

Nebraska Wesleyan University

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ARH 1040FYW Survey Western Art History: Ancient to 21st Century

4 hours

Majors, Minors & Degrees:

Majors

Art (B.A.)

Art (B.F.A.)

Minors

Art History

Art Studio

Departments/Programs:

Art

This course surveys western art chronologically from prehistory to the present day. Discussions center on understanding various civilizations through their visual arts, the cultural exchange between these civilizations, and how images are used for political, economic, religious and social purposes. Guiding themes within this course, such as patronage, gender, identity, political/religious turmoil, colonialism, and global trade, will introduce students to why certain types of art are created and how these works of art function within society. Students gain familiarity with movements, time periods, and individual works of art. Students learn to identify works of art, are introduced to art terminology, practice the fundamentals of visual analysis, and develop the ability to analyze the content and contexts of works of art.