Course Delivery Format: In-person

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Day(s), time(s): Thursday, 2:00 – 4:45pm

Course description: Investigation of contemporary global art theory and criticism.

Prerequisites and/or corequisites: Admission to a graduate program in the Department of Art.

Course Objectives: By the completion of this course, successful students will be able to:  
1. Identify major trends in contemporary art theory.  
2. Identify contemporary art theory that informs their practice.  
3. Articulate a theoretical framework for their thesis work.  
4. Write an articulate scholarly statement within an accepted scholarly style.

Required Textbooks of Readings: Readings as identified with consultation with the student that inform their individual practices.

Course Schedule: As posted on D2L.

Assignments & Evaluation

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<th>Assignment</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Due Date</th>
<th>Worth (%)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Annotated Bibliography</td>
<td>A robust annotated bibliography that reports a review of literature of contemporary theory informing a student’s practice.</td>
<td>February 8</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>Problem statement and research questions</td>
<td>An identification of the problem that the student’s work might address and research questions that emerge from that problem, as they have emerged from the literature review conducted for the annotated bibliography.</td>
<td>February 26</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Outline for scholarly paper</td>
<td>An outline for a scholarly paper based on the literature review from the annotated bibliography.</td>
<td>March 7</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>Scholarly paper</td>
<td>A scholarly paper that articulates a research problem and questions, supported by a theoretical context.</td>
<td>March 21</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>Presentation</td>
<td>Students will present their papers in an appropriately scholarly manner, with effective audio visual support.</td>
<td>April 4</td>
<td>20%</td>
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Assessment expectations:  
Guidelines for Submitting Assignments: Please hand in your assignments to the appropriate dropbox on D2L.  
Missed or Late Assignments:
As a result of the cumulative nature of the assignments in this class, all due dates are final, unless otherwise negotiated with the instructor. If the instructor grants the extension, late assignments will receive a grade penalty of up to 3% for each day late during the first week after the due date. Thereafter, late assignments will receive a grade penalty of 5% per day of lateness.

NO WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED, WITHOUT PRIOR ARRANGEMENT, AFTER APRIL 12, 2022 at 11:59 pm.

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.

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
- 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
- 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 required readings and other relevant class resources and materials (d2L.ucalgary.ca).
To successfully engage 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)
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| 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) |
| 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) |
| 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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