

ARTH 112

ART HISTORY 2: AFTER THE REVOLUTION



Mark Rothko, No. 14, 1960, oil on canvas, 290.83 x 268.29 cm (San Francisco Museum of Modern Art)

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Tuesday and Friday 10.00 – 10.50 am

Weekly tutorials will be held in Old Kirk (OK) 319. Tutorials begin in the second week of term (times to be

advised).

Lecturers Peter Brunt Raymond Spiteri Roger Blackley

David Maskill Geoffrey Batchen John Finlay

Matt Plummer

Tutors Matt Plummer John Finlay

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Tutor office hours and contact details will be advised

by your tutors in the first tutorial

For more information See Blackboard (http://blackboard.vuw.ac.nz)

Art History is located on the 3rd floor (ground floor) of the Old Kirk building. The Art History Office is in OK 306. The Art History administrator is Pippa Wisheart, (ph: 463 5800). Notices regarding the course will be posted on the board adjacent to her office. For general information about Art History see: http://www.victoria.ac.nz/art-history/

Withdrawal dates Information on withdrawals and refunds may be found at:

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/with

drawlsrefunds.aspx

Course outline

Course Prescription

ARTH 112 is a critical and largely chronological survey of the history of art from the aftermath of the French Revolution to the present. The course introduces students to the language, theory and practice of art history by studying the key shifts in art practice that have occurred after 1800 in Europe, America and other parts of the world. ARTH 112 complements ARTH 111.

Course Content

The aim of the course is to give students an understanding of the key shifts in art practice that have occurred since the French Revolution. The course is organised chronologically while drawing together various themes, issues and topics.

Thus students will be introduced to the historical terms and categories developed by art historians to explain the diversity of art since the eighteenth century. Within its broad chronology, ARTH 112 encourages students to see art as a product of particular times and places, and to appreciate that art's value is determined not by a set of universal and eternal standards, but in terms of particular social, political and cultural conditions and institutional frameworks.

In this way ARTH 112 expands upon conventional histories of art to question art history's assumptions and limits. The course recognises art history as a 'western' discipline developed to explain 'great' works of art, so we seek to alert students to the politics of such a project and to introduce material outside its terms, including the art of non-western and indigenous cultures, popular forms, new and alternative media, design and craft traditions.

Learning objectives

In this course you will:

- develop an understanding of the chronology of the history of art within a framework of ideas and themes
- be introduced to the skills of visual analysis; including a basic understanding of the techniques and materials of art
- be introduced to the language, theory and practice of art history, and the concepts needed to progress in the discipline
- develop skills of analysis and argument, to evaluate the visual and read selected art history texts with care, using both to construct an argument
- develop writing and editing skills in the presentation of art historical material
- develop basic library skills appropriate to the discipline
- be encouraged to participate in tutorial discussions

Lecture programme

Lectures are on Tuesday and Friday, 10.00-10.50 am, Hunter LT 323

Lecturers are Peter Brunt (PB), Raymond Spiteri (RS), Roger Blackley (RB), David Maskill (DM), Geoffrey Batchen (GB) John Finlay (JF and Matt Plummer (MP). Attendance at lectures is strongly recommended, as lectures provide the key basis for an understanding of the material covered in the course, and their contents are not available in any other form.

For each lecture, you should read the relevant pages (listed below) of the course textbook:

Fred S. Kleiner, *Gardner's art through the ages: A global history*, 14th ed. Belmont, CA: Thomson/Wadsworth, 2013, 2009, 2005.

(You may use the 13th edition but note that the page numbering will be different.)

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1	Tues 17 July	Introduction: Europe in the age of Napoleon France's conquest of Europe and the plunder of its greatest art for the Musée Napoleon is related to the rise of a new approach to art history. Reading: Gardner's 14 th edition, pp 726-761	PB
2	Fri 20 July	Modern history and the rise of nationalism Examines the changing nature of history painting since the French Revolution, reflecting the new attitudes to history which emerge in the romantic era. Reading: Gardner's 14 th edition, pp 745-768	RS
3	Tues 24 July	Madness and genius: the imagination in romantic thought Reveals how the romantic period stressed the expressive potential of art, encouraging artists to explore the irrational and unconscious. Reading: Gardner's 14 th edition, pp 762-775	RB
4	Fri 27 July	Romantic landscape Examines the attitudes to nature evident in the romantic landscape art that developed in Britain, France, Germany and the New World. Reading: Gardner's 14 th edition, pp 770-775	RS
5	Tues 31 July	Eroticism and orientalism in 19th-century art Explores the impact on European art of colonial expansion, including the academic appropriation of ancient or mythological worlds to stage erotic displays. Reading: Nochlin, 'The imaginary orient' in Handbook, pp 36-49	RB
6	Fri 3 Aug	Images of the floating world: Japanese <i>Ukiyo-e</i> prints Considers the development of the woodblock print in Japan in the late 18th and early 19th centuries and the subsequent reception of these prints by the west. Reading: Gardner's 14 th edition, p 808, 1004-1020, esp 1015-1018	DM

Great Exhibitions: the Empire and its others

Reading: Gardner's 14th edition, pp 787-791

Explores London's Great Exhibition of 1851 and other events through which imperial nations expressed their power and prestige.

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Tues 7 Aug

8	Fri 10 Aug	Photography and the modern world Considers the development of photography from the mid 19th century and its relationships with other art media. Reading: Gardner's 14 th edition, pp 791-796	GB
†	Fri 10 Aug	ASSIGNMENT DUE	
9	Tues 14 Aug	The modern city and scenes of bourgeois leisure Looks at how Paris became a glittering centre of leisure and consumption, inspiring artists to focus on contemporary urban life. Reading: Gardner's 14 th edition, pp 801-810	RB
10	Fri 17 Aug	European art at the fin de siècle Investigates how and why late 19th-century artists – from the primitivist fantasies of Gauguin in Tahiti to the mystical reveries of Redon in Paris – retreated from naturalism in search of deeper meanings. Reading: Gardner's 14 th edition, pp 811-827	RB
11	Tues 21 Aug	Modernity and the avant-garde I: movements and	PB
		manifestos Examines the concept and practice of the avant-garde with reference to the first two decades of the 20th century. Reading: Gardner's 14 th edition, pp 834-860, esp 834-851	
12	Fri 24 Aug	Modernity and the avant-garde II: Abstraction Traces the history of abstraction in 20th-century painting as one of the key developments of modernist art. Reading: Gardner's 14 th edition, pp 810, 841-842, 858-860, 880-882, 902-909	PB
		Mid trimester break 27 August to 9 September	
13	Tues 11 Sept	Modernity and the avant-garde III: conformity, dissent and utopia Examines purism and surrealism in France and constructivism in Russia as examples of how avant-garde movements between the wars laid claim to and contested the culture of modernity. Reading: Gardner's 14th edition, pp 834-896, esp 853-865, 874-879	PB
14	Fri 14 Sept	Other modernisms: The Harlem Renaissance and Mexican modernism Examines two examples of modernism outside the European and American mainstream. Reading: Gardner's 14 th edition, pp 890-893, 867, 889	PB
15	Tues 18 Sept	The International Style Traces a history of modern art, architecture and design focusing on those artists, architects and designers who were working to realise their utopian vision of an integrated programme of modern design in tune with the realities of modern life. Rdg: Gardner's 14 th ed, pp 827-82, 870-71, 884-87, 896, 925-28	PB

16	Fri 21 Sept	Art and mass culture Examines the relationship between modern art and mass culture. Reading: Gardner's 14 th edition, pp 908-938, esp 913-917	PB
17	Tues 25 Sept	The American avant-garde Explores abstract expressionism and minimalism as two distinctively American developments that have had a profound impact on the history of art after 1945. Reading: Gardner's 14 th edition, pp 902-917	PB
18	Fri 28 Sept	Art in the age of discontent: 1968 and its aftermath Looks at developments in art in the late 1960s and 1970s in the context of the various social upheavals that occurred at this time. Reading: Cooke, Lynne, excerpts from 'The Independent Group: British and American Pop Art, in Handbook, pp 112-119; Gardner's 14th edition, pp 932-938	MP
†	Fri 28 Sept	ESSAY DUE	
19	Tues 2 Oct	What is postmodernism? Introduces and defines the key concepts of postmodern art and theory. Reading: Gardner's 14 th edition, pp 940-973	MP
20	Fri 5 Oct	Appropriating art and the art of appropriation: New York in the 1980s Examines the art scene in New York in the 1980s to provide a context for postmodern art. Reading: Gardner's 14 th edition, pp 940-944	JF
21	Tues 9 Oct	Postmodern art and the politics of difference Examines why and how social and cultural issues have been addressed by contemporary artists. Reading: Gardner's 14 th edition, pp 940-973, esp 945-949	PB
22	Fri 12 Oct	Gender and identity in art after 1970 Examines how artists have explored their sexual identities to review the role the body plays as a key subject in art since the 1970s. Reading: Gardner's 14 th edition, pp 940-973 (various)	MP
23	Tues 16 Oct	New media art Explores the interface between technology and art since the 1960s, and the issues addressed through 'new media art'. Reading: Gardner's 14 th edition, pp 969-973	GB
24	Fri 19 Oct	Art in today's world Considers the fate of art in an era of globalising communications technologies. Reading: Gardner's 14 th edition, pp 940-973	GB

Reviewing lecture images

Images shown in lectures will be available for viewing on Blackboard. They can be accessed from any computer in the student computing suites or off-campus via your individual student SCS account. A demonstration of how to access the images will be given at the first tutorial, together with a handout with instructions for accessing Blackboard.

Teaching/learning summary

ARTH 112 consists of 24 one-hour lectures and 9 one-hour tutorials as outlined below. Please note that tutorials are discussion-based and we expect that you do the reading before your tutorial and come prepared to participate.

Tutorial programme

Tutorials are compulsory (You must attend a minimum of 7 out of 9 tutorials.) Tutorials are important as they supplement lectures. They provide an opportunity to deal in more depth with some of the ideas and issues raised and they are the best context for you to ask questions about the course.

To benefit from and participate in the tutorial programme it is essential that you read the set readings for each session that are given below. Readings for the tutorials are in your **ARTH 112 Course Handbook** which is available from the Memorial Theatre foyer for the first two weeks of trimester and then from vicbooks in the Student Union Building. The Handbook also contains 'session cover sheets', a set of study questions for each group of readings. Use this to assist your comprehension of the texts. You should come to tutorial prepared to discuss your responses with your tutor and other students.

The tutorial programme for ARTH 112 begins in the second week of the course. The time of the sessions will be announced in the first lecture. All tutorials are held in Old Kirk 319.

Week beginning:

23 July Introduction + Nature and the Romantic temperament

As well as introducing you to your tutor, fellow students and ARTH 112, this tutorial will explore the various strategies with which 19th-century artists confronted a constantly changing but age-old natural world. We will consider how landscape became a vehicle for emotional and pictorial exploration in the nineteenth century.

Reading: Handbook, pp. 17-34

- Andrews, Malcolm, 'Nature as picture or process?', chapter 8 from Landscape and western art, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999, pp. 177-199
- Constable, John, 'Letters and notes on painting (1802-1836)', in Joshua C Taylor, *Nineteenth century theories of art,* Berkeley: University of California Press, 1987, pp. 297-306
- Ruskin, John, 'Contrasted faculties: Millais and Turner', from Kenneth Clark, Ruskin today, London: Penguin, 1964, pp. 217-218

30 July The imaginary orient

The idea of the 'orient' is investigated to consider the cultural dynamics that operate in depictions by European artists of 'oriental' subjects.

Reading: Handbook, pp. 36-49

 Nochlin, Linda, 'The imaginary Orient' (1982) in The politics of vision: essays on nineteenth-century art and society, London: Thames and Hudson, 1991, pp. 33-59

6 August NO TUTORIAL/Work on Assignment

13 August Art and reproduction

Innovations in the technologies of reproduction are considered for their impact on the availability and value of works of art.

Reading: Handbook, pp 51-61

- Benjamin, Walter, 'The work of art in the age of mechanical reproduction', (1936) in Francis Frascina and Jonathan Harris (eds), *Art in modern culture: an anthology of critical texts*, London: Phaidon Press, 1992, pp. 297-307
- Davis, Douglas, 'The work of art in the age of digital reproduction (an evolving thesis: 1991-1995)', in *Leonardo*, vol. 28, no. 5, 1995, pp. 381-386

20 August Baudelaire's flâneur and the modern subject

A text by Baudelaire is used to examine how the city and its crowds embody what he termed 'the heroism of modern life'.

Reading: Handbook, pp 63-81

 Baudelaire, Charles, 'The painter of modern life', (1863) in Jonathan Mayne (trans and ed), The painter of modern life and other essays, London: Phaidon Press, 1964, pp.1-18, 24-40.

Mid-trimester break

10 September Modernisation, modernity, Modernism and the avant-garde

This tutorial investigates the notion of the avant-garde and its relationship to modernisation, modernity and Modernism.

Reading: Handbook, pp 83-92

- Harrison, Charles and Paul Wood, 'Introduction' to 'Part II: The idea of the modern world', in Harrison and Wood (eds) Art in theory 1900-2000: an anthology of changing ideas, (2nd edition), 2003, Blackwell Publishing, pp. 127-131.
- Marinetti, Filippo Tommaso, 'The foundation and manifesto of futurism', (1909) in Harrison, Charles and Paul Wood (eds), Art in theory 1900-1990: an anthology of changing ideas, 1992, pp. 145-149
- Boccioni, Umberto et al, 'Futurist painting: technical manifesto', (1910) in Harrison and Wood (eds), 1992, pp. 149-151
- Marc, Franz, 'The "Savages" of Germany' and 'Two pictures', in Harrison and Wood (eds) Art in theory 1900-2000: an anthology of changing ideas, (2nd edition), 2003, pp. 93-95
- Braques, Georges, "Thoughts on painting", (1917) and Pablo Picasso 'Picasso Speaks' (1923), in Harrison and Wood (eds), 2003, pp. 214-217

17 Sept Dada and Surrealism

This tutorial will examine surrealist and dada practices, images and techniques for exploring ideas about desire, identity and the unconscious.

Reading: Handbook, pp 94-106

- Tzara, Tristan, 'Unpretentious proclamation', Seven Dada manifestos and lampisteries, Barbara Wright (trans), 1977, London: Calder Publications, pp. 15-17
- Breton, André, 'First Manifesto of surrealism', (1924) in Harrison and Wood (eds) Art in theory 1900-2000: an anthology of changing ideas, (2nd edition), 2003, pp. 447-453
- Kachur, Lewis, Displaying the marvellous: Marcel Duchamp, Salvador Dali, and Surrealist Exhibition Installations, Cambridge and London: MIT Press, 2001, pp. 78-88

24 Sept No tutorial

1 Oct Formalism and its critics

This tutorial uses the writings of 20th-century art critics to introduce the key tenets of formalist art criticism. We will then consider the challenges posed to formalism and its critics by Pop and conceptual art in the 1960s.

Reading: Handbook, pp 108-126

- Greenberg, Clement, 'Modernist painting', (1961) in Francis Frascina and Jonathan Harris (eds), Art in modern culture: an anthology of critical texts, London: Phaidon Press, 1992, pp. 308-314
- Cooke, Lynne, excerpts from "The Independent Group: British and American Pop Art, a "Palimpcestuous" Legacy', in Steven Henry Madoff (ed) *Pop Art: a critical history*, Berkeley, London: University of California Press, 1997, pp. 385-386, 389-396.
- Kaprow, Allan, 'The education of the un-artist Part I' (1971) in Jeff Kelley (ed), *Allan Kaprow: essays on the blurring of art and life*, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1993, pp. 97-109

8 October Key terms of postmodernism

Key concepts such as 'death of the author', pastiche and parody, quotation and appropriation are defined and explained.

Reading: Handbook, pp 128-150

- Barthes, Roland, 'The death of the author' (1968) in Image/Music/Text, Great Britain: Fontana/Collins, 1971, pp. 142-148
- Hopkins, David, 'Postmodernism: theory and practice in the 1980s', in After modern art: 1945-2000, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000, pp. 197-231

15 Oct Art and the politics of difference

This tutorial examines two readings that express voices from the 'margins' which raise questions about issues of gender and cultural identity politics in the latter part of the twentieth century.

Reading: Handbook, pp 152-176

- Nochlin, Linda, 'Why have there been no great woman artists?', *Art News*, January, 1971, pp. 23-39, 69-71
- Fusco, Coco, 'Passionate irreverence: the cultural politics of identity', in Brian Wallis et al (eds), Art matters: how the culture wars changed America, New York and London: New York University Press, 1999, pp. 63-73

Assessment

ARTH 112 is **assessed** by means of an assignment (20%), an essay (30%) and a two-hour examination (50%). **All** assignments must be submitted and the final examination sat for mandatory course requirements to be met.

The dates when assignments are due are as follows:

Assignment (1000 words)

20%

5 pm Friday, 10 August

5 pm Friday, 28 September

5 pm Friday, 28 September

Final examination (2 hours) 50% that (exam period 26 Oct to 17 Nov)

You must submit both an electronic copy (via Blackboard) and hard copy of your assignment and essay. The date for your final examination will be announced later in the year. It is expected that you will be available to sit the exam during the examination period (26 October to 17 November 2012), so don't make other plans until you know the actual exam date. This is **NOT** an open book exam.

Make sure you make a copy of your assignment and essay before placing them in the Art History assignment box in the foyer of Old Kirk, Level 3 (ground floor). Note that you must attach a *signed* cover sheet to your assignment and essay. Late assignments or essays should be handed in to your tutor or the Administrator. Your tutors will inform you when marked assignments will be returned. This takes place in tutorials.

The course assignments are designed to fulfil the teaching objectives outlined on page 4. In particular:

The assignment is a short exercise designed to encourage first-hand observation of actual works of art. This will enhance your skills of visual analysis and interpretation and acquaint you with some of the techniques and materials of works of art.

The essay requires you to read relevant art-historical and critical literature, testing your ability to organise your discoveries and to construct an argument. It provides an opportunity for you to investigate an aspect of the history of art in light of the themes and issues discussed in lectures, using specific examples to illustrate your points. You will be introduced to the conventions of art history writing and to the necessary skills to meet academic standards in the discipline.

The final examination will require you to review the entire course to ensure you have grasped key ideas and concepts and that you have a firm understanding of the chronology of art. You will be tested on your knowledge of specific works of art as well as expected to answer questions that both concentrate on specific aspects of the course and range across wider themes and issues.

Marking

Assignments and essays are marked by your tutors and lecturers with sample cross-checking to ensure similarity of grading occurs. A **second opinion** may be requested in the final assessment of any piece of written work. Your exam is marked by the lecturers with similar cross-checking.

Expected workload

The University recommends that **200 hours** inclusive of lectures and tutorials, be given to a 20-point course in order to maintain satisfactory progress, i.e. 16 hours/week. Please make sure you can set aside at least this amount of time throughout the course.

Mandatory course requirements

To gain a pass in this course each student must:

- a) Submit the written work specified for this course, on or by the specified dates (subject to such provisions as are stated for late submission of work)
- b) Attend at least **7 out of 9 tutorials**; a good contribution to tutorial discussions will make a difference to your grade if you are borderline
- c) Sit the **final examination**.

No assignments will be accepted after Friday 19 October 2012. All requirements are strictly enforced.

Art History has a policy that no extensions will be granted. If you have medical or other problems preventing you from meeting a deadline, you must contact your tutor or lecturer at the earliest opportunity. Without arrangements having been agreed to, late assignments and essays will be penalised by the deduction of two percentage points for each day beyond the due date. The reasons exceptions are not made are that we cannot privilege some students over others; we must adhere to a defined programme of marking; and results must be furnished to Student and Academic Services on time. It is also important that we ensure students keep up with the course.

There are limited aegrotat provisions for the internally assessed component of the course. You must sit the end-of-year exam to pass ARTH 112. Aegrotat passes for the examination can only be considered on the provision of a medical certificate and on the fulfilment of mandatory course requirements.

Essay writing:

You must pay attention to setting out, correct spelling and grammar. You should type your essay, presenting it double-spaced, on one side of the page, with a generous left-hand margin. Always proofread your essay carefully, or get a friend to do so, as poorly presented material can be very distracting for a marker, and will lose you marks. *Researching and Writing Art History Essays*, the handbook that sets out standard practice, is available on Blackboard under Assignments and is essential reading for the satisfactory completion of all art history assignments. This will provide you with clear guidelines to ensure you meet our standards for the writing of assignments. In particular, it notes that quoted passages must be properly acknowledged. Failure to do this could result in a claim of plagiarism. (See Victoria University of Wellington's policy on plagiarism on p. 25 of this course outline).

Use of Turnitin

Student work provided for assessment in this course may be checked for academic integrity by the electronic search engine http://www.turnitin.com. Turnitin is an online plagiarism prevention tool which compares submitted work with a very large database of existing material. At the discretion of the Head of School, handwritten work may be copy-typed by the School and subject to checking by Turnitin. Turnitin will retain a copy of submitted material on behalf of the University for detection of future plagiarism, but access to the full text of submissions is not made available to any other party.

ASSIGNMENT

Due: Friday 10 August 2012

1000 words (20%)

The following is a selection of artworks currently on show or accessible for viewing in Wellington. Select ONE of these works and answer ALL of the questions on the following page:

On campus:

- Neil Dawson, Flying steps, Hunter courtyard
- Marcel Duchamp, Boîte-en-Valise, Adam Art Gallery
- Louise Henderson, Still Life, second floor, Rankine Brown Library
- Michael Parekowhai, My Sister, My Self, Adam Art Gallery
- Don Binney, Tabernacle, Hunter Common room, Hunter Building
- **Billy Apple**, *From the V.U.W. Collection*, Old Kirk, level 3 (Art History department area)
- Toss Woollaston, *Portrait of Rodney G.*, Hunter Building, level 3, outside HU LT 323
- Ian Scott, Lattice No. 40, Hunter building, central staircase, level 3
- Hye Rim Lee, Candyland No. 4, 8, 18, Alan MacDiarmid Building, corridor off south end, main floor.

At City Gallery, Wellington:

- Katie Breckon, Bath 256 Fergusson Drive, Hirschfield Gallery (second floor),
- Rob McLeod, Conversation, south gallery, ground floor
- Rohan Wealleans, Wizard of Forgotten Flesh, north gallery, ground floor

At Te Papa:

- Lisa Reihana, Waharoa (from Native Portraits), near top of ramp to Te Papa marae
- **Philip Clairmont**, *The Scarred Couch, The Auckland Experience*, 5th floor, in 'Toi Art of the Nation' exhibition
- Ian Scott, Leapaway Girl, 5th floor, in 'Toi Art of the Nation' exhibition
- Para Matchitt, Whiti te Ra, 5th floor, in 'Toi Art of the Nation' exhibition
- Gordon Walters, The Poet, 5th floor, entrance area to 'Toi Art of the Nation'

In and around town:

- Alfred Drury, Queen Victoria Memorial, Kent Terrace, Wellington
- Henry Moore, Bronze form, Botanical gardens
- Andrew Drummond, Listening and Viewing Device, Druid's Hill, Botanical gardens
- Mary-Louise Brown, Body to Soul, Botanical gardens
- Bill Culbert, SkyBlues, Post Office Square, off Jervois Quay near Grey Street
- Len Lye, Water Whirler, Frank Kitts Park

1. Provide basic information about the work you have chosen to write on, that is, artist's name, title of the work, date, medium, dimensions, collection or current location. (For correct citation style for artworks – see Researching and Writing Art History Essays.)

2. Give a physical description of the work.

Here you should expand on the basic details listed above to characterise the work's appearance in terms of its scale, materials or medium and visible qualities.

3. What is the subject of the work?

What is the work about? Is there a narrative or story? If it is figurative, what do the figures represent? If it incorporates text, what does it mean? If it is abstract, is there a mood, an effect, an idea the artist is trying to convey? Are there symbols, metaphors or allegories at play in the work?

4. What is the style of the work?

What is distinctive about its visual design, manner or arrangement? Is there a logic to its composition? How have colour and/or materials been used and to what effect? What mood does it convey? Can you relate it to other works you may know, or compare it with something else in its vicinity?

5. What is the context of the work?

Where is the work? To what extent or in what ways does the work relate to its context? What role does the context play in adding meanings to the work?

(The main purpose of this assignment is for you to use your observational skills to describe and interpret what you see. If you wish you may seek additional information from published sources, but this is not required.)

ESSAY

Due: 5pm Friday 28 September 1500 words (30%)

Note: You must submit both an electronic copy (via Blackboard) and a hard copy of your essay. To submit an electronic copy via Blackboard, go to ASSIGNMENTS and click on View/Complete under ESSAY DUE. Fill in your details and follow instructions to upload your essay. If you have trouble submitting your essay please contact Pippa Wisheart 463 5800.

Select ONE of the following:

- 1. The history of art from the French Revolution to the present has been characterised in terms of the values of progress and newness, and yet for various reasons artists have been concerned with the past. Discuss this statement with reference to ONE of the following:
 - the use of historical themes or subjects by Romantic artists;
 - the rejection of abstraction and radical avant-gardism and the return to traditional subjects and styles in France in the 1920s and 1930s;
 - the fascination of modern artists' with 'primitive' art forms and life styles;
 - the return to historical styles and subjects by postmodern artists.
- 2. While in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries galleries and museums became the primary sites for the public display of art, artists have consistently challenged the limitations of those spaces. Focus on ONE of the following phenomena and describe how and why artists have tested the institutionalisation of art:
 - Public exhibitions;
 - Artist-run exhibitions and exhibition spaces;
 - Site-specific and installation art;
 - performance art.
- 3. Examine the ways in which certain styles and theories of modern art in the nineteenth and/or twentieth centuries became associated with *utopian* ideals. You may concentrate on one example OR contrast two or three.
- 4. Discuss how EITHER women OR non-western cultures have been represented in the history of art after 1800. Consider the implications of these depictions and conclude with a consideration of how EITHER one woman artist OR one artist of non-European heritage has sought to contest these stereotypical representations in their art.
- 5. As art has changed since the 1960s, so has the critical discourse which sought to explain it. Choosing one or two examples of new developments in artistic practice since the 1960s, discuss the discourse explaining it.
- 6. Discuss the debate over photography as an artistic medium from its discovery in the mid-nineteenth century to its role in the world of contemporary art. How has the status of photography been transformed in the context of contemporary art?

Criteria for assessment of essays:

Assessment of your essays will be based on the following criteria:

- understanding and definition of question;
- formulation and development of argument;
- use of visual and written resources;
- originality and independence of thought;
- mechanics (legibility, presentation, grammar, spelling, documentation).

Notes and References

All references must be properly cited. Refer to Researching and Writing Art History Essays (available on Blackboard under Assignments), or use the reading list at the back of this course outline for guidance on the correct citation of books, catalogues, and articles. If you use the Internet to locate required material, please ensure you follow appropriate conventions when citing the online source. In addition to a full citation of the page or article you must record the item's web address plus the date you accessed it.

Library

This assignment is also designed to familiarise you with the University Library, particularly the **online catalogue** and **databases** available online.

The library runs tutorials on the use of the catalogue and databases. You can access information about these either in person from staff in the Reference and Research section or online at http://www.victoria.ac.nz/library/instruction/practical-sessions.shtml. To ease demand, key items have been placed on Closed Reserve. A list of material on Closed Reserve and 3-Day Loan is also available online (go to the library homepage (http://www.vuw.ac.nz/library) then to the web-based catalogue and search Closed Reserve and 3-Day Loan under the course number).

Reading

The set text for ARTH 112 is: Fred S. Kleiner, Gardner's art through the ages: A global history, 14th ed. Belmont, CA: Thomson/Wadsworth, 2013, 2009, 2005. (You may use earlier editions but note that the page numbering will be different.)

We strongly recommend you buy this book. It is available from vicbooks. Only a limited number of copies will be available in the Victoria University Library.

Reading material essential for tutorials is provided in the **Course Handbook**. This is available from vicbooks and should be bought by all students. Art History's **Researching and Writing Art History Essays** is available on Blackboard.

All undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from the Memorial Theatre foyer from 9 to 27 July 2012, while postgraduate textbooks and student notes will be available from the top floor of vicbooks in the Student Union Building, Kelburn Campus. After week two of the trimester all undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from vicbooks on Level 4 of the Student Union Building.

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