Winthrop University  
College of Visual and Performing Arts  
Department of Fine Arts

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

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David Hopkins, *After Modern Art: 1945-2000*
COURSE CATALOG DESCRIPTION

An intensive writing course on the art, art theory and criticism in Europe and America from 1960 to the present.

PREREQUISITES  ARTH 175, 176, CRTW 201.

UNIVERSITY LEVEL COMPETENCIES

Competency 1: Winthrop graduates think critically and solve problems. Winthrop University graduates reason logically, evaluate and use evidence, and solve problems. They seek out and assess relevant information from multiple viewpoints to form well-reasoned conclusions. Winthrop graduates consider the full context and consequences of their decisions and continually reexamine their own critical thinking process, including the strengths and weaknesses of their arguments.

Competency 3: Winthrop graduates understand the interconnected nature of the world and the time in which they live. Winthrop University graduates comprehend the historical, social, and global contexts of their disciplines and their lives. They also recognize how their chosen area of study is inextricably linked to other fields. Winthrop graduates collaborate with members of diverse academic, professional, and cultural communities as informed and engaged citizens.

Competency 4: Winthrop graduates communicate effectively. Winthrop University graduates communicate in a manner appropriate to the subject, occasion, and audience. They create texts - including but not limited to written, oral, and visual presentations - that convey content effectively. Mindful of their voice and the impact of their communication, Winthrop graduates successfully express and exchange ideas.
COURSE GOALS

Goal 1: To familiarize students with the major movements in Western art from 1960-present.

Goal 2: To consider the relationships between art and life, and between art and the culture that produces it.

Goal 3: To learn important artists and works of art and architecture.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon completion of the course, students should be able to identify and discuss the compositional elements of individual images and to integrate relevant, contextual information and achieve comprehensive descriptions of visual forms in satisfactory written and oral formats. They should be conversant with the complexity inherent to the context underlying and interacting with the practice and criticism of art during this time period. etc.

Global Learning Initiative: This course participates in the Global Learning Initiative by its very nature.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Requirements and evaluations:

Class Participation (20%): Your participation in discussions is a key aspect of the course. This is not a class for the intellectually disengaged. We will be covering a lot of material with a breadth and depth that exceed the treatment the art receives in the recommended books and will be delving together into accompanying readings.

Reading Reviews/ Précis : (30%) You are responsible for writing a ½ to one page summary of the key points of the article for each day of discussion. These should be composed of complete sentences and paraphrase the most essential aspects of the article. The challenge is to condense complex ideas.

Leading Discussion: (25%) You are responsible for leading discussion and bringing in images for one day of discussion. Compose a powerpoint and be prepared to give a 10 to 15 minute summary of article and then lead discussion for that class period. You are also required to turn in a 3 -5 page summary of the reading for that day.

Artist of the new millennium (25%) For this paper you will select one artist who you believe exemplifies the style, medium and character of the new millennium. Argue for the reasons why this artist will be studied 100 years from now in survey texts and will
exemplify this era. The paper is between 8 - 10 pages. You are required to present the paper in class, with a polished powerpoint. You will read directly from the paper. This is the way professionals present papers at conferences.

COURSE CALENDAR

Provisional Schedule of lectures and readings: (subject to change)

January 7:  Introduction/lecture

January 9:  Lecture (come to class prepared to discuss readings)


January 14:  Lecture

January 16:  Lecture

January 21 MLK HOLIDAY

January 23:  (summary required)

January 28:  (summary required)
Clement Greenberg “Avant-Garde and Kitsch,” in AIT 539 - 549

January 30:  Lecture
Another End of Modernism: Minimalism and Earthworks, Hopkins, ch. 5

SUBMIT NAMES OF THREE POTENTIAL ARTISTS FOR THE FINAL PRESENTATION

February 4:  (summary required)
Donald Judd, “Specific Objects,” in AIT, pp. 809-813
Michael Fried, “Art and Objecthood,” in AIT, pp. 822-834
February 6: (summary required)
Anna C. Chave, “Minimalism and the Rhetoric of Power,” Arts Magazine, 64 (January 1990), 44-63.

February 11: (summary required)

February 13: lecture
Sandler chapter 2 “The Impact of 1968 on European Art”

TOPIC IDEA AND BIBLIOGRAPHY DUE - This includes a preliminary thesis statement. If this is not turned in, and in an acceptable format, then 5 points will be deducted from the final paper grade

February 18: (summary required)


February 20: (summary required)

February 25: Lecture
Sandler, ch. 3 First Generation Feminism

February 27: (summary required)

March 4: (summary required)

March 6: (summary required)

March 11 - 15  Spring Break

March 18: (summary required)

March 20: TBD

March 25: Roundtable discussion of thesis for final project

March 27 Meeting in groups to discuss what comes after Post-Modernism


April 1: Presentations on after Post-Modernism

April 3: Student Presentations (2)

April 8: Student Presentations (2)

April 10: Student Presentations (2)

April 15: Student Presentations (3)

April 17: Student Presentations (3)

April 22: Student Presentations (3)

FINAL EXAM MEETING: 11:30 Tuesday April 30th  Presentations (3)

GRADING POLICY

Grading is based on the quality of the work produced and on the quality of the working process the student has undertaken to produce the sculpture. The work process will affect grades; a good studio practice demands regular work habits, i.e., not consistently last minute work. Each project will carry equal weight in the overall semester average.

A= SUPERIOR WORK. An A indicates that all the work was completed on time, that it was consistently of excellent quality and that the student participated at a high level in the critical discussions of art works and responded well to criticism. A level work
demonstrates an excellent understanding of the technical and formal aspects of the project and a response to the project that is outstandingly imaginative and ambitious. Work accompanied with drawings and evidence of research.

**B= GOOD WORK.** High-level work that demonstrates a strong grasp of the technical and artistic elements of the assignments. Actively participated in critiques and discussions and creates quality work.

**C= AVERAGE.** Work only demonstrates an understanding of the technical and artistic issues of the assignments. Work is competent but unimaginative and shows a reduced level of attention to the craft of the sculpture.

**D=POOR.** Work is weak in both technical and creative aspects. Demonstrates an inability to handle the material in a controlled and thoughtful way and produces clichéd solutions to the assignments.

**F=FAIL.** Very weak work that demonstrates no understanding of the technical or artistic aspects of the project.

**Plus Minus Grading System**

**A** Excellent, achievement of distinction (4 quality points per semester hour).

**A-** (3.67 quality points per semester hour)

**B+** (3.33 quality points per semester hour)

**B** Good, achievement above that required for graduation (3 quality points per semester hour).

**B-** (2.67 quality points per semester hour)

**C+** (2.33 quality points per semester hour)

**C** Fair, minimum achievement required for graduation (2 quality points per semester hour).

**C-** (1.67 quality points per semester hour)

**D+** (1.33 quality points per semester hour)

**D** Poor, achievement at a level below that required for graduation (1 quality point per semester hour).

**D-** (.67 quality points per semester hour)

**F** Failure, unsatisfactory achievement (no quality points).

94%-100% = A 74%-76% = C
90%-93% = A- 70%-73% = C -
87%-89% = B+ 67%-69% = D+
84%-86% = B 64%-66% = D
80%-83% = B- 60%-63% = D-
77%-79% = C+ 59% or less = F

**ASSESSMENT RUBRIC**
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<th>Level 5 ~ Exceptional</th>
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<td>Addressed in manner appropriate to purpose. Stance is that of an expert who consistently and skillfully anticipates reader’s needs. (5)</td>
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<td>Addressed in a manner that demonstrates little awareness of purpose. Stance is mostly egocentric with little awareness of reader’s needs. (2)</td>
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<td>Insightful, logically and fully supported. (20)</td>
<td>Clear, somewhat original, but not fully supported. (15)</td>
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<td>Ideas (10)</td>
<td>Innovative, cogent, completely developed. (10)</td>
<td>Specific, solid, less original. Less carefully developed. (8)</td>
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<td>Relevant, original. Convincing and related to thesis. Meets all requirements. (10)</td>
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<td>Not thoroughly interpreted or not clearly related to thesis. Does not meet all requirements. (5)</td>
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<td>Absent or inappropriate and/or off-topic generalizations, faulty assumptions, and errors of fact. (1)</td>
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<td>Correct and appropriate with some weaknesses in strategy or its execution. (15)</td>
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<td>Varied, controlled, and employed for effect. (5)</td>
<td>Some variety and complexity. Wordy. (4)</td>
<td>Little variety, simplistic, overuse of unnecessary words. One major error. (3)</td>
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ATTENDANCE POLICY

3 missed classes will result in a half grade deduction to your grade. 5 missed classes will result in an F grade. Attendance will be taken and repeated tardiness or early departure will result in a half grade reduction.

STUDENT CONDUCT

Responsibility for good conduct rests with students as adult individuals. The policy on student academic misconduct is outlined in the “Student Conduct Code Academic Misconduct Policy” in the online Student Handbook (http://www2.winthrop.edu/studentaffairs/handbook/StudentHandbook.pdf).

Plagiarism is the use of someone else’s words, ideas or lines of argument without appropriate documentation. All ideas as well as quotes must be properly cited in the body of your paper either with author & page number, endnote or footnote. Students should consult and print “The Correct Use of Borrowed Information” (www.winthrop.edu/English/plagiarism.htm) before beginning any writing assignment. Ignorance or failure to consult this material is no excuse.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES OR CHRONIC MEDICAL ILLNESS

Winthrop University is dedicated to providing access to education. If you have a disability—including (but not limited to) a learning disability, ADHD, a visual impairment, a hearing impairment, a mobility impairment, or a chronic medical illness, and need accommodations, please contact the Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities, at 323-3290, as soon as possible. Once you have your professor
notification, please tell me so that I am aware of your accommodations well before the first graded assignment is due.

SAFE ZONE STATEMENT
The professor considers this classroom to be a place where you will be treated with respect as a human being – regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, political beliefs, age, or ability. Additionally, diversity of thought is appreciated and encouraged provided all can agree to disagree. It is the professor’s expectation that all students consider the classroom a safe environment.

SYLLABUS CHANGE POLICY
The syllabus can be changed by the professor throughout the semester. Students will be notified of changes to the calendar and any other changes.

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