



EAST CENTRAL
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Spring 2026 Semester Syllabus

Course Title: ART APPRECIATION

Course Number: ART 1113-271

Instructor: JEFFREY W. HODGES

Class Hours: Online

Prerequisite:	None
Co-requisite:	None
Credits:	3 Hrs.
Classroom:	Vickers 134

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I. REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS:

1. Textbook: *Exploring Art: A Global, Thematic Approach, revised 5th Edition*
2. Loose leaf folder with binder clips

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION: Art Appreciation is designed to provide an understanding and appreciation of the visual arts.

III. TEACHING METHODOLOGY: This class will incorporate the following: lectures, slide analysis, demonstrations, class discussion, individual research.

IV. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: During the course of the semester, students will:

- learn how to explain, interpret and elaborate on the subject, form and content of visual art
- demonstrate an understanding of fundamental art vocabulary in the critical analysis of art
- learn to identify, distinguish and describe various art media and techniques
- learn to recognize and identify art and artists from different historical periods
- create an original work of art and demonstrate an understanding of the art making process

V. GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES: Students will address these goals:

Written Communication: Use standard American English to organize, develop and present coherent ideas to meet the criteria for different writing contexts

Reading Comprehension: Identify emotional, logical & ethical arguments; Read & follow complex written directions; Analyze information & arguments in order to draw; interpret & apply information using visual materials; build vocabulary using context clues, word parts & analogies.

Critical Thinking: Identify essential elements of arguments, including hypotheses, premises, conclusions; identify fallacies, exaggerated claims, tacit assumptions, analogies, & multiple viewpoints; evaluate arguments based on consistency, validity, and strength of support.

Information Technology: Demonstrate a working knowledge of computer basics; perform basic word processing operations; demonstrate the ability to connect to the Internet to access resources

VI. GRADING EVALUATION:

Assignments	25%	A	90-100
Quizzes	30%	B	80-89
Research Paper	10%	C	70-79
Exams	35%	D	60-69

I do not GIVE grades... you EARN them. That said, grades are available for students to see at all times and will be calculated from the following:

Tests: 2-unit tests will be given from text and study guides. **Tests count as 35% of the final grade. Test one will be a collage project, and the final exam will be open book.**

MAKEUP TESTS WILL BE GIVEN ONLY FOR OFFICIAL ABSENCES AND MUST BE MADE UP WITHIN ONE WEEK OF THE SCHEDULED TEST DATE.

Written Assignments: Written assignments and discussion topics will be assigned and submitted through Canvas. Students are expected to articulate their ideas in a clear and coherent manner using proper grammar and structure. Weekly assignments must be turned in on time before the assignment closes.

VII. Policies

Confidentiality - Refer to STUDENT RECORDS section of the current College Catalog.

Academic Misconduct - East Central Community College is dedicated to providing an educational environment that promotes not only learning, but also personal enrichment and preparation for assuming a constructive position in the workforce and/or society at large. Because academic dishonesty weakens the quality of education, the reputation of an institution, the future prospects of students, and diminishes the legitimate accomplishments of conscientious students, the College enforces policy 404.8 regarding academic dishonesty:

Academic dishonesty includes dishonest or prohibited actions taken by a student in order to receive credit or recognition. Students are responsible for verifying that any work submitted for credit or recognition is their own conscientiously constructed work and must therefore keep records/and or copies of work that can be submitted to an appropriate College authority if requested.

Instances of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, forgery, disallowed forms of collusion, and the Not Acceptable Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

The student is expected to complete all work for the course on her/his own or in groups as allowed and directed by the instructor. The student may assist classmates or receive assistance with regard to understanding the material, questions, or any other class assignments, but submitted work for grading must reflect original student learning and effort.

Consequences of Academic Dishonesty:

- **First Offense**— Student receives a 0 on assignment/exam; incident is reported
- **Second Offense**— Student receives an “XF” for the course
 - **An “XF” is a grade that shows that a student was caught and documented as being academically dishonest within that course.**
 - **An “XF” is permanently added to a student’s transcript. It can never be removed, and it is visible to any college or employer who views the transcript.**
- **Third Offense**— Student receives an “XF” for the course and the case is brought before the Disciplinary Committee to determine whether expulsion of the student is warranted.

USE OF AI: East Central Community College considers academic integrity and authentic student work to be crucial. The College also believes that technological advancements like Artificial Intelligence (AI) constitute an overall educational benefit. When used properly, AI has a great capacity for use as a learning tool, study aid, or tutor.

For this reason, this course allows students **ACCEPTABLE** use of AI to include:

Course Specific:

- Use as a learning tool, study aid, or tutor outside of class, with appropriate instructor guidance.

Student uses of AI in this course that are **NOT ACCEPTABLE** include:

- Generating entire written responses and assignments
- By doing this you will not build confidence, competency and self-reliance
- It will undermine basic human develop and things we need to navigate life, show your flaws and YOUR unique points of view on the world. AI is simply

a tool, don't be AI dependent and machine reliant. It is a very seductive tool that can lead to a false sense of success.

Assignments and assessments may fall into one of the following four categories, as directed by the instructor. A student's Not Acceptable Use of AI, to include failure to adhere to the instructor's directions on AI use, may constitute academic dishonesty.

- i. AI required or encouraged – student use of AI is necessary for the activity.
- ii. AI friendly or optional – student may use AI for the activity.
- iii. AI limited or restricted – part, not all, of the activity may or should include the use of AI.
- iv. AI is not allowed.

Americans with Disabilities Act – East Central Community College provides reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities through Disability Support Services (DSS). DSS verifies eligibility for accommodations and works with eligible students who have self-identified and provided current documentation. Students should contact Dr. Amanda Walton, Director of Student Success, at 601-635-6228 to establish a plan for reasonable accommodations and services.

Attendance Policy – When a student enrolls in a course, the student assumes the responsibility for attending all class meetings, completing all assignments, and otherwise satisfying the requirements of that course. Realizing that from time to time there may be justification for absence, the College has established the policy outlined below.

MSVCC defines attendance in online courses as documentable active participation in course learning activities. Activities will be measured weekly and will be based upon documentable engagement with the course content.

The student should discuss with the instructor the impending absence before it occurs if possible or immediately after his/her return to class if the absence was an emergency. The student is responsible for all work missed regardless of the reason for being absent.

Instructors will record and report attendance promptly for each class meeting up to and including the last regularly scheduled class meeting of each semester.

For this course, you are allowed 2 absences, and you will be dropped on the next absence.

Exam Policy – Per the institutional policy of East Central Community College, exams will account for a total of **35%** of the final grade for this MSVCC course.

Make-Up Policy:

For a missed assignment, you may turn it in for a 20 point deduction per day. You will only have one opportunity to turn in your work after the due date.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (subject to change)

Week 01 Class introduction -
Chapter 1-2

Week 02 Chapter 3-4

Week 03 Chapter 5-6

Week 04 Chapter 7-9

Week 05 Chapter 10-12

Week 06 Chapter 13-15

Week 07 Chapter FINAL EXAM