

# ART 3322 — INTRODUCTION TO ART EDUCATION

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SYLLABUS\*

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\* This syllabus is subject to minor revisions. Any changes will be announced.

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## **Course Meetings:**

11:00a to 12:20p, Tuesday & Thursday in FA 2102A

Attendance is required

## **Course Description:**

This course studies the theories and outlines the history of art education and provides undergraduate students with the basic knowledge, skills and strategies for teaching art. Students will be introduced to current issues in art education including multicultural, visual culture and technological art education, creativity, museum collaborations, and arts for special needs. The course will cover TEKS and national visual arts standards, a child's artistic development, learning styles, and philosophy. Also, students will learn about and understand professional development resources and opportunities.

## **Course Objectives:**

1. Students will research and outline the history of art education
2. Students will learn different theories in art education
3. Students will understand the artistic development of children and learning styles
4. Students will gain knowledge of working with children who are special needs, ESL/ELL and gifted
5. Students will understand the basics of developing curriculum & instruction
6. Students will learn and understand state and national standards for teaching visual art
7. Students will develop personal teaching philosophy and artist statement
8. Students will understand what it takes to become an effective art teacher
9. Students will be able to critically understand visual culture & multicultural art education
10. Students will read & become knowledgeable about careers in art education outside of K-12, associations/conferences and journals/research

**Course Content:**

1. Art education history
  - a. Development of art education in American public schools
  - b. DBAE influences
    - i. Art history
    - ii. Aesthetics
    - iii. Production
    - iv. Art criticism
  - c. Social influences on education
  - d. Visual & multicultural art education
2. Major theories and leaders
3. Child development & learning styles
4. Introduction to lesson planning and instruction
5. Lesson modifications
  - a. Law/Policy
  - b. Special needs & ESL/ELL
  - c. Gifted and talented
6. National, state, and local standards
7. Develop personal art education philosophy and artist statement
8. Careers, associations/conferences, and research/journals

**Instructional Activities:**

The syllabus, assignments, calendar, and reading lists are available on Blackboard. Students are responsible for maintaining a Blackboard account, and an UTA email account for professional communication (STUDENTS **MUST** USE UTA EMAIL ACCOUNT FOR COMMUNICATION WITH PROFESSOR). Students should frequently check their email and announcements in Blackboard. It is necessary to be self-motivated and open-minded.

Instructional activities will include the following:

- Reading Assignments
- Cooperative Discussions
- Microsoft PowerPoint™ Presentations
- Writing Assignments
- Research

**Required Reading:**

Efland, A. D. (1990). *A history of art education: Intellectual and social currents in teaching the visual arts*. New York: Teachers College Press.

Hetland, L., Winner, E., Veenema, S. & Sheridan, K. (2007). *Studio thinking: The real benefits of visual arts*.

Various articles and NAEA Advisories will be supplied in class or posted on BlackBoard™.

**Recommended Reading:**

Anderson, T. & Milbrandt, M. (2005). *Art for life: Authentic instruction in art*. New York: MacGraw Hill Companies, Inc.

Cruikshank, D., Jenkins, D. & Metcalf, K. (2009). *The act of teaching*. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill.

Efland, A., Freedman, K. & Stuhr, P. (1996). *Postmodern art education: An approach to curriculum*.

Hurwiz, A. & Day, M. (2001). *Children and their art: Methods for the elementary school*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Group / Thompson Learning.

Keifer-Boyd, K. & Maitland-Gholson, J. (2007). *Engaging visual culture*. Worchester, MA: Davis Publications.

Marantz, S. & Marantz, K. (2005). *Multicultural picturebooks: Art for illuminating our world*. Toronto: Scarecrow Press.

Walker, S. (2001). *Teaching meaning in artmaking*. Worcester, MA: Davis Publications.

#### **University Library Resources:**

- *Journal of Art Education*
- *Journal of School Art*
- *Studies in Art Education*
- *The New York Times*

#### **Recommended Resources:**

Art certification students should join the National Art Education Association at <http://www.naea-reston.org/membership.html>. Members receive many of the NAEA publications including *Art Education*, can purchase NAEA books at a discount, and can attend state and national conferences. Also, students should join the Texas Art Education Association at [www.taee.org](http://www.taee.org). A student membership is \$16. Active membership in professional organizations is expected and looks good on an résumé.

#### **Americans with Disabilities Act:**

The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including the *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Any student requiring an accommodation for this course must provide the instructor with official documentation in the form of a letter certified by the staff in the Office for Students with Disabilities, University Hall 102. Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability) or by calling the Office for Students with Disabilities at (817) 272-3364.

#### **Attendance Policy:**

Class meets twice a week. Like residency/student teaching, this course is a professional obligation where punctual attendance is necessary. More than three absences or continual tardiness will constitute a lower grade by one letter (see attendance policy of the university). Students should notify professor of absence via email at least an hour before class.

#### **Drop Policy:**

Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance.** Repayment of certain types of financial aid

administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (<http://wweb.uta.edu/ses/fao>).

### **Academic Integrity:**

At UT Arlington, academic dishonesty is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated in any form, including (but not limited to) “cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts” (UT System Regents’ Rule 50101, §2.2). Suspected violations of academic integrity standards will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student’s suspension or expulsion from the University.

### **Student Support Services:**

UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may contact the Maverick Resource Hotline by calling 817-272-6107, sending a message to [resources@uta.edu](mailto:resources@uta.edu), or visiting [www.uta.edu/resources](http://www.uta.edu/resources).

### **Student Feedback Survey:**

At the end of each term, students enrolled in classes categorized as lecture, seminar, or laboratory will be asked to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS) about the course and how it was taught. Instructions on how to access the SFS system will be sent directly to students through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. UT Arlington’s effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback data is required by state law; student participation in the SFS program is voluntary.

### **Grading:**

Your grade in this class will be determined by considering a number of factors and performances. In all aspects of this course, sincere effort counts and gradual improvement is expected. Strong academic skills including research and communication are necessary for successful completion of assignments. Attendance and classroom participation is also a factor. In-class and homework projects and activities are evaluated in part on the amount of work involved and the care and concern with which they are done. There is NO ALLOWANCE for the late submission of papers or other assignments.

### **Grading Scale:**

A	90 to 100
B	80 to 89
C	70 to 79
D	60 to 69
F	below 60

### **Paper Style and Format**

All written assignments completed outside of class must be typed, meet required length, and should include:

- A cover page with title, your name, course title and assignment title and date.

- A descriptive title for the paper.
- Page numbers on all pages
- Left and right margin: no larger than 1.5"; Top and bottom margin: no larger than 1.0"
- Use 12 point Times or Times New Roman font
- Double-space all lines, except quotes over 40 words, which must be double-spaced and indented one-half inch.
- Spell check, proof read, and **staple**.
- Choose one of the following style sheets and follow it consistently: *American Psychological Association, Chicago, Modern Language Association*.

### **Assignments:**

#### **1. History of Art Education PowerPoint Presentation (10%)**

Students will select a decade or two (depending on how many students are in the class) from the early 1800s through 2010 on which to present a piece of the history of art education. While reporting on the subject, students need to think about education (in general), political economy, types of schools (and their evolution), inventions/technology, diversity, museums, higher education, visual culture and more. The presentation will be in the form of a PowerPoint (time limitations and number of slides will be determined by professor before presentation is due) and presented to the class. Grade will be based on content, organization, delivery of information, and images/text. Include resource list.

#### **2. Major Leaders and Theories Paper and Presentation (15%)**

In pairs, students need to pick one leader (list will be provided) from the history of art education and write a two-page paper about this leader and his/her major tenets, theories, and contributions to the field of art education. The paper must include the who, what, why, when, and where of the leader/theory as well as what makes this leader/theory important to the field of art education. Students will present their findings in the form of a 10-minute PowerPoint presentation (10 slides).

#### **3. Research and Teach the 8 Studio Habits of Mind (20%)**

In pairs, students will be assigned a Studio Habit of Mind in which to teach the class. Students should follow the book and gather outside information/data to present/teach the material to the rest of the class. Each presentation must be 20 minutes. Students have the option of doing a PowerPoint presentation or another format and must include unique ways to present the information (like you would if teaching to strangers). Grading will be based on content, organization, delivery, and supplemental materials.

#### **4. Artists Statement (5%)**

Students will write a personal artist statement about their artwork. This should be no more than one-page, double-spaced.

#### **5. Teaching Philosophy (5%)**

Students will write a personal teaching philosophy including ideas from the course along with their personal theories about pedagogy, art, and philosophy. (Example teaching philosophies will be provided). This paper will be no more than one-page, double-spaced.

#### **6. Content of Art Project (35%)**

In pairs, student will pick an art medium as a group, i.e. drawing, painting, sculpture/ceramics, printmaking, new media, design or visual culture and write a three to five page paper describing, analyzing, and interpreting the medium based on children's

artistic development, multiple intelligences, and other resources. This paper must also include an activities sheet with example activities and short descriptions (at least 5 examples) based on the medium. Additionally, each group will take one of those activities and develop it into a full unit/lesson plan and teach/present it to the class (focusing on elementary or middle school).

Your paper should follow the paper format guidelines outlined in the course syllabus. Support your description, interpretation, and analysis with 3-5 resources. These can be course readings, interviews, books, journals, videos, Internet, etc. (No more than one of the resources can be a website/video).

#### **7. Electronic Resource Notebook (5%)**

Students will collect teaching resources, assignments and handouts while researching art education during the course and neatly organize the material in an electronic resource notebook to be collected on the last day of class (in the form of CD or jump drive). The electronic notebook will include all of the material that is written for the course with revisions. Clearly identify the owner and course information on the cover (of the CD or jump drive) and provide a useful table of contents.

#### **8. Participation (5%)**

Class participation includes class discussion, in-class writing, exercises or small homework activities between classes not listed in the syllabus. Students are expected to willingly participate in all of these activities with serious enthusiasm. Please approach all class related activities with a fresh and non-judgmental mind while being open to possibilities.