



ART 2756

Division: Fine Arts

Department: Visual Art

Course: ART 2756

Title: Travel Seminar

Catalog Description:

A course designed to expose art majors to the diversity outside of Utah through art travel tours. This annual one credit offering includes a travel experience to one major art center in United States. Students will be responsible to pay for all travel expenses through a group package set up by the Department of Visual Art. A written five page response paper and supporting visual materials isolating what was learned and why it was a valuable experience will be required from each student.

General Education Requirements: N/A

Semesters Offered: Spring

Credit/Time Requirement: Credit: 1; Lecture: 1; Lab: 0

Clock/Hour Requirements: 0

Offered for Non-Credit: No

Prerequisites: N/A

Corequisites: N/A

Justification:

The art world is flooded with diversity. A good understanding of contemporary art trends is essential for art majors. As a department, we have isolated a weakness in this area thus we have been planning and executing a travel program. These carefully designed tours allow art majors the opportunity to encounter what is happening in the world of art today, outside of Utah, specifically in the major art centers i.e., Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, Seattle, etc. This will be a valuable and exciting experience and will further prepare students with a better knowledge base of contemporary approaches in visual art as they transfer as a junior to a four year institution. Seeing slide and printed reproductions of art is a valuable teaching device but seeing art first-hand is invaluable. Travel programs exist at other institutions but it is unique to Snow College to offer this annual experience for credit. It is an experience that gives our students an advantage over other art programs, offering students opportunities that some juniors and seniors do not have. This credit is minimal to the hours of first hand experience in various gallery/museum venues.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- gain a greater understanding and tolerance of contemporary trends in the art world
- gain first-hand experience viewing and critically responding to master works of art formerly only viewed in textbooks
- gain a greater knowledge of the diversity in other parts of the country.

Content:

This course will include:

- directed art study in classical museums and many other contemporary venues
- experiencing the dynamic art culture in each city
- writing assignment responding to historical perspectives, interesting trends, subjective reactions and cultural experiences.

General Education Outcomes:

2) Write clearly, informatively, and persuasively.

Each student receiving credit for this course will write a concise, informative response paper, discussing valuable aspects of their experience.

5) Apply a cultural and historical awareness to a variety of phenomena.

Students should be able to view classical works of art and apply their knowledge of art history/culture to the work.

9) Respond with informed sensitivity to an artistic work or experience.

Each student will be able to approach an actual work of art in a museum venue and respond to it both formally and conceptually.

Key Performance Indicators:

Each student will be evaluated on:

- completion of the tour and a five-page response paper including supporting visual documentation: 100% of the final grade.

Representative Text and/or Supplies:

N/A

Optimum Class Size: 15

Maximum Class Size: 20

Signatures:

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