

**Art 1301: Art Appreciation**  
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This is an online class

A general introduction to the visual arts designed to create an appreciation of the vocabulary, media, techniques, and purpose of the creative process. Students will critically interpret and evaluate works of art within formal, cultural, and historical contexts.

**THIS COURSE IS DESIGNED TO SATISFY THREE HOURS OF CREATIVE ARTS CREDIT IN THE FOUNDATION COMPONENT AREA:**

1. Courses in this category focus on the appreciation and analysis of creative artifacts and works of the human imagination,
2. Courses involve the synthesis and interpretation of artistic expression and enable critical, creative, and innovative communication about works of art.

**COURSES IN THE CREATIVE ARTS WILL SATISFY THE THECB CORE OBJECTIVES OF:**

1. Communications Skills: “to include effective development, interpretation, and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication.”
2. Critical Thinking Skills: “to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.”
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.”
4. Social Responsibility: “to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.”

**DISCLAIMER:**

Some of the images or discussions concerning artists or art forms may deal with subjects offensive to some students. Feel free to calmly defend your point of view during discussions of these subjects and please keep an open mind.

**BOOK:**

There is no book required for this course. The majority of information comes from the PowerPoints, lectures, and readings. You will be given reading assignments from online sources.

Free online book, if you want to read further information can be found:

Introduction to ART: Design, Context, and Meaning By Sachant, Blood, LeMieux, and Tekippe

Online resource: <https://oer.galileo.usg.edu/arts-textbooks/3/>

**GRADING BASED ON:**

1. Discussion questions, tests, quizzes, and individual projects.
2. Presentation of work: Your work must be written like a paper, **not** a text.
3. Punctuality: **COMPLETE ALL WORK ON TIME!** **NO** late work will be accepted.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Students will work at Their own pace from week to week. Be sure to check the weekly schedule so you don't miss any due dates. Late work **cannot** be made up without a signed and dated doctor's excuse.

**TESTS:**

All quizzes and tests will be taken online on Blackboard. Each will be open for six days, if you do not take it within that time, you will receive a zero.

Tests are worth 50 points each.

Quizzes are worth 20 points each.

Assignments/Discussion questions are worth 10 points each.

Sketchbook assignments are worth 10 points each.

\*All are subject to change at the instructor's discretion, if there are changes you will be informed.

**REMINDER:**

You are not entitled to a good grade just for showing up. You will receive the grade you have **earned** on quizzes/tests, projects, attendance, and discussion questions.

**ACADEMIC HONESTY:**

The faculty is strongly committed to upholding standards of academic integrity. These standards, at the minimum, require that students never present the work of others as their own. If you turn in work that is plagiarized, you will receive a zero.

**CONFLICT RESOLUTION:**

The office of the Vice President of Student Affairs is available to assist students with any conflict or problem that has to do with being a student at South Plains College.

Protocol usually includes talking with the professor first, then visiting with the department chair, and finally approaching the Student Affairs Office. If you feel uncomfortable with the first two steps, you may approach the Student Affairs Office immediately.

**DISABILITIES:**

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Special Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements can be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Special Services Coordinator. For more information, call or visit the Special Services Office in the Student Services building, at 894-9611 ext. 2529, or the Counseling Center at ext. 2366.

**TITLE IX PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATIONS:**

If you are a pregnant or parenting student, you should know that under Title IX, you have a right to stay in school so you can meet your education and career goals.

The process for receiving Title IX pregnancy accommodations at SPC begins with filling out the application and providing documentation.

**CAMPUS CONCEALED CARRY STATEMENT:**

Texas Government Code 411.2031, et al. authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php>

**CARE (Campus Assessment, Response, and Evaluation) Team:**

South Plains College is committed to ensuring the safety, health, and well-being of its students and community. To support its campus community SPC has a CARE Team. This is a dedicated group of campus professionals responsible for assessing and responding to students who could benefit from academic, emotional, or psychological support, as well as those presenting risk to the health or safety of the community. If you see someone experiencing challenges, appearing distressed, posing a threat to their safety or someone else's safety, or causing a significant disruption to the SPC community, please submit a [CARE Team referral](#). You may also submit a referral for yourself if you would like additional support. NOTE: In cases where a person's behavior poses an imminent threat to you or another, contact 911.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

1. Do not use Blackboard Messenger to contact me, you should email me directly or come to my office during office hours (listed on blackboard).
2. Assignments and deadlines may be changed, deleted, or added, so always check Blackboard and/or with the instructor.
3. Students who believe they have been exposed or may be COVID-19 positive and want to be able to make up the absences must contact Health Services, DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at (806) 716-2376 or [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu).
4. Blackboard – if you have technical issues with Blackboard you will need to contact Amy Shriver, [ashriver@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:ashriver@southplainscollege.edu), I cannot fix any technical issues you may encounter.

## **AI Statement**

### **· Purpose of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications:**

AI applications such as ChatGPT, OpenAI, Bard, Grammarly, WordTune and others are advanced language models designed to aid and engage in meaningful conversations, as well as, generate and revise content. AI is intended to supplement learning, stimulate critical thinking, and enhance academic discourse. However, its use comes with certain responsibilities.

### **· Academic Integrity:**

Using AI to generate academic work, including essays, reports, or assignments, without proper attribution is a violation of SPC academic integrity policies. Plagiarism undermines the learning process and is strictly prohibited. Students must ensure that their work reflects their own ideas, research, synthesis, and analysis and appropriately cites all sources, including AI.

### **· Collaboration and Consultation:**

While AI can be a valuable resource, it is essential to strike a balance between seeking assistance and maintaining personal responsibility. Collaboration with peers, consulting instructors, and utilizing other approved learning resources should be prioritized. Overreliance on AI for solutions without actively engaging in the learning process is discouraged and can be grounds for academic integrity violations. Utilizing AI as a tool for brainstorming or research is allowed but the writing should be the student's own work and thoughts.

### **· Critical Thinking and Originality:**

AI usage can provide suggestions and information, but it is essential to critically evaluate the responses and exercise independent thought. Relying solely on AI for answers deprives students of the opportunity to develop their analytical and problem-solving skills. In assignments where originality, creativity, and independent thinking are valued, AI would be detrimental to the student learning process. Critical thinking and originality emphasize the importance of independent thinking in all academic endeavors as part of the student's learning experience apart from outside influence and offers the student the opportunity to refine their unique, individual voice through academic discourse with other students and faculty.

### **· Ethical Use and Bias Awareness:**

AI is trained on large amounts of data from the internet, which may include biased or inaccurate information. Be mindful of the potential for bias and critically evaluate the responses provided by AI. Therefore, when using AI, just like with using any other database, students must verify that the information is from reliable sources, question any potential biases, and ensure that the information and sources used in the paper are neutral, peer-reviewed sources.

### **· Responsible Engagement:**

Students should engage with AI in a respectful and responsible manner and avoid using offensive language, discriminatory remarks, or engaging in any form of harassment or inappropriate behavior. Students should also uphold the standards of respectful communication in addressing both AI and fellow classmates.

### **· Compliance with South Plains College Policies:**

Policies regarding the appropriate use of AI in South Plains College courses are set by instructional departments and individual instructors. Appropriate use of AI may range from strict prohibition to assignments that may require the use of AI. Misusing or violating the guidelines outlined in this syllabus warning may result in disciplinary action, including academic penalties. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with the specific course policies regarding the use of AI and adhere to them throughout the semester.

· Remember, AI can be a tool to support your learning in certain courses and assignments, but it cannot replace the critical thinking, creativity, and independent work that are integral to your overall academic growth.