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Experimentation in form, value, line, color, and pictorial composition is encouraged as a means toward individual expression. Open to students who have completed basic courses in drawing composition.

This is a required Arts Based Educational Research (ABER) class. This course prepares the student for coursework and the final research paper within the ABER rationale. This class includes the development of research and writing skills and becoming proficient in APA style. In addition to Arts Based Education Research, other methodologies include case studies, action research and qualitative and quantitative research.


This interactive course is designed to give you a new perspective on planning and implementing developmentally appropriate art programs for children from birth through age eight. Topics include curriculum, assessment, evaluation, and program planning in addition to several historical perspectives and theories of child development and best practices for early childhood art education. We will examine key concepts as they relate to specific art activities. Graduate students will conduct research on a selected topic. Recommended prerequisite of a basic or advanced design course which provides fundamental training in art elements and principles with an emphasis on art materials, processes and the development of a basic art vocabulary.

This course is an exploration of the many aspects involved in developing an art curriculum. Included is curriculum as a body of knowledge to be transmitted, as a product, as a process, and as praxis. Students will choose their grade level focus and will write a yearly curriculum. Tied to curriculum is assessment. Assessment is considered difficult to accomplish in art. Drawing on current theories and visible practices in the qualitative assessment of art, strategies will be presented which address criteria for authentic assessment in art using transparent, logical, and intuitive methods.

This is a graduate level art history survey course which covers material from Pre-History through the Renaissance and incorporates classroom projects that the student will then have as an option to introduce the material into their classrooms.

This is a graduate level art history survey course which covers material from Renaissance through Contemporary Art and incorporates classroom projects that the student will then have as an option to introduce the material into their classrooms.

This course explores the history and theories of the development of aesthetics in art. Course requirements include directed reading and special investigation of traditional and current trends in aesthetic theories in relationship to diverse world cultures. Appropriate application to the K-12 art classroom will be explored.

This course is a graduate level survey of the art and architecture of various cultural regions around the world. Areas of the world will be selected by the professor teaching the course according to his/her area of expertise. The goal of this course is to consider the interrelationship between the visual properties of art objects and the social and cultural contexts of their production.

The primary goal of this course will be to explore photography technically, visually, and conceptually. This course will explore the artistic potential of photography via digital technologies. We will start with an overview on the basics of photography as they pertain to using digital cameras and digital output and move onto exploring some of the major concepts and visual theories on photography. This course will culminate into an original body of photographic work.

This course introduces glass fusing techniques and processes into the art education program structure. Participants will design and execute projects involving the craft of fusing and slumping glass to create objects of functional, decorative and/or sculptural application that can be integrated into the art curriculum for a variety of age levels. Students are expected to be independently driven to both meet and exceed the goals and outcomes as relative to their experience and ability.

Course by appointment. Research on specific problems which may involve historical, philosophical, aesthetic or critical aspects of art. Total Credits Allowed: 3.00

Special investigation in any art area may be pursued on the approval of the Department of Art; course will be handled by appointment. Special materials fee will be assessed as needed. Total Credits Allowed: 4.00

Students will learn about the development of American art education by examining historical ideas and practices and current theories and philosophies. Influences of society on art education and the impact of art and art education in a democratic society will be explored.

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A study of the philosophies of art education; investigation of current practices and techniques used. Multiple aesthetic perspectives will be examined and debated.

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Students in this course will be instructed on methodologies for teaching students with physical, mental and emotional disabilities, gifted students, the very young and the elderly.

This class explores the methods for incorporating art into other subjects and other subjects into art. Students in this class will learn how to develop interdisciplinary (integrated) lessons which address multiple intelligences, are intellectually stimulating and help develop children’s problem-solving skills.
ART 850A – Painting 1 credit hour
Research in advanced problems in painting. A student may take a total of nine hours of ART 850A through ART 850F.

ART 850B – Painting 2 credit hours
Research in advanced problems in painting. A student may take a total of nine hours of ART 850A through ART 850F.

ART 850C – Painting 3 credit hours
Research in advanced problems in painting. A student may take a total of nine hours of ART 850A through ART 850F.

Total Credits Allowed: 3.00

ART 850D – Painting 4 credit hours
Research in advanced problems in painting. A student may take a total of nine hours of ART 850A through ART 850F.

ART 850E – Painting 5 credit hours
Research in advanced problems in painting. A student may take a total of nine hours of ART 850A through ART 850F.

ART 850F – Painting 6 credit hours
Research in advanced problems in painting. A student may take a total of nine hours of ART 850A through ART 850F.

ART 855 – Art Education in American Culture 3 credit hours
This course will explore questions about American culture and the historical impact visual art education has had on culture and how culture has impacted art education. Students will examine art education's current cultural role in a pluralistic society.

ART 856 – Visual Culture & Studio Practice 3 credit hours
The primary goal of this course will be to explore what Visual Culture means. Students will create expressive works of art using contemporary art practices which reflect the ideas of Visual Culture. This work will be disseminated using the internet and its resources like Flickr, Facebook, and YouTube.

ART 857 – Digital Art 3 credit hours
Exploration into digital image making and visual story telling with an emphasis in digital technology. Students are expected to have a working knowledge of the computer os as well as photoshop and/or painter.

ART 860 – Seminar in Art Criticism and Philosophy 3 credit hours
Aesthetics and philosophy of art criticism for advanced students.

ART 865 – Directed Reading 3 credit hours
Supervised study and research in an area approved by the instructor. By permission of instructor only.

ART 870A – Independent Study 1 credit hour
Advanced individual research pursued at the approval of the Department of Art. Special materials fee will be assessed as needed. By permission of instructor only.

Total Credits Allowed: 1.00

ART 870B – Independent Study 2 credit hours
Advanced individual research pursued at the approval of the Department of Art. Special materials fee will be assessed as needed. By permission of instructor only.

Total Credits Allowed: 2.00

ART 870C – Independent Study 3 credit hours
Advanced individual research pursued at the approval of the Department of Art. Special materials fee will be assessed as needed. By permission of instructor only.

ART 870D – Independent Study 4 credit hours
Advanced individual research pursued at the approval of the Department of Art. Special materials fee will be assessed as needed. By permission of instructor only.

ART 872P – Women in Art 3 credit hours
This course analyzes women's artistic role in their societies and highlights pertinent issues in each individual period. It is a chronological survey from the prehistoric era through the end of the twentieth century.

ART 873 – Modern Art History 3 credit hours
Survey of art in the western world from 1900 to the present. The course revisits the questions: What is art? How can we define modernity? Is there "progress" in the visual arts? And what is modern art? Additionally, this course asks, what is Post Modern art and is it different from modern art? If so, how? Overarching themes, such as modernism, progress, the concept of the avant-garde and its uneasy relation with the general public, vision and reality, and the functions of the artist in society, are explored through time. Three main units will be outlined: European Art from 1900-1945, American Art from 1945-1980, and Post Modern and Contemporary Art from 1980-Present. Works of individual artists and movements will be examined within their social, religious, intellectual, and historical contexts.

ART 875P – Cultural Studies Through Art 3 credit hours
The study of the visual arts and culture of a region or country through travel and research.

ART 895 – Art Education Research Paper 3 credit hours
The development of a problem, written or creative, in Art to be developed under the supervision of the major Professor in the discipline. By permission of graduate advisor. Prerequisite: Completion of 27 hours of the program and ART 803.

ART 899P – Special Topics in Art 3-6 credit hours
Designed to meet special needs for students in Art Education, Art History, Graphic Design, and Studio Art. By permission of instructor only. Total Credits Allowed: 6.00