History of Western Art
Prehistory through the Middle Ages in Western Europe

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Course Syllabus

Course Description: Survey of Western Art 1A - Online

Survey of Western Art 1A - Online is an academic Art History course designed to provide you with the opportunity to learn the general styles, concepts, purposes, and interpretations of Western Art from Prehistory through the Middle Ages. Artistic styles will be explored in relationship to man's social history, thoughts, needs and beliefs. The focus will be on architecture, sculpture, and to a lesser degree, on painting. This course meets online only. There are no sessions on campus. This distance learning course is conducted completely via the Internet, e-mail, and telephone conversation. You will be responsible for assignments which will be posted weekly.

Required Text

- Art History, Revised Second Edition -Volume I by Marilyn Stokstad. The text is available in the West Valley College bookstore. Please note and use the glossary and time tables. You must read the text in order to successfully complete this course. Purchase it by the first day of the semester.

Course Objectives:
• become familiar with the historical development of Western Art
• learn to analyze the relationship between content and style in Western Art

Major Topics

Note: This course uses only the following chapters in the text book Art History:

Use Notes, Starter Kit and Introduction

Chapter 1: Prehistory and Prehistoric Europe
Chapter 2: Art of the Ancient Near East
Chapter 3: Art of Ancient Egypt
Chapter 4: Aegean Art
Chapter 5: Art of Ancient Greece
Chapter 6: Etruscan Art and Roman Art
Chapter 7: Early Christian, Jewish and Byzantine Art
Chapter 14: Early Medieval Art in Europe
Chapter 15: Romanesque Art
Chapter 16: Gothic Art

Survey of Western Art 1A Online uses the ANGEL course management system. Please access the ANGEL orientation page before the course begins and become familiar with how it works by using the following link:

http://angelsupport.missioncollege.org/

You will not have access to the course materials until the first day of the semester, August 28, 2006.

• Once the semester begins, you will go to the ANGEL site to:
  o send e-mail to and receive e-mail from the instructor.
  o find the weekly homework assignments.
- take the weekly quizzes.
- track your grades.
- see the course calendar.

- **On the first day of the semester, go to the ANGEL log in page and get started.** Delaying participation may cause you to miss a time sensitive assignment and lose course points that would affect your grade.

- [www.wvmccd.angellearning.com](http://www.wvmccd.angellearning.com)

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**Homework - Homework is self-graded.** Do not send it to your instructor.

For each week of the semester, you will be required to:

- complete the reading assignment.

- complete the homework assignment based on the reading and all online materials. The purpose of the homework is to prepare you for the weekly quiz. Do not email your completed homework to your instructor.

- use **ALL** weekly online assignments to prepare for the weekly quiz.

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**Weekly Quizzes and Conditions**

**This course uses a quiz format only (no midterms; no final exam).**

- After completing the weekly assignment, reviewing the online materials, and completing the homework assignment, you will take a 100 point quiz by clicking on the Quizzes icon within ANGEL..

- Quizzes consist of objective, multiple choice and true/false questions.

- In order to be successful with this course, complete the homework and review the online materials **BEFORE** taking the weekly quiz. Do not email your completed homework to your instructor.

- Quizzes are available **ONLY** through the ANGEL web site for ten days each. **No Exceptions.**
• All dates for assignments and quizzes will be posted on the course calendar on the ANGEL site. You are responsible for tracking and complying with quiz due dates. If you miss a quiz, you will receive no points for that week. **No Exceptions.**

• **Do not register for this course unless you understand that no makeup quizzes will be given. This condition applies to all students.**

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**Grading**

Your semester grades will be based on a composite of your quiz scores.

13 quizzes valued at 100 points each = 1300 possible points

**Point Assessment and letter grade equivalent**

1300 - 1170 = A
1169 - 1040 = B
1039 - 910 = C
909 - 780 = D
779 - 000 = F

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**Withdrawal From This Course:**

If you drop this course, remember that withdrawal is not an automatic process. Withdrawal is the student's sole responsibility, not the instructor's. Contact the Admissions and Records Office to initiate the Drop process. Please read the DROP procedures carefully in the **Schedule of Classes** to avoid unnecessary grade penalties.

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**To email the instructor: email within Angel**