativity, originality, critical thinking, and writing. These are skills that you must develop over time to succeed in your academic career and beyond. At the same time, you should learn how to use AI and in what instances AI can be helpful to you.

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The use of generative AI tools (e.g. ChatGPT, Google Gemini, etc.) is permitted in this course for the following activities:

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Brainstorming ideas for a paper topic

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Fine tuning your research questions

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Finding information on your topic

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Drafting an outline to organize your thoughts

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Checking grammar and style.

The use of generative AI tools is NOT permitted in this course for the following activities:

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Writing a draft of a writing assignment.

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Writing entire sentences, paragraphs or papers to complete class assignments.

Your use of AI tools must be properly documented and cited in order to stay within university policies on academic honesty. Any assignments that are flagged as having more than 25% of the work generated by AI will receive a score of 0.

Using Remote Testing Software

☐ This course does not use remote testing software.

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Required University Syllabus Statements

Accommodations/Students with Disabilities

Students needing accommodations due to a permanent or temporary disability, pregnancy or pregnancy-related conditions may contact UVU [Accessibility Services](#) at accessibilityservices@uvu.edu or 801-863-8747.

Accessibility Services is located on the Orem Campus in BA 110.

Deaf/Hard of Hearing students requesting ASL interpreters or transcribers can contact Accessibility Services to set up accommodations. Deaf/Hard of Hearing services can be contacted at DHHservices@uvu.edu

DHH is located on the Orem Campus in BA 112.

Academic Integrity

At Utah Valley University, faculty and students operate in an atmosphere of mutual trust. Maintaining an atmosphere of academic integrity allows for free exchange of ideas and enables all members of the

community to achieve their highest potential. Our goal is to foster an intellectual atmosphere that produces scholars of integrity and imaginative thought. In all academic work, the ideas and contributions of others must be appropriately acknowledged and UVU students are expected to produce their own original academic work.

Faculty and students share the responsibility of ensuring the honesty and fairness of the intellectual environment at UVU. Students have a responsibility to promote academic integrity at the university by not participating in or facilitating others' participation in any act of academic dishonesty. As members of the academic community, students must become familiar with their [rights and responsibilities](#). In each course, they are responsible for knowing the requirements and restrictions regarding research and writing, assessments, collaborative work, the use of study aids, the appropriateness of assistance, and other issues. Likewise, instructors are responsible to clearly state expectations and model best practices.

Further information on what constitutes academic dishonesty is detailed in [UVU Policy 541: Student Code of Conduct](#).

Equity and Title IX

Utah Valley University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age (40 and over), disability, veteran status, pregnancy, childbirth, or pregnancy-related conditions, citizenship, genetic information, or other basis protected by applicable law, including Title IX and 34 C.F.R. Part 106, in employment, treatment, admission, access to educational programs and activities, or other University benefits or services. Inquiries about nondiscrimination at UVU may be directed to the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights or UVU's Title IX Coordinator at 801-863-7999 – TitleIX@uvu.edu – 800 W University Pkwy, Orem, 84058, Suite BA 203.

Religious Accommodation

UVU values and acknowledges the array of worldviews, faiths, and religions represented in our student body, and as such provides supportive accommodations for students. Religious belief or conscience broadly includes religious, non-religious, theistic, or non-theistic moral or ethical beliefs as well as participation in religious holidays, observances, or activities. Accommodations may include scheduling or due-date modifications or make-up assignments for missed class work.

To seek a religious accommodation, a student must provide written notice to the instructor and the Director of Accessibility Services at accessibilityservices@uvu.edu. If the accommodation relates to a scheduling conflict, the notice should include the date, time, and brief description of the difficulty posed by the conflict. Such requests should be made as soon as the student is aware of the prospective scheduling conflict.

While religious expression is welcome throughout campus, UVU also has a [specially dedicated space](#) for meditation, prayer, reflection, or other forms of religious expression.