INSTRUCTOR:
Office: AB 667
Email: knbauer@ucalgary.ca
Office Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays 2:00 – 3:00 pm; and by appointment

Day(s), time(s) and location of class: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:45 am, AB 672

Course description: Theories of art, critical methodologies, and aesthetics in the visual arts across history and cultures.

Prerequisites and/or co-requisites: None.

Course Objectives: By the completion of this course, successful students will be able to:

1. recognize and analyze conceptual elements, ideas, and intellectual strategies pertaining to the theory and to the practice of art-making;
2. collaborate and engage in small group in-class discussions with respect for divergent perspectives and opinions;
3. develop a personal response to presentations, artworks & questions which were discussed in class, by including divergent perspectives of group-members;
4. participate actively and/or responsibly in group work and in oral in-class presentations;
5. conduct research with serious, appropriate and reliable sources;
6. facilitate small group in-class discussions;
7. reflect on their learning.

Textbook: This course does not use a textbook.

Course Schedule: will be posted on D2L

Assignments & Evaluation

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<th>Assignment</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Due Date</th>
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<td>QUESTIONNAIRE</td>
<td>Questions to foster general thoughts on conception of art-making and artwork analysis, and expectations for this course. More information will be provided in class and on D2L.</td>
<td>Thu, 8 September 11:59 pm</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>IN-CLASS DISCUSSIONS</td>
<td>Active and respectful engagement in small groups discussing particular works and questions relating to presentation content</td>
<td>in all Tuesday class-meetings</td>
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<td>DISCUSSION RESPONSE &amp; REFLECTION</td>
<td>Following two in-class discussions of your choice, develop your response to presentation, artworks &amp; questions specified for discussions, and reflect on divergent perspectives of group-members. More information will be provided in class and on D2L.</td>
<td>1 week after two in-class discussions [of your choice] [LAST due date for 2nd response &amp; reflection is Tue, 29 November 11:59 pm]</td>
<td>10% [2 X 5%]</td>
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<td>ARTWORK ANALYSES</td>
<td>Two analyses of your artworks in relation to your conception process &amp; intellectual approach. More information will be provided in class and on D2L.</td>
<td># 1 due Thu, 22 Sept. # 2 due Thu, 24 Nov. 11:59 pm</td>
<td>20% [= 2 x 10%]</td>
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<td>GROUP WORK</td>
<td>Researching critical methodology; in-class presentation; selecting artworks, reading material and developing questions for discussion; discussion facilitation; and reflecting on group work. More information will be provided in class and on D2L.</td>
<td>Group presentations [Thu] and discussion facilitations [Tue] will be scheduled from 29 September to 6 December</td>
<td>30%</td>
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<td>FINAL REFLECTION</td>
<td>Questions to reflect on course material, issues &amp; themes, and on student learning and assignments. More information will be provided in class and on D2L.</td>
<td>Tue, 6 December 11:59 pm no extension possible</td>
<td>10%</td>
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Assessment expectations:

**Guidelines for Submitting Assignments:**
All assignments have to be submitted in digital form as pdf files to the appropriate D2L drop-box; no other file format, no SharePoint documents, and no links will be accepted.

NO ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL.

You cannot re-do an assignment AFTER you have submitted and received a grade & feedback for it.

It is the students’ responsibility to make sure to submit the ‘final’ version of assignments.

There are no additional assignments that you can do for extra credit.

**Missed or Late Assignments:**
Please start early with your assignments to avoid late submissions.

Late assignments will result in five points reduction of the percentage grade for each day late.

No assignment will be accepted one week after the official due-date, and drop-boxes will close.

One week after the due date and/or without any communication, the assignment will receive a grade of zero and cannot be included in a ‘course work deferral’ request at the end of term.

**Extensions** for assignments will only be given in extenuating circumstances of emergencies or illness. Communication with the instructor as soon as possible is crucial for receiving an extension.

Tests or due dates of assignments in other courses, religious and secular holidays are known in advance and are not valid to receive an extension.
If you register late for this course, please contact your instructor immediately to discuss an appropriate extension for the QUESTIONNAIRE ASSIGNMENT.

Please note that no extension is possible for the FINAL REFLECTION ASSIGNMENT, which is due on the last day of class.

In this course, you will receive weekly class-emails to remind you to start preparing for assignments and to remind you of approaching due dates. You will encounter the same information on our D2L news/start page, and within the weekly course material folders. Therefore, missed assignments indicate your lack of commitment to this course and will not be accepted one week after the official due date.
It is the student’s responsibility to be familiar with all assignment due dates.
A precise course schedule including all due dates will be posted on D2L.

Expectations for Writing:
Writing skills are important to academic study across all disciplines. Consequently, instructors may use their assessment of writing quality as a factor in the evaluation of student work. Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.2 ‘Writing Across the Curriculum policy’ for details.

It is not necessary for students to achieve a passing grade on any particular component of the course in order to pass the course as a whole.
It is the student’s responsibility to keep a copy of or any relevant documentation regarding each submitted assignment.

COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR INSTRUCTOR
Please contact your instructor if you are uncertain about any aspect of this course: talk to the instructor after class, via email [knbauer@ucalgary.ca], or come to the office hours for a chat [AB 667; Mondays or Wednesdays 2:00 – 3:00 pm or by appointment]. Place “ART 399” in email subject field, allow up to 48 hours for a response.

Portfolios and Assignments: The Department of Art and Art History will not assume responsibility for lost or stolen portfolios or course work given to instructors for grading.

Other Important Dates

For more information on term dates, add/drop/swap/withdraw dates from course deadlines and refund/payment deadlines, please see: https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-schedule.html
Grading Method and Grading Scale

**Undergraduate:** [https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-1-1.html](https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-1-1.html)

- A grade of "C-" or below may not be sufficient for promotion or graduation, see specific faculty regulations.
- The number of "D" and "D+" grades acceptable for credit is subject to specific undergraduate faculty promotional policy.

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<td>96-100</td>
<td>A+</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>Outstanding performance</td>
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<td>90-95</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>Excellent-superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of subject matter.</td>
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<td>85-89</td>
<td>A-</td>
<td>3.7</td>
<td>Approaching excellent performance</td>
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<td>80-84</td>
<td>B+</td>
<td>3.3</td>
<td>Exceeding good performance</td>
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<td>75-79</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>3.0</td>
<td>Good – clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete.</td>
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<td>70-74</td>
<td>B-</td>
<td>2.7</td>
<td>Approaching good performance</td>
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<td>65-69</td>
<td>C+</td>
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<td>Exceeding satisfactory performance</td>
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<td>60-64</td>
<td>C</td>
<td>2.0</td>
<td>Satisfactory – basic understanding of the subject matter.</td>
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<td>55-59</td>
<td>C-</td>
<td>1.7</td>
<td>Approaching satisfactory performance</td>
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<td>53-54</td>
<td>D+</td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>Marginal Pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject</td>
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<td>50-52</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>Minimal pass – marginal performance; generally insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject.</td>
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<td>0-49</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Fail – Failure to meet course requirements.</td>
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**Graduate:** [https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-1-2.html](https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-1-2.html)

- All grades of "C+" or lower are indicative of failure at the graduate level and cannot be counted toward Faculty of Graduate Studies course requirements. Individual programs may require a higher passing grade.

Learning Technologies and Requirements:

There is a D2L site for this course which contains relevant class resources and materials (D2L.ucalgary.ca).

To engage successfully in their learning experiences at the University of Calgary, students taking online, remote, and blended courses are required to have reliable access to the following technology:

- A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates
- A current and updated web browser
- Webcam (built-in or external)
- Microphone and speaker (built-in or external) or headset with microphone
- Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled
- Broadband internet connection

Academic Standing:

For more information go to [http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f.html)

Academic Accommodation:

It is the student’s responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The Student Accommodations policy is available at [https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations](https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations).

Students needing an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) in accordance with the Procedure for...
Accommodations for Students with Disabilities ([https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf](https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf)). Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than Disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit [www.ucalgary.ca/access/](http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/).

**Academic integrity, plagiarism:**
Academic Misconduct refers to student behavior which compromises proper assessment of a student’s academic activities and includes: cheating; fabrication; falsification; plagiarism; unauthorized assistance; failure to comply with an instructor’s expectations regarding conduct required of students completing academic assessments in their courses; and failure to comply with exam regulations applied by the Registrar.

For more information go to [http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html) or [http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html)

Additional information is available on the Academic Integrity Website at [https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity](https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity)

**Internet and electronic communication device:**
The use of laptop and mobile devices is acceptable when used in a manner appropriate to the course and classroom activities. Please refrain from accessing websites and resources that may be distracting to you or for other learners during class time.

Students are responsible for being aware of the University’s Internet and email use policy, which can be found at [https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Acceptable-Use-of-Electronic-Resources-and-Information-Policy.pdf](https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Acceptable-Use-of-Electronic-Resources-and-Information-Policy.pdf)

**Deferral of Term work and exams**
For more information about deferring a final exam go to [https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams](https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams)

For more information about deferral of term work go to [http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-7.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-7.html)

[https://www.ucalgary.ca/live-uc-ucalgary-site/sites/default/files/teams/14/deferred_termwork-feb-2020_revised.pdf](https://www.ucalgary.ca/live-uc-ucalgary-site/sites/default/files/teams/14/deferred_termwork-feb-2020_revised.pdf)

**Intellectual Property & Copyright:**
All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright ([https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Acceptable-Use-of-Material-Protected-by-Copyright-Policy.pdf](https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Acceptable-Use-of-Material-Protected-by-Copyright-Policy.pdf)) and requirements of the copyright act ([https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html](https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html)) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorized sharing of course materials (including presentations, textbooks, posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments, and exams).

Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy [https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html](https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html)

**Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy:**
Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students’ assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary.

For more information go to [https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/student-centre/privacy-policy](https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/student-centre/privacy-policy)
| Ethics | Whenever you perform research with human participants (i.e., surveys, interviews, or observation) as part of your university studies, you are responsible for following university research ethics guidelines. Your instructor must review and approve of your research plans and supervise your research.  
For more information go to [http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-5.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-5.html) or [https://www.ucalgary.ca/research/researchers/ethics-compliance/chreb](https://www.ucalgary.ca/research/researchers/ethics-compliance/chreb) |
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| Student Support: | Please visit this link for important information on:  
- Wellness and Mental health resources  
- Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points  
- Student Success and more....  
[https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines](https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines) |
| Studio Procedures: | Please view current updates from RISK and the Covidsafe page links to information on rapid testing, masking rules, vaccination regulations and documentation as well as a FAQs page, which must all be followed while in Studios.  
| Arts Students’ Centre Program Advising: | Have a question but not sure where to start? The Arts Students’ Centre is your information resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts. Call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at ascarts@ucalgary.ca.  
You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at [http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate](http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate) which has detailed information on common academic concerns. |
| Faculty of Graduate Studies: | For graduate studies email: [graduate@ucalgary.ca](mailto:graduate@ucalgary.ca) or call 403 220 4938.  
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