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# I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

A. Division: Humanities

Department: Art Course ID: ART 107

Course Title: Art History: Africa, Asia, the Americas, and Oceania

Units: 3 Lecture: 3 Prerequisites: None

B. Catalog and Schedule Descriptions:

The survey of art from Africa, Asia, the Americas, and Oceania. Includes examination of the religious and social factors influencing art, artifacts, and architecture.

### II. NUMBER OF TIMES COURSE MAY BE TAKEN FOR CREDIT: One.

### III. EXPECTED OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS:

- A. Identify major works of art and architecture from Africa, Asia, the Americas, and Oceania;
- B. Compare and contrast the styles and themes portrayed in a variety of works of art and architecture;
- C. Evaluate and critique works based on historical context, subject matter, theme, form, composition, material, technique, line, color, space, mass, volume, perspective, proportion, and scale;
- D. Recognize patterns and themes presented in the History of art and architecture;
- E. Analyze images of art and architecture from a historical as well as aesthetic perspective.

## IV. CONTENT:

- A. Introduction: Art Beyond the West
  - 1. Africa
  - 2. India and Southeast Asia
  - 3. China
  - 4. Japan and Korea
  - 5. The Pacific
  - 6. The Americas
  - 7. Western and Non-Western Art
  - 8. The Art in Context
- B. Africa
  - 1. History
  - 2. Prehistory
  - 3. Southern Africa
  - 4. East Africa
  - 5. Central Africa
  - 6. West Africa
  - 7. African Diaspora and African-American Folklore Art
- C. India and Southeast Asia
  - 1. The Indus Valley
  - 2. Buddhist Art
  - 3. Hindu Art
  - 4. Jain Art and Architecture
  - 5. Islamic India
  - 6. Colonial India

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#### D. China

- 1. The Neolitiic Period
- 2. The Xia and Shang Dynasties
- 3. The Zhou Dynasty
- 4. The Period of Warring States and the Qin Dynasty
- 5. The Han Dynasty
- 6. The Period of Disunity: Six Dynasties7. The Wei Dynasty in Northern China
- 8. The Sui Dynasties
- 9. The Five Dynasties, Northern Song, Southern Song
- 10. The Yuan Dynasty
- 11. The Ming Dynasty
- 12. The Qing Dynasty
- 13. Modern China

#### Japan and Korea E.

- 1. The Jomon and Yayoi Periods
- 2. The Kofun Period
- 3. Korea: The Three Kingdoms Period
- 4. The Asuka and Hakuho Periods
- 5. The Nara Period
- 6. The Heian Period
- 7. Kamakura and Koryo Korea Periods
- 8. The Muromachi (Ashikaga) Period
- 9. The Momoyama Period
- 10. The Tokugawa (Edo) Period
- 11. The Meiji Restoration
- 12. The Modern Period

#### The Pacific F.

- 1. Australia
- 2. Melanesia
- 3. Micronesia
- 4. Polynesia

#### The Americas G.

- 1. The Pre-Columbian World
- 2. South America: The Central Andes
- 3. Time Chart
  - a) Chavin de Huantar
  - b) Paracas
  - c) Tiahuanaco and Huari
  - d) Moche and ChanChan
  - e) The Inca
- 4. Mesoamerica
- 5. Time Chart
  - a) Preclassic Art: The Olmecs
  - b) Classic Art
  - c) Postclassic Art
- 6. North America
- 7. Time Chart
  - a) The Eastern and Southeastern United States
  - b) The Arctic and Sub-Arctic
  - c) The Northwest Pacific Coast
  - d) The Southwestern United States
  - e) The Great Plains

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- H. Art Without Boundaries
  - 1. Postcolonialism
  - 2. Postmodernism
  - 3. Internationalism in the Postmodern and Postcolonial World
  - 4. Into the Twenty-First Century: The Future of Art Beyond the West

### V. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

- A. Lecture
- B. Class and group discussion
- C. Critical evaluation of photographs, slides, and articles
- D. Written assignments
- E. Class presentation

### VI. TYPICAL ASSIGNMENTS:

- A. Class Discussion: In your group, discuss the similarities and differences Between the Mahayana and Hinayana Buddhism. Be prepared to share your responses with the class.
- B. Written Project: Prepare a 4-6 page essay in which you address one of the Following questions:
  - 1. In what ways was Buddhist thought related to Hindu ideas regarding the meaning of human existence?
  - 2. Compare the Indian Sanchi stupa with the Japanese Ise Shinto Shrine from the viewpoint of architecture and function.
  - 3. Discuss the special quality of Korean ceramics in comparison to Chinese products
- C. Field Trip: Select one painting or sculpture from among those observed at the Museum we visited. Prepare a three-page paper that describes the object's historical context, age, style, form, composition, proportion, and scale. Describe what prompted you to select this object.

### VII. EVALUATION:

- A. Methods of Evaluation
  - 1. Objective and subjective examinations (for lecture and text assignments). Typical questions include:
    - a. Of the following Chinese dynasties, which is third:
      - 1) Han
      - 2) Song
      - 3) Shang
      - 4) Qin
      - 5) Tang
    - b. Describe the functions of at least two Hindu deities and explain how they were represented in Indian art.
  - Subjective evaluation of student writing (field trip reports, term paper):
     Students are graded on their ability to apply course material to the
     analysis of a work of art, to organize the material in a coherent fashion,
     cite sources, and write clearly.
  - B. Frequency of Evaluation
    - 1. One midterm examination
    - 2. One final examination
    - 3. One field trip report
    - 4. One term paper
    - 5. One class presentation

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# VIII. TYPICAL TEXTS:

- A. O'Riley, Michael Kampen, Art Beyond the West. Harry N. Abrams, Inc. 2002
- B. Kleiner, Fred S., Mamiya, Christin J., and Tansey, Richard G. <u>Gardner's Art Through the Ages (11<sup>th</sup> edition.</u> Wadsworth Publishing, 2000.
- C. Harrison, Charles; Wood, Paul. <u>Art in Theory: An Anthology of Changing Ideas</u>. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Blackwell Publishers, 2002
- C. Hopkins, David. After Modern Art 1045-2000. Oxford University Press, 2002

# IV. OTHER SUPPLIES REQUIRED OF STUDENTS: None.