

Virginia Western Community College

ART 101

History and Appreciation of Art I

Prerequisites

None

Course Description

Presents the history and interpretation of architecture, sculpture, and painting. Begins with prehistoric art and follows the development of western civilization to the present. Part I of II.

Semester Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0

Required Materials

Textbook:

Kleiner, Fred S., Gardner's Art Through the Ages, Vol. I: A Global History. Cengage Publishing 15th edition. ISBN: 978-1-285-83784-0.

Other Required Materials:

None

Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Students will be able to identify and understand various art forms, the viewer/user of various art forms and the traditional aspects of its development in prehistoric cultures and in various cultures, which have left a significant amount of decipherable information about their art and civilization.
- Students will understand and master basic art historical research methods and to understand the visual and symbolic elements of art.
- Students will learn the basic vocabulary for describing and clearly communicating about the visual arts.
- Students will be expected to expand their awareness of art so they can formulate individual ideas and attitudes about art that will go with them through life.

Topical Description

1	Introduction to Art
2	Prehistoric Art
3	Mesopotamian Art
4	Egyptian Art
5	Aegean Art
6	Greek Art
7	Etruscan and Roman Art
8	Early Christian Art and Byzantine Art
9	Medieval Art
10	Romanesque and Gothic Art

Notes to Instructors