

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Fall 2025	Instructor Name:	Dr. Cerise Myers
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Class Dates:	August 11–October 4, 2025	Virtual Office:	zoom.us/my/dr.myers
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Class Format:	ONLINE (asynchronous)	Units:	3
Office Hours:	Mon–Thurs 11am–12pm & 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

This course provides an overview of Western art and architecture from prehistory through the medieval period. (C-ID ARTH 110) (CSU,UC)

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

None.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

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

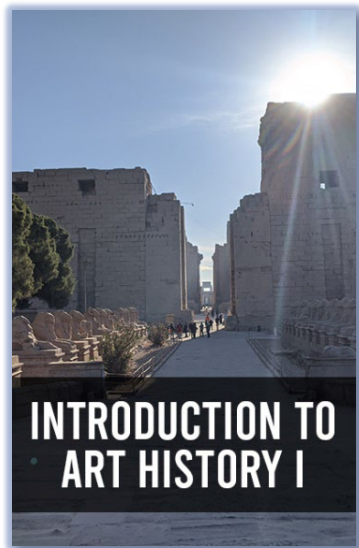
1. Identify major artworks and periods (ILO1, ILO4, ILO5)
2. Describe and analyze diverse artworks, artistic techniques, and styles (ILO2, ILO4, ILO5)
3. Recognize and explain the cultural and historical significance of major works of art and art makers (ILO4, ILO5)

Course Objectives

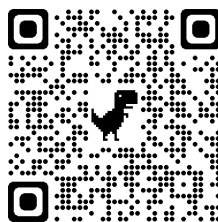
Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand general art terminology.
2. Be aware of the use of the Visual Elements in works of art.
3. Understand the development of ancient and medieval art and culture in general.
4. Appreciate the visual world in general.
5. Understand the issues of Archaeology and Restoration in relation to ancient and medieval art/architecture.
6. Be familiar with many of the famous monuments, works of art and archeological sites of the ancient and medieval periods.
7. Recognize the differences between the styles of various cultures and time periods.
8. Interpret works of art.

Textbooks & Other Resources



Textbook:



This is a zero textbook cost (ZTC) course. Our digital textbook, *Introduction to Art History I*, is available at [https://human.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Art/Introduction_to_Art_History_I_\(Myers\)](https://human.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Art/Introduction_to_Art_History_I_(Myers)) to read online, to download in various formats, and/or to print out. Additional learning materials are provided as links in Canvas.

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	WEIGHT
Weekly videos & knowledge checks (16)	20%
Self-Reflections (4)	15%
Discussion forum posts (4)	15%
Project 1 & Peer Review	20%
Project 2 & Peer Review	30%
Total:	100%

COURSE STRUCTURE

This course is set up so that you get some credit for interacting and engaging with the learning materials, but the major assessments ask you to demonstrate what you've actually learned and your creative engagement with that material. Low-stakes, *formative* assessments, like the Knowledge Checks and Self-Reflections, help guide you through the content and offer opportunities for practice and feedback. *Summative* assignments, like the projects and peer reviews, are where you demonstrate the knowledge you've gained. Assessments may be



submitted as writing, audio recordings, your own artwork, sketches and diagrams, videos, slide decks, and/or whatever format makes the most sense for you and the assignment.

CONTENT DELIVERY: WEEKLY VIDEOS & KNOWLEDGE CHECKS

Each week, you'll watch interactive lecture videos which will guide you through the course content and prompt you to respond to short essay and multiple-choice questions. These Knowledge Checks are set up as "quizzes" in Canvas site. There is no time limit for completing them and you may submit them as many times as you'd like. Like the lecture and discussion in a physical classroom, these Knowledge Checks will allow you to develop a shared base of knowledge with your classmates, and practice engaging with the material, so that you will be well-equipped to complete the other course assessments. I encourage you to take notes as you watch, and to pause and rewatch the videos as needed!

SELF-REFLECTIONS

These journal-type assessments ask you to actively engage with your own learning, to consider what strategies work well for you, and to get answers to any questions you may have. In addition to reflecting on your own learning, a set of questions will prompt you to connect the material with your own experience and think about how you can apply what you're learning.

DISCUSSION FORUM POSTS

The discussion forum is designed to build class community and allow you to learn from your fellow classmates. In addition to a first-week introductions post and an end-of-semester wrap up post, we will also use the discussion forums as the venue for posting drafts of the three projects, submitting those projects, and completing peer reviews of each project.

PROJECTS

The two projects are designed for you to demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of the material while using your own creativity to engage with what you've learned. Feedback is an important part of the process, and you'll submit a draft in a discussion forum before each final project. The more complete and detailed this draft is, the more useful and helpful feedback you'll be able to receive from your classmates and me! You will also complete peer reviews of five of your classmates' projects, which will allow you to further demonstrate your own understanding of the material, your critical thinking ability, and your creativity.

Project 1, Description and Analysis, focuses on SLO 2, "Describe and analyze diverse artworks, artistic techniques, and styles." In this project, you'll focus on using correct and accurate vocabulary and describing the visual elements in one or more artworks. **Project 2, Cultural & Historical Significance**, focuses on SLO 3, "Recognize and explain the cultural and historical significance of major works of art and art makers." In this project, you'll build on the knowledge you're gaining to look at artwork in its own historical context as well as the present day. You'll support that with description and analysis, like you did in the first project, as well as pull together your understanding and experience of the all the course content, incorporating the conversations, feedback, and self-reflection from the whole semester. See Canvas for detailed descriptions of, and ideas/options for, both projects.

Note: If you would like to develop a research question to explore through a deeper dive into course content and external research, you have the option, with instructor guidance, of producing a research paper. This



project, which would be developed in stages as you conduct research, develop a thesis, outline, and polish your paper, would serve as both Project 1 and Project 2.

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, occurring over just eight weeks, you should expect to spend **about 18 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 projects.*

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%
B	≥ 80%
C	≥ 70%

Letter Grade	Percentage
D	≥ 60%
F	≤ 59.9%

GRADING & LATE WORK POLICY

Assignments must be submitted through Canvas. Knowledge Checks will be recorded in the Canvas gradebook as complete/incomplete, and other assignments with points earned. Discussions, Self-Reflections, and Projects will be assessed using a rubric, and you can locate the completed rubric, as well as any comments I leave for you, in the gradebook. I will do my best to leave feedback on Self-Reflections and Projects, including drafts, within one week of submission.

Getting work done on a schedule is an important professional and personal skill. In this class, staying on schedule is particularly important because the major assessments are built on the content that has been covered—and because both drafts and completed projects are reviewed by your classmates. **The Knowledge Checks remain available, for full credit, until the due date for the project that covers them.** Other than that, no work will be accepted that is more than one week late without prior arrangements. With all this said, I realize that emergencies happen and I'm willing to work with you! If you anticipate trouble making a deadline, please **let me know as soon as possible**, and we can work out a solution together!

Academic Honesty & Artificial Intelligence

Academic integrity means doing your own work and giving credit if and when you use the work, words, and/or ideas of others. Academic dishonesty includes **plagiarism** (presenting content from another source as your

own, without giving credit) and **cheating** (being deceitful or dishonest in assignments, including submitting someone else's work or doing someone's work for them, providing or uploading course materials without authorization, or using a tool or service and claiming it as your own work).

Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. 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.

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/tool, 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**.

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

IMPORTANT: SEE DR. MYERS' ART 100 AI POLICY FOR FULL DETAILS.

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.

Course Policies

COMMUNICATION

You are responsible for logging into Canvas regularly for any announcements or updates and checking your Inbox for messages from me. Please post general questions to the Questions discussion forum and use the Canvas Inbox to contact me about individual or private or questions. You may also e-mail, call, or leave a voice or text message at the number on the syllabus. I will do my best to respond to you within 24 hours on weekdays, and generally well before; if you haven't heard from me within that window, please check in to make sure your message was received.

ONLINE CONDUCT, NETIQUETTE, & NON-DISCRIMINATION

- ★ “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.
- ★ You will be treated equally, and I will not tolerate demeaning or hateful language.
- ★ In this class, you may be exposed to imagery or ideas that make you uncomfortable. It’s art history, so there are naked bodies, which I don’t think you’ll have trouble dealing with as an adult. There are also religious and cultural ideas that may not mirror your own. You certainly don’t always have to agree, in this or any class, but I do expect you to be respectful to your classmates and keep our classroom a safe, productive, space

ATTENDANCE

- ★ A student who fails to complete the **mandatory “First Day” Assignment** will be dropped prior to the Census deadline. 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. In this online course, if you **fail to complete required activities/assignments for two consecutive weeks, you may be dropped for non-attendance.**
- ★ Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as ‘excused’ absences.

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.

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 projects, to produce something that gets you closer to your career goals, through exploration, research, and/or a product for a portfolio or application.

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.

Tips for Success

I want you to succeed, excel, and, most importantly, learn and grow in this course! Here is my advice:

- ★ **Watch the videos and take notes.** Take your time with the Knowledge Checks, and quiz yourself on whether you're understanding the content. Try to connect what you see to your own life.
- ★ **Do the reading.** If you prefer to read and take notes on paper, consider printing out the readings.
- ★ **Take the Self-Reflections seriously.** Think not just about the material we've been studying, but what it means for you personally and how you can transfer skills from this class to other areas of your life.
- ★ **Invest in your projects.** Start thinking about them early, and brainstorm with me about your plans. Make your draft submissions as complete as you can, and put in the work to improve them based on your classmates' and my feedback. Be sure to give yourself enough time to submit excellent, original work that shows off what you've learned.
- ★ **Invest in your classmates!** This course is online, but you can still form relationships with your classmates. Giving feedback on their draft projects and in your peer reviews is not only an excellent skill to take into the workplace, but allows you to challenge and strengthen your own knowledge.
- ★ **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
8/11	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Introduction & Orientation ★ The Visual Elements ★ Art of the Ancient Americas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Syllabus ☐ Chapters 1-3 ☐ Chapter 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ "First Day" Assignment (WED) ☐ Introduction Discussion Post (WED) ☐ Weekly videos & Knowledge Checks ☐ GRO extra credit (optional)
8/18	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Art of the Stone Age ★ The Ancient Near East ★ Ancient Egypt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Chapter 5 ☐ Chapter 6 ☐ Chapter 7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Self-Reflection 1 ☐ Project 1 Draft ☐ Weekly videos & Knowledge Checks
8/25	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ The Ancient Aegean ★ Ancient Greece 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Chapter 8 ☐ Chapter 9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Project 1 Draft Feedback (WED) ☐ Weekly videos & Knowledge Checks
9/1	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Project 1 (Ancient Americas through Ancient Greece) ★ The Etruscans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Review Chapters 1-9 ☐ Chapter 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Project 1 ☐ Self-Reflection 2 ☐ Weekly videos & Knowledge Checks ☐ Mid-Term Check-In
9/8	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ The Roman Empire ★ Late Antiquity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Chapter 11 ☐ Chapter 12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Project 1 Peer Reviews (WED) ☐ Project 2 Draft ☐ Weekly videos & Knowledge Check
9/15	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Medieval I: Reorganization of the Roman World and the Birth of Islam ★ Medieval II: Contested Empires 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Chapter 13 ☐ Chapter 14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Project 2 Draft Feedback (WED) ☐ Self-Reflection 3 ☐ Weekly videos & Knowledge Check
9/22	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Medieval III: Reorganization of the East ★ Gothic Europe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Chapter 15 ☐ Chapter 16 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Project 2 ☐ Weekly videos & Knowledge Checks ☐ Course Evaluation
9/29	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Project 2 (Etruscans through Gothic) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Course Wrap-Up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Project 2 Peer Reviews (WED) ☐ Wrapping Up Discussion Post (WED) ☐ Self-Reflection 4

THIS EIGHT-WEEK CLASS IS GOING TO FLY BY!

Pay attention to the calendar and make yourself a schedule!