

San José State University
Department of Art & Art History
ARTH 190A-01, Art of the Nineteenth Century, Spring 2021

Course and Contact Information

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Prerequisites:	ARTH 70B or instructor consent

Department Advising

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Course Format and MYSJSU Messaging

For the Spring 2021 semester this course has adopted a blended online format of asynchronous lectures and weekly synchronous class meetings for Q&A sessions, in-class workshops and discussions. Course materials such as the syllabus, major assignment handouts, slide presentations and readings etc. may be found on Canvas ([Canvas Learning Management System course login website](#) at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>). You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through MySJSU.

Course Description

ARTH 190A examines 19th-century European art in the context of popular visual culture, literary movements and political events.

The rise of Napoleon in the aftermath of the Revolution was of seminal importance for the development of French art during the Romantic period. Beginning with Jacques-Louis David, the course illuminates the repercussions of David's Neo-classical teachings on the work of his pupils Girodet, Gérard and Gros. It traces the independent direction taken by Prud'hon, and examines how Ingres, Géricault, and Delacroix gave shape to the Romantic Movement in France.

Artists in Germany and England developed landscape into the major genre of the 19th century. The course delves into the relationship between nature and humankind as interpreted in the art of Runge, Friedrich, Blake, Palmer, Turner, Constable and Bonington, who took the initiative to France. The course analyzes the relationship between figure, history and landscape painting in the work of Corot. It explores nature and peasant painting in the School of Barbizon, and probes social questions with Daumier, Millet, and Courbet.

For the study of Impressionism, after the Midterm, the course will adopt a thematic approach. Topics include the concept of the *avant-garde*; Impressionist attitudes toward the landscape and garden; themes of modern life; *Japonisme*; technique, style and artistic practice; group dynamics, the Impressionist exhibitions and their critical reception. The artistic personalities of Manet, Degas, Monet, Renoir, Sisley, Pissarro, Morisot, Cassatt and Caillebotte will be brought into focus.

Continuing with a survey of Post-Impressionism from Cézanne onward, the course analyzes the methodical investigation of new theories of color and composition in the Pointillist work of Seurat. It examines the expressive and symbolic use of color by Van Gogh and Gauguin. It explores the importance of myth and legend for the Symbolists Puvis de Chavannes, Moreau and Redon. It traces the development of a new decorative style of Art Nouveau toward the end of the century, with contributions by Toulouse-Lautrec and the Nabis.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

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

(CLO 1) Use a precise formal vocabulary and new concepts to analyze, interpret, and discuss 19th-century art, including works not previously seen. (Exam essays and term paper)

(CLO 2) Identify major works by artist, approximate title and date, and relate them to the artist's oeuvre and to the movements of 19th- century art. (Identifications, short answer questions and essays in quizzes, worksheets and final exam)

(CLO3) Demonstrate improved close reading and critical thinking skills using primary and secondary sources.

(CLO4) Write more clearly, logically and concisely.

(CLO5) Bring a new contextual understanding and deeper aesthetic appreciation to the experience of 19th century art.

ARTH 190A offers you the opportunity to work toward the outcomes listed above. Their successful completion depends in large part upon your efforts.

Required Texts/Readings

Textbook

Petra ten-Doesschate Chu, *Nineteenth-Century European Art*, Third Edition, (Prentice Hall: 2011): ISBN: 978-0-205-70799-7. This textbook is available at the SJSU Bookstore.

Optional but highly recommended: Sylvan Barnet, *A Short Guide to Writing About Art*. Tenth edition or older.

Library Liaison

Gareth Scott is the liaison librarian for Art and Art History at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. He can be reached via e-mail: Gareth.Scott@sjsu.edu or by telephone at (408) 808-2094. His office is located on the 4th floor of King Library and he welcomes students to contact him with research questions.

University Library Resources specific to ARTH190A are available online at:
<https://libguides.sjsu.edu/c.php?g=884624>

Course Requirements and Assignments

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week), including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on. More details about student workload can be found in [University Policy S12-3](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf>

Examinations: There will be one midterm and one final examination (25% each), both in take-home format. Material covered will be from the assigned readings in the textbook and from class lectures. The midterm and final examinations will include all of the following: image identifications, visual analyses and/or image comparisons, multiple choice and/or short answer questions, and essay questions (CLO1-5). These exam essay questions will be posted on Canvas at the beginning of the semester. Students will be able to prepare the essay questions during class discussions in small groups.

Make-up midterm and final exams will only be given for valid, **documented** medical emergencies. I must be notified of your absence before the time of the exam. Documentation must be provided before a make-up test will be scheduled.

Cheating will result in a grade of "0".

See course schedule below for the exam dates.

Term Essays: Essay #1 will account for **10%** and Essay #2 for **15%** of your course grade. In preparation for Essay #2 you will also submit a topic statement and annotated bibliography (**2%**). Submit on Canvas by the assigned dates.

Essay #1 (Museum Paper) will be an exercise in visual analysis and interpretation. Select two works of 19th-century art from one of the following Museums: The Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University (free admission); the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco: Legion of Honor (1 free day each month). Most museums are closed on Mondays. Make sure to check before you go.

A compare and contrast analysis of the two selected works of art will suggest an angle of interpretation. Introduce your topic with a thesis statement (underline the thesis). Write your analysis and conclusions in 3 to 4 pages double spaced text (not including bibliography and illustrations) (CLO1, 2, 4, 5). Attach your museum ticket or other proof of attendance to the submitted essay. Post in the designated folder on Canvas Assignments.

Note: If the Museums are closed due to COVID-19 a virtual Museum visit may be substituted.

Assignment Due: Beginning of class, February 18th.

Essay #2 will be a research paper on a subject of your choice. Use the textbook (Chu) to identify an area of particular interest to you. Claim the topic (on a first-come, first-serve basis) by posting a description on Canvas Collaborations and by dating your entry on the Google Doc sign-up sheet.

Find a minimum of three reliable sources. Your liaison librarian Gareth Scott will help you find the necessary research materials.

The sources to be analyzed in the annotated bibliography for your essay should include (but not be limited to) the following: a primary document (artists' letters, etc.), a peer reviewed article published in a scholarly journal, and a monograph or museum catalog. Write a one-paragraph description of your topic based on your preliminary research and provide an annotated bibliography in Chicago Manual of Style format (for tips on how to analyze sources see the handout posted on Canvas).

Assignment Due: Topic Statement and Annotated Bibliography for Essay #2. Beginning of class, April 8th.

Construct a thesis statement defining your theme (underline your thesis statement). Analyze and interpret the selected project or work of art, place it in its historical context, and draw your conclusions. Minimum of 3 pages (double-spaced; not including quotations, annotated bibliography and notes, and illustrations) (CLO 1,3, 4, 5). Submit the essay online to Canvas Assignments with Turnitin.

Assignment Due: Term Essay #2 (Research Paper). Beginning of class, April 22nd.

Plagiarism will result in a grade of "0".

Your essay must demonstrate your ability to write clearly, coherently and concisely. The term paper must also demonstrate your ability to use sources correctly and to cite your references properly, using the Chicago Manual of Style format. See the link to Quick Chicago as well as the writing rubric below:

http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html

Writing Rubric: (5-point rubric for writing, as suggested by GE Assessment)

5 – Outstanding response with superior supporting examples or evidence; unusual insights, creative and original analysis, reasoning, and explanation; superior mastery of content; goes well beyond minimum required for the assignments. Excellent use of sources and citations.

4 – Interesting throughout, flows smoothly, good transitions. Well-organized for topic. Good use of mechanics and sentence structure. Good use of sources and citations.

3 – Interesting most of the time; flows smoothly but some poor transitions. Organized but some weaknesses and minor mechanical errors. Weak use of sources and some lack of proper citation.

2 – Interest lowered by lapses in focus. Flow is interrupted by many poor transitions. Organization weak, strays from topic. Some serious mechanical errors. Lack of use of sources.

1 – No clear focus; jerky and rambling. Poorly organized. Many mechanical errors and weak sentence structure. No sources.

0 – Plagiarized papers will result in a "0".

In addition, refer to the following manuscript format requirements:

Format for the Essay:

a. **Minimum of 3 (three) full pages for the body of the essays.**

- b. **Font** - 12 point Times New Roman (nothing larger).
- c. **Double spaced; one-inch margins.**
- d. Include an appendix with illustrations and captions.

Participation:

Your active participation in class discussions and student presentations will contribute **23%** of the course grade.

You will be assigned a variety of activities that will help you to engage with individual works of art and to understand stylistic and thematic developments. These assignments will consist of essay questions to be completed and discussed in small groups, and of individual journal entries (celebrity “interviews” with VIP’s— Very Important Paintings etc.) to be published and shared on Canvas Discussions (CLO 1-5).

NOTE that University policy F69-24, “Students should attend all meetings of their classes, not only because they are responsible for material discussed therein, but because active participation is frequently essential to insure maximum benefit for all members of the class. Attendance per se shall not be used as a criterion for grading.”

Grading Information

Medical or counseling documentation is required for making up late or missed work. Failure to complete the term essays, participation assignments and exams will result in a failing grade for the course.

Extra Credit Options:

There are no extra credit options for this course.

Course Grade Breakdown:

Midterm	25%
Final Exam	25%
Term Essay #1	10%
Term Essay #2	15%
Annotated Bibliography	2%
Student Presentations	10%
Participation	13%

Final grades will be determined by your percentage score as follows:

A+ : 97% - 100%	A : 93% - 96.9%	A- : 90% - 92.9%
B+ : 87% - 89.9%	B : 83% - 86.9%	B- : 80% - 82.9%
C+ : 77% - 79.9%	C : 73% - 76.9%	C- : 70% - 72.9%
D+ : 67% - 69.9%	D : 63% - 66.9%	D- : 60% - 62.9%
F : ≤ 59.9%		

Classroom Protocol

Please arrive on time in Zoom class meetings. Keep your video turned on. Abide by the student conduct code. Your attendance and active participation in class is critical to your success as a student. If you miss a class meeting due to illness, make sure you obtain the notes from your fellow students. Catching up is *your* responsibility.

The course content, including the recorded lectures, is the intellectual property of the instructor. The right to use the audio/video recordings of the lectures is restricted to the purpose of your own individual study. Do not share video links without permission.

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University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs’ [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>”

Student Support Services

Our campus has developed the Spartan Support Network to bring students together with specific campus resources promoting academic success. I have agreed to participate in this program and may refer you to it if I believe you may benefit from the services provided by Spartan Support Network to succeed in this course.

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Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	January 28	<p>1) Course Introduction Zoom class meeting (the recurring link for all Zoom class meetings has been posted on the Canvas Home Page)</p> <p>Chu: Introduction</p>
2	February 2	<p>2) J.-L.David</p> <p>Chu: Chapters 2, 4, and 5.</p>
2	February 4	<p>3) School of David: Girodet, Gérard, Gros and Prud'hon Zoom class meeting</p> <p>Assignment Due: Post Memory Palace (Canova/ Gérard) sketches on Canvas Discussions</p>
3	February 9	<p>4) Ingres;</p> <p>Chu: Chapter 9.</p>
3	February 11	<p>5) Géricault; Zoom class meeting</p> <p>Assignment Due: Prepare Essay Question 1 (History Painting) for Discussion</p>
4	February 16	<p>6) Runge</p> <p>Chu: Chapter 7</p>
4	February 18	<p>7) Friedrich Zoom class meeting</p>

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		<p><i>Assignment Due: Post Museum Highlight on Canvas Discussions</i></p> <p><i>Assignment Due: TERM ESSAY #1 (Museum project). Beginning of class, February 18.</i></p>
5	February 23	<p>8) British Watercolor School (Blake;Palmer)</p> <p>Chu: Chapter 3, 8</p>
5	February 25	<p>9) Turner</p> <p>Zoom class meeting</p> <p><i>Assignment Due: Prepare Essay Question 2 (overlapping interests) for Discussion</i></p> <p><i>Assignment Due: Post “If Art Could Talk” Scenario 1 on Canvas Discussions</i></p>
6	March 2	<p>10) Constable</p>
6	March 4	<p>11) Delacroix</p> <p>Zoom class meeting</p> <p><i>Assignment Due: Prepare Essay Question 3 (appropriation) for Discussion</i></p>
7	March 9	<p>12) Corot</p> <p>Chu: Chapter 10.</p>
7	March 11	<p>13) Daumier</p> <p>Zoom class meeting</p> <p><i>Assignment Due: Prepare Essay Question 4 (politics) for Discussion</i></p> <p><i>Assignment Due: Post VIP Interview on Canvas Discussions</i></p> <p>Chu: Chapter 11, 12</p>

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8	March 16	14) Millet
8	March 18	15) Courbet Zoom class meeting Assignment Due: Prepare Essay Question 5 (labor) for Discussion Chu: Chapter 15
9	March 23	MIDTERM-March 23.
9	March 25	16) Impressionism: Artistic Training Zoom class meeting Chu: Chapter 6, 12
10	March 29- April 2	SPRING BREAK
11	April 6	17) Impressionism continued: Romantic Heritage
11	April 8	18) Impressionism continued: Artistic Practice, Technique, Style Zoom class meeting Assignment Due: Research Essay Topic Statement and Annotated Bibliography for Essay #2. Beginning of class, April 8 Assignment Due: Post Artists' Critique (Manet/Cabanel) on Canvas Discussions Chu: Chapter 16
12	April 13	19) The First Impressionist Exhibition Chu: Chapter 17
12	April 15	20) Impressionism continued: Japonisme and Themes of Modern Life Zoom class meeting Assignment Due: Prepare Essay Question 6 (portraits) for Discussion

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
		<i>Assignment Due: Post VIP Interview (Morisot/Monet) on Canvas Discussions</i>
13	April 20	21) Impressionism continued: Gardens and River Resorts, the Art Market, Caillebotte, Cassatt
13	April 22	22) The Crisis of Impressionism: Cézanne, Monet and the development of series painting Zoom class meeting <i>Assignment Due: Prepare Essay Question 7 (transitory aspects) for Discussion</i> <i>Assignment Due: TERM ESSAY #2. Beginning of class, April 22</i>
14	April 27	23) Seurat and Neo-Impressionism Chu: Chapter 18 (439-447)
14	April 29	24) Symbolism Zoom class meeting <i>Assignment Due: Prepare Essay Question 8 (color) for Discussion</i> <i>Assignment Due: Post Waterlilies Reverie on Canvas Discussions</i> Chu: Chapter 19
15	May 4	25) Post-Impressionism: Van Gogh
15	May 6	26) Gauguin Zoom class meeting <i>Assignment Due: Prepare Essay Question 9 (Symbolism) for Discussion</i>
16	May 11	27) Toulouse-Lautrec Zoom class meeting Student presentations.

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
		<i>Assignment Due: Prepare Essay Question 10 (Japonisme) for Discussion</i>
16	May 13	28) The Nabis Last day of class. Zoom class meeting Student presentations.
Final Exam*		FINAL EXAM- Friday May 21, 9:45-11:00AM