**SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS AND MUSIC**

**FALL 2022**

**ARTH 2480**

**INTRODUCTION TO ART THEORY AND CRITICISM**

**Instructor: Amanda Boetzkes**

**Time: Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:00am-11:20pm**

**Location: TBD**

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**Office Hours: By request**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course provides an overview of some of the most significant theories of art and its history. It covers methodological approaches and critical practices used write about art and visual culture. The course will provide a foundation in traditional methods of art historical analysis but will focus on interpretative models and multidisciplinary approaches of the 20th and 21st centuries such as semiotics, post-structuralism, and psychoanalytic theory as well as socio-political theories such as feminism, critical race studies, queer theory and visual culture.

*Prerequisites*: 2 of ARTH 1220, ARTH 1510, ARTH 1520

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

\*Students will learn the basic methodological approaches to the study of art history

\*Students will learn how to theorize works of art and visual culture

\*Students will become familiar with the terminology and concepts that have shaped the discipline

**READINGS**

Required readings will be assigned from the textbook, *Art History: A Critical Introduction to its Methods*, Michael Hatt and Charlotte Klonk (2006). All other required readings will be posted on Courselink.

**METHOD OF EVALUATION**

Participation – 10%

Midterm Take-Home Exam – 30%

Short Paper– 30%

Final Take-Home Exam – 30%

**GUIDELINES FOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

**Netiquette and Online Behaviour**

Inappropriate online behaviour will not be tolerated. Examples of inappropriate online behaviour include:

* Posting inflammatory messages about your instructor or fellow students
* Using obscene or offensive language online
* Copying or presenting someone else's work as your own
* Adapting information from the Internet without using proper citations or references
* Buying or selling term papers or assignments
* Posting or selling course materials to course notes websites
* Having someone else complete your quiz or completing a quiz for/with another student
* Stating false claims about lost quiz answers or other assignment submissions
* Threatening or harassing a student or instructor online
* Discriminating against fellow students, instructors and/or TAs
* Using the course website to promote profit-driven products or services
* Attempting to compromise the security or functionality of the learning management system
* Sharing your user name and password
* Recording lectures without the permission of the instructor

**E-mail Communication**

As per university regulations, all students are required to check their <uoguelph.ca> e-mail account regularly: e-mail is the official route of communication between the university and its students. Instructors or their delegates have no obligation to contact students outside of the classroom by any means other than e-mail.

**When You Cannot Meet a Course Requirement**

Students are responsible for all the course material covered in class, whether they are in attendance or not. If you miss class you must get notes from another student. The professor is not responsible for providing notes. Lectures and powerpoints will be posted on Courselink.

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons, please advise the course instructor (or designated person, such as a teaching assistant) in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. See the Undergraduate Calendar for information on regulations and procedures for Academic Consideration.

Travel for family holidays or other personal engagements are not valid reasons for missing classes, exams or assignments. Students are expected to make their coursework their first priority.

**Requesting Deferral Consideration**

Students who are unable to meet their final course assignments or write a final examination, and who wish to be considered for deferred privilege, must apply directly through their academic program counsellor (for example, students in the B.A. program should go to Room 130 MacKinnon or call Ext. 52140).

**Drop Date**

The last date to drop one-semester Fall 2020 courses without academic penalty is **December 4, 2020**. For regulations and procedures for Dropping Courses, see the Undergraduate Calendar: <https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/>

**Copies of out-of-class assignments**

Keep paper and/or other reliable back-up copies of all out-of-class assignments: you may be asked to resubmit work at any time.

**Student Rights and Responsibilities**

Each student at the University of Guelph has rights which carry commensurate responsibilities that involve, broadly, being a civil and respectful member of the University community. The Rights and Responsibilities are detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar: <https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/>

**Academic Accommodation of Religious Obligations**

Students who experience a conflict between a religious obligation and scheduled test, midterm examination, requirements to attend class, or the final examination in a course must submit a request for alternative arrangements to the instructor of the course within two weeks of the distribution of the course outline, according to current university guidelines. Students may submit the request directly to the instructor, or they may consult their program counsellor, who will get in touch with the instructor. The type of accommodation granted will vary according to the nature, weight, and timing of the work for which the accommodation is sought. The instructor will accommodate such requests, provided that they are received within the prescribed time frame, so that students will suffer no academic disadvantage because of a conflict with a religious obligation.

**Academic Misconduct**

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and enjoins all members of the University community - faculty, staff, and students - to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring. The University of Guelph takes a serious view of academic misconduct, and it is your responsibility as a student to be aware of and to abide by the University’s policy. Included in the definition of academic misconduct are such activities as cheating on examinations, plagiarism, misrepresentation, and submitting the same material in two different courses without written permission from the relevant instructors. To better understand your responsibilities, read the Undergraduate Calendar. For a statement of Students’ Academic Responsibilities; also read the full Academic Misconduct Policy. You are also advised to make use of the resources available through the Learning Commons and to discuss any questions you may have with your course instructor, TA, or academic counsellor.

Instructors have the right to use software to aid in the detection of plagiarism or copying and to examine students orally on submitted work. For students found guilty of academic misconduct, serious penalties, up to and including suspension or expulsion, can be imposed. Hurried or careless submission of work does not exonerate students of responsibility for ensuring the academic integrity of their work. Similarly, students who find themselves unable to meet course requirements by the deadlines or criteria expected because of medical, psychological or compassionate circumstances should review the university’s regulations and procedures for Academic Consideration in the Calendar and discuss their situation with the instructor and/or the program counsellor or other academic counsellor as appropriate. The Academic Misconduct Policy is detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar: <https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/>

**Recording of Materials**

Presentations which are made in relation to course work—including lectures—cannot be recorded in any electronic media without the permission of the presenter, whether the instructor, a classmate or guest lecturer.

**Resources**

The Undergraduate Calendar is the source of information about the University of Guelph’s procedures, policies and regulations which apply to undergraduate programs: <https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/>

If you find yourself in difficulty, contact the undergraduate advisor in your program, or the BA Counseling Office.