



Shanghai University of Finance & Economics

2020 Summer Program

ART 101 History of Art: Prehistory to Medieval

Course Outline

Term: June 01–July 03, 2020

Course Code: ART 101

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Credit: 4

Course Description:

This course focuses on the visual arts produced in the West from prehistory to the end of the Gothic era (c. 1400CE). The course examines the art and architecture of ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome, and Medieval Europe. Works are studied in their historical, social, and religious contexts, with particular focus on the role of art in society, the development of style, and the ways that visual culture communicates meaning. Students are introduced to basic principles of visual analysis, as well as the formal elements, significant design principles, and technical developments in artistic production during this period.

Required Textbooks:

Kleiner, Fred S. *Gardner's Art through the Ages: A Global History*. Volume I. Fifteenth Edition. Boston: Wadsworth Publishing, 2016.
ISBN: 978-1-285-83784-0



Grading & Evaluation:

Grading Scale:

97-100%	A+
90-97%	A
87-89%	B+
80-87%	B
77-79%	C+
70-77%	C
67-69%	D+
60-67%	D
59% and Below	F

In this course, grading will be based on the following:

Attendance and Participation:	15%
Quizzes:	15%
Visual Analysis Activities:	10%
Midterm Exam:	30%
Final Exam:	30%

Course Schedule:

The planned schedule sketched out below may be modified to suit the interests or abilities of the enrolled students or to take advantage of special opportunities or events that may arise during the term.

Week1:

Mon: Introductions: Art and the Origins of Humanity



Tues: Art and the Origins of Civilization in the Ancient Near East

Read: Kleiner, “Ancient Mesopotamia and Persia,” 31-52.

Wed: Egypt 1: Egyptian Art and Kingship

Read: Kleiner, “Egypt from Narmer to Cleopatra,” 55-81.

Thurs: Egypt 2: Challenges to Tradition: Hatshepsut and the Amarna Period

Fri: **TA Session**

Week2:

Mon: Greece 1: Vessels of the Geometric, Orientalizing, and Archaic Periods

Tues: Greece 2: Figurative Sculpture in the Archaic Period

Read: Kleiner, “Ancient Greece,” 103-120.

Wed: Greece 3: Figurative Sculpture in the Classical Period

Read: Kleiner, “Ancient Greece,” 121-144.

Thurs: Greece 4: Art and the Hellenistic World

Fri: **TA Session**

Week3:

Mon: **Midterm Exam**

Tues: Rome 1: The Republic

Wed: Rome 2: Augustus and the Idea of Empire

Kleiner, “The Roman Empire, 177-195.

Thurs: Rome 3: The Art of Imperial Policy

Kleiner, “The Roman Empire,” 218-228.

Fri: **TA Session**



Week4:

Mon: Rome 4: Power Struggles and Constantine the Great

Tues: Early Christian Art

Wed: The Art of Byzantium

Read: Kleiner, "Byzantium," 256-283.

Thurs: Islamic Art

Fri: **TA Session**

Week5:

Mon: Early Medieval Art in the West

Tues: Romanesque Architecture

Wed: Gothic Architecture

Thurs: **Final Review**

Fri: **Final Exam**