

ARH 1030FYW Survey of Non-Western Art History

4 hours

Majors, Minors & Degrees:

Majors

Art (B.A.)

Art (B.F.A.)

International Studies (B.A., B.S.)

Minors

Art History

East Asian Studies

International Policy

International Studies

Religious Diversity

Departments/Programs:

Art

This course surveys the art of “Non-Western” societies from prehistory to the present. Cultures discussed include South and Southeast Asia, China and Japan, Africa, and cultures of the Americas (Pre-Conquest and Native American). The term “Non-Western” traditionally refers to cultures that initially developed outside the realm of Western culture and at some distance from the European artistic tradition. The term is not only excessively broad but also problematic, because it implies an opposition to western art. We will explore these issues. The main objective of the course is to provide students with a global perspective on the richness and diversity of art produced by the cultures studied. It also considers the impact of colonization and globalization on the treatment of artworks from non-western cultures and the development of new art forms.