

**Core Curriculum
Course Proposal Cover Sheet**

Department: Fine Arts

College: Liberal & Fine Arts

Department Head: Teresa Davidian

Course Prefix & Number: ART 131

Course Title: Art Appreciation

Course Description: A theory course designed to introduce the trends, techniques, styles, and major personalities of the visual arts.

Please select the THECB Foundational Component Area for which this course is being submitted. *(Please select only one)*

Creative Arts ([download forms](#))

Checklist:

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FOUNDATIONAL COMPONENT AREA JUSTIFICATION FORM

Rationale: Please provide a rationale for the course which explains how the course being proposed fits into this component based on the component's description. For your convenience, the overall description and rationale for this component are included below.

Creative Arts (from THECB Chapter 4: 4.28)

- Courses in this category focus on the appreciation and analysis of creative artifacts and works of the human imagination.
- Courses involve the synthesis and interpretation of artistic expression and enable critical, creative, and innovative communication about works of art.
- The following four Core Objectives must be addressed in each course approved to fulfill this category requirement: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Teamwork and Social Responsibility.
 - Critical Thinking Skills: to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information;
 - Communication Skills: to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication;
 - Teamwork: to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.
 - Social Responsibility: to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.

Rationale for Inclusion in this Category:

ART 131: Art Appreciation emphasizes Critical Thinking, Communication, Teamwork, and Social Responsibility. Moreover, this course is designed to provide each student with an understanding of the diverse ways in which different cultures construct and represent their reality. Through thematic examination of both historical and contemporary art the student will acquire a vocabulary to describe formal properties of art, techniques of art making, and social, psychological, spiritual and physical uses of art.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME ALIGNMENT FORM
Creative Arts

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Core Objective: Critical Thinking CT1: Students will evaluate evidence in analysis, interpretation or arguments

Course SLO(s): Students critically assess works of art and architecture.

Learning Activities: Class lectures, reading assignments, and classroom discussions.

Means of Assessment: Embedded questions on selected tests.

Core Objective: Critical Thinking CT2: Students will synthesize varied components of information to form a rational conclusion.

Course SLO(s): Students integrate works of art and architecture within the context of their historical evolution.

Learning Activities: Class lectures, student-led discussions.

Means of Assessment: Embedded questions on periodic tests.

Core Objective: Communication C1: Students will express ideas in written, visual or oral forms to a range of diverse audiences in multiple settings.

Course SLO(s): Students will describe diverse ways in which cultures and individuals represent reality.

Learning Activities: Class lectures, reading assignments, and classroom discussions.

Means of Assessment: Paper, and embedded essay questions on periodic tests and final examination. Common rubric with two graders will be used to grade paper; rubric criteria will include items pertaining to writing style and vocabulary.

Core Objective: Teamwork TW1: Students will work in coordination to complete specific tasks.

Course SLO(s): Students identify how communication affects artistic expression; students evaluate evidence in informative context; students participate effectively in small groups.

Learning Activities: Team project on specific styles of art.

Means of Assessment: Common rubric with two graders will be used to grade the teamwork process as well as the content of the team project.

Core Objective: Social Responsibility SR1: Students will demonstrate an understanding of different cultural perspectives

Course SLO(s): Students recognize cultural diversity expressed through art.

Learning Activities: Tests, student-led discussions.

Means of Assessment: Embedded questions on periodic tests.

As department head, I will ensure that all faculty that teach this course are aware of the requirements that these core objectives and learning strategies be incorporated into the above referenced course. This action is taken so that Tarleton State University will be in compliance with Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board foundational component area and core objective requirements for the General Education Core Curriculum.

Signature Teresa Davidian

We, the undersigned faculty, support the proposed changes to this course and agree to incorporate them into our section of the above referenced course. This action is taken so that Tarleton State University will be in compliance with Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board foundational component area and core objective requirements for the General Education Core Curriculum.

(Signed document should be kept in department office, listing names below on the electronic document implies acceptance)

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