



Basic Course Information

Semester:	Spring 2025	Instructor Name:	Dr. Cerise Myers
Course Title & #:	History of Modern Art, ART 104	Email:	cerise.myers@imperial.edu
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Class Dates:	February 10-June 6, 2025	Virtual Office:	zoom.us/my/dr.myers
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Class Modality:	ONLINE (asynchronous)	Units:	3
Office Hours:	Mon–Thu, 11:00am-12:00pm & by appointment		

Welcome

Hello! I'm Dr. Myers, and **I want you to succeed in this course!** This term we'll study a variety of fascinating objects, cultures, and histories from around the world. You'll practice skills of **looking, describing, and critical thinking**, which will benefit you throughout your college experience and career. Whatever challenges you may be facing this term, **I am your ally and am here to help**, so please don't hesitate to reach out! **You can do this.**

Course Description

A broad analytical survey of modern art with a focus on painting, sculpture and architecture. The course will emphasize the examination and comparison of art styles of the twentieth century. (CSU,UC)

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

None.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Recognize and identify famous works of art by artist, style, region and time period. (ILO2, ILO4, ILO5)
2. Describe and analyze works of art using appropriate terminology. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO4)
3. Identify the historical context behind important art movements of the 20th century. (ILO2, ILO4, ILO5)

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand general art terminology.
2. Be aware of the use of the Visual Elements in works of art.
3. Appreciate the visual world in general.
4. Understand the development of Western art and culture in general.
5. Be familiar with many of the famous artists and works of art of Modern times.
6. Be familiar with the major art movements of the twentieth century.
7. Recognize the differences between the styles of various artists, cultures and time periods.
8. Interpret works of art for themselves.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links



Textbook:

This is a zero textbook cost (ZTC) course. Our digital “textbook,” an Open Educational Resource (OER) is called *Reframing Art History* and was produced by the scholars at Smarthistory (<https://smarthistory.org>). Direct links to each unit’s readings can be found in Canvas, and the entire textbook can be accessed at <https://smarthistory.org/using-reframing-art-history/>. Additional learning materials are provided as links in Canvas. You can also access this same material, formatted with the chapter numbers shown in the schedule, at <https://art104.pressbooks.com/>

Optional Textbook: Arnason, H. H., and Elizabeth Mansfield. 2010. *History of Modern Art: Painting, Sculpture, Architecture, Photography*. Volume 1. 7th Edition. ISBN-13: 978-0-205-25947-2

Canvas:

To log into Canvas (<https://imperial.instructure.com>): Your username is the first part of your IVC email address (ex: johndoe1) and your password is your WebSTAR/Student Portal PIN. If it’s your first time logging into any IVC site, your PIN is your birthdate (mmddyy).

Please note that this is an entirely online course. All content is delivered, and all assignments are submitted, through our Canvas site. Although you may be able to access some content using a mobile device and/or the Canvas app, you should **plan on having access to a full computer** to effectively complete and submit assignments. You will also need a stable, consistent, **Internet connection**.

Tech resources are available! To request a loaner laptop, portable Wi-Fi, or other electronic device, please visit the [IVC Student Resources](#) or [Basic Needs](#) pages. Learn more about online learning at [IVC’s Distance Education support site](#).

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

COMPONENT	POINTS POSSIBLE
Weekly journals & peer reviews (13)	390
Discussion forum posts (6)	120
Exams (3)	150
Final creative project & reviews	350
Optional extra credit	50

WEEKLY JOURNALS & PEER REVIEW

Each week, you’ll watch lecture videos, which will prompt you to make entries in your journal responding to the material.

- ★ Questions that require journal entries will be indicated by an orange circle graphic as well as addressed in the video.
- ★ Begin a new document (Word, Google Docs, etc.) for each week’s journal.



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- ★ **Type each prompt, in bold typeface**, in your journal before responding to it thoughtfully and creatively, in your own words. Responses should be in normal typeface and single-spaced. Leave a single blank line between each response and the next prompt.
 - ★ Save your work frequently. When you have completed the entire journal assignment, save it one final time and upload it to Canvas.
 - ★ Each week you will review the submissions of two of your classmates, leaving a comment and using the online rubric to assign a grade based on completion of assignment, length of answers, and creativity/engagement with the questions. Likewise, each of your journal entries will be reviewed by two of your classmates. You will earn points for your accurate completion of these reviews.
 - ★ Journal entries are due by **midnight Sunday**. Peer reviews are due by **midnight Wednesday**.

DISCUSSION FORUM POSTS

In lieu of real-time, face-to-face conversations in the classroom, the discussion forum allows for you to exchange ideas with, and get to know, your classmates.

- ★ Although you are free to post and respond at any time (especially in the **Questions** forum), you are **required** to participate in **six** conversations throughout the course of the semester, on assigned topics.
- ★ To receive full credit, initial posts should be at least **150 words long** and demonstrate your knowledge about the issues at hand and your ability to think critically and creatively.
- ★ You must also post at least **two follow-ups** engaging with what someone else has written.
- ★ Observe proper netiquette: keep language clear and concise; ensure posts are on-topic; use correct spelling, grammar, and capitalization (all caps = yelling); and contribute productively to conversations.

EXAMS

The **three exams** will assess your achievement of the course objectives and learning outcomes. Study guides will be provided to help you focus and prepare. The exams will consist of three sections each:

- ★ Image identification, including the title, historical period/region, medium, and date of five objects we've studied. (20 minutes)
- ★ Multiple-choice questions focusing on vocabulary, historical context, and themes from class. (60 minutes)
- ★ Short essay, in which you'll be shown four artworks we've studied and will make an argument about how two that you choose relate to each other. You'll use the skills of description and historical knowledge you've gained in class to support your argument. Although it's called a "short" essay, you should plan to write as much as you can in the time given and impress me with what you've learned so far. (60 minutes)

You may use your notes and the textbook during the exam, but **not the Internet**. As there is a time limit, you'll want to be sure to study well ahead of time. You may choose to make flash cards and/or form a study group.

FINAL CREATIVE PROJECT

The **Final Creative Project** asks you to synthesize and demonstrate what you've learned over the course of the semester in a way that connects the course material to your own interests. You should spend at least **10 hours**



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on this project outside of class, as recorded in a log that you'll submit along with the project. You'll present your project to your classmates **in our Canvas site**, and will review your classmates' projects there using the attached rubric. See the assignment sheet for all details.

As you work to develop the project, keep in mind that your submission should be:

- ★ **Unique, like you.** Use this opportunity to show your classmates and me, in your *own* preferred "language," what you've learned this semester. Play to your strengths.
- ★ **Obviously for this course.** Reveal the knowledge and skills you've gained *this term*, in *this class*.
- ★ **Worthy of one third of your grade.** You should submit college-level work—polished and professional. It should reveal the investment of *at least* 10 hours of dedicated work. The best projects will go well beyond that.

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

*This means that since this is a 3-credit course, you should expect to spend about **nine hours a week** working on the material. In addition to reading the textbook, watching the videos, and completing assignments, you should use that time to review your lecture notes, study for the exams, and invest in your project.*

Please note that in an online course, the delivery of **content is more condensed** than in a live, face-to-face setting. You should plan on **pausing and re-watching** the videos as necessary, and **actively checking in with yourself** as you watch and read to ensure your comprehension.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

GRADING SCHEME

Letter Grade	Percentage
A	≥ 90% (900-1000 points)
B	≥ 80% (800-899 points)
C	≥ 70% (700-799 points)

Letter Grade	Percentage
D	≥ 60% (600-699 points)
F	≤ 59.9% (0-599 points)

LATE POLICY:

It's important to stay on top of due dates, especially because if you get behind, it's difficult to catch up! However, I realize that emergencies happen and I'm willing to work with you. In general, late assignments will be docked one letter grade (10%) for each day they are late and assignments later than one week will not be accepted. However, if you anticipate trouble making a deadline, please **let me know ahead of time**, and we can work out a solution together!



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Academic Honesty & Artificial Intelligence

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the importance of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. They include:

- ★ **Plagiarism:** taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to cite a source correctly, you must ask for help.
- ★ **Cheating** is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

This course asks you to use and trust your own eyes and the skills you're learning. Research is generally not required. If you do use an external source, or another author's words, you need to make very clear what information you've used, and where you got it. Direct quotes must go in quotation marks, and quotations, paraphrases, and/or translations MUST all be clearly **cited within the text**.

Assignments that show evidence of academic dishonesty will receive a failing grade and be reported to the Dean of Student Services, who may impose additional penalties.

IVC'S ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) POLICY

IVC values critical thinking and communication skills and considers academic integrity essential to learning. Using AI tools as a replacement for your own thinking, writing, or quantitative reasoning goes against both our mission and academic honesty policy and will be considered academic dishonesty, or plagiarism unless you have been instructed to do so by your instructor. In case of any uncertainty regarding the ethical use of AI tools, students are encouraged to reach out to their instructors for clarification.

Accessibility Statement

Imperial Valley College is committed to providing an accessible learning experience for all students, regardless of course modality. Every effort has been made to ensure that this course complies with all state and federal accessibility regulations, including Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. However, if you encounter any content that is not

accessible, please contact your instructor or the area dean for assistance. If you have specific accommodations through DSPS, contact them for additional assistance.

We are here to support you and ensure that you have equal access to all course materials.

21st Century Job Skills & Work-Based Learning

The [Foundation for California Community Colleges and the New World of Work Initiative](#) have identified 10 employer-driven essential 21st century employability skills. Of these, this course will focus in particular on **collaboration, communication, digital fluency, self-awareness, and social/diversity awareness.**

Work-based learning (WBL) allows students to apply classroom content in professional settings while gaining real-world experiences. These opportunities will provide you with a deeper, more engaging and relevant learning environment. In addition to practicing the skills listed above, this course gives you the opportunity to explore career opportunities related to art, and, in the Final Creative Project, to produce something that gets you closer to your career goals, through exploration, research, and/or a product for a portfolio or application.

Course Policies

ATTENDANCE

- ★ A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the **first mandatory activity of an online class** will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details.
- ★ Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who **fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.**
- ★ Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

ONLINE NETIQUETTE

- ★ "Netiquette" refers to the rules of behaving well online. It can be more difficult to discern meaning in written text than in spoken conversation, so pay particular attention to your words.
- ★ Keep your language clear and concise; ensure posts are on-topic; use correct spelling, grammar, and capitalization (all caps = yelling); and contribute productively to conversations.

Financial Aid

Your grades matter! In order to continue to receive financial aid, you must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirement. Making SAP means that you are maintaining a 2.0 GPA, you have successfully completed 67% of your coursework, and you will graduate on time. If you do not maintain SAP, you may lose your financial aid. If you have questions, please contact financial aid at finaid@imperial.edu.

IVC Student Resources

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas.



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Tips for Success

You can pass this course! If you put in the work, you can absolutely earn an A. Here's how:

- ★ **Watch the videos and take notes.** Take your time with the journals.
- ★ **Do the reading.** If you prefer to read and take notes on paper, consider printing out the readings.
- ★ **Prepare well for the exams.** Complete the review activities, carefully organize your notes, and study.
- ★ **Invest in your final project.** Start thinking about it early, and brainstorm with me about your plans. Be sure to give yourself enough time to put in not just the required 10 hours, but even more.
- ★ **Please ask me** if anything is unclear or if I can offer **additional support**. **I am here to help YOU!**



Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

DATE	WK	TOPIC	READING	ASSIGNMENTS
2/10	1	★ Introduction & Orientation ★ The Visual Elements	☐ Syllabus ☐ Chapters 1-3	☐ Discussion post 1 ☐ Getting to Know You Survey ☐ Journal 1
2/17	2	★ The Origins of Modern Art	☐ Chapter 4	☐ Peer review of Journal 1 ☐ Journal 2
2/24	3	★ Early Photography & Realism	☐ Chapter 5	☐ Peer review of Journal 2 ☐ Journal 3
3/3	4	★ Impressionism ★ Post-Impressionism	☐ Chapter 6 ☐ Chapter 7	☐ Discussion post 2 ☐ Peer review of Journal 3 ☐ Journal 4
3/10	5	★ Review & Exam	☐ Review Chapters 1-7	☐ Peer review of Journal 4 ☐ Exam 1
3/17	6	★ Arts & Crafts, Art Nouveau ★ Fauvism & Expressionism	☐ Chapter 8 ☐ Chapter 9	☐ Discussion post 3 ☐ Journal 5 ☐ Midterm Check-In
3/24	7	★ Cubism ★ The Russian Avant-Garde	☐ Chapter 10 ☐ Chapter 11	☐ Peer review of Journal 5 ☐ Journal 6 ☐ Final Creative Project Check-In
3/31	8	★ Futurism, Dada, & New Objectivity	☐ Chapter 12	☐ Discussion post 4 ☐ Peer review of Journal 6 ☐ Journal 7
4/7	9	★ De Stijl & Bauhaus ★ Surrealism	☐ Chapter 13 ☐ Chapter 14	☐ Peer review of Journal 7 ☐ Journal 8
4/14	10	★ Review & Exam	☐ Review Chapters 8-14	☐ Peer review of Journal 8 ☐ Exam 2
4/21	SPRING BREAK			
4/28	11	★ American Art Before WWII	☐ Chapter 15	☐ Journal 9 ☐ Project Progress Check
5/6	12	★ Latin American Modernism	☐ Chapter 16	☐ Discussion post 5 ☐ Peer review of Journal 9 ☐ Journal 10
5/13	13	★ Abstract Expressionism	☐ Chapter 17	☐ Final Creative Projects Due ☐ Peer review of Journal 10 ☐ Journal 11
5/20	14	★ Postwar European Art ★ Pop Art, Op Art, & Minimalism	☐ Chapters 18-19 ☐ Review Final Projects	☐ Final Project Reviews Due ☐ Peer review of Journal 11 ☐ Journal 12
5/27	15	★ Performance, Conceptual, & Activist Art	☐ Chapter 20	☐ Discussion post 6 ☐ Peer review of Journal 12 ☐ Journal 13
6/3	16	★ Review & Exam	★ Review Chapters 15-20	☐ Peer review of Journal 13 ☐ Exam 3