

Nassau Community College, Spring 2021

Course:	Contemporary Art
Course Code:	ART 104 OLA
Instructor:	Claudia Cage
Class Meetings:	Online – Asynchronous
Contact/Credit Hours:	3 Hours
My Office/Hours:	M/W 12-1:30 via email (subject to change)
Email:	claudia.cage@ncc.edu
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Text Required:	All required essays are linked below
Text Recommended:	<i>The Bulfinch Dictionary of Art Terms</i> (not in bookstore)

Learning Outcomes and Objectives:

1. The student will be able to make a formal analysis of a work of art.
2. The student will be able to distinguish between works of major world cultures, periods and artists.
3. Students will be able to relate selected works of each time period to the historical, philosophical, religious and social milieu.

Course Description:

Art from 1940 to the present, with special attention given to European and American art. A study of the contributions of individual artists and movements, with an examination of the development of new approaches to form and the creative experience.

Course Requirements:

Equipment: Please note that you must use a computer for this course. Mobile devices (phones and tablets) are insufficient for obtaining the materials.

Exams/Quizzes: There are three exams listed on your course outline. You can choose two of the three quizzes to take, or if you can take all three, and I'll drop your lowest grade. It's your choice. However, you must know that there is no flexibility with due dates. There are also no make-up quizzes. *There are no exceptions to the no-make-up rule.*

Readings: Reading assignments are outlined on this syllabus as embedded links and in each weekly module. Any supplemental material will be added into each weekly module, as well. The readings are all *required* for class. *Each week's material will be posted on Blackboard for a limited time.* For your convenience, the modules will be open from Saturday through Friday of the week that they're to be read/watched.

Museum Visit: You are required to attend at least one museum or gallery at least virtually at some point during the semester. Proof of this visit must be evidenced in a post on a Discussion Board for museum visits and extra credit, which I will provide.

Email: You *must* check your NCC email regularly! Pop it through your preferred email account, if needed, but not receiving your email is unacceptable.

Attendance: Though you will be taking this course online, your work must be done within the time allowed for each unit, as they will not be online all semester. There are no exceptions to this. Again, each week's material will be posted for a limited time.

Incompletes: A grade of Incomplete will only be issued in cases where at least 80 percent of the semester's work has been completed by the student. If an incomplete is appropriate, a contract stipulating deadlines and work to be completed will be drawn up and signed by the student and me in the Art Department.

Withdrawal

The last day for automatic withdrawals changes each semester. Please see the [student calendar](#) for that date. After that date your ability to withdraw from this class is at my discretion.

Extra Credit (which can only be given in addition to having a basis of credit):

Extra credit will be given, if you (virtually) attend a gallery or museum off campus and post a link w/a summary of your favorite thing about that visit. Extra credit is also given if you are *very* active on the discussion boards not just posting your own work but also talking w/one another about each other's posts. Check your email and announcements for opportunities for other types of extra credit available.

Grading:

50 percent Quizzes – two out of three. You will have one week to complete each quiz. Due dates are posted. Late work will not be accepted. There is NO EXCEPTION to this, and **there are no makeups.**

50 percent Participation (includes: at least one **meaningful** post per week for a minimum of ten plus an introductory post and museum visit post, as well as any extra credit done by the course deadline outlined below.) *You are also required to check your NCC email account regularly during the semester.*

Course outline with all reading material embedded as links follows this page.

Course Outline (subject to revision):

- Week of 1/18** **Classes begin 1/19**
Your Favorite Image – Introductions post due Friday!
- Week of 1/25** Introduction: [The Formal Elements](#)
[Gustave Courbet](#) and the [Salons](#)
- Week of 2/1** [Impressionism: Art and Modernity](#)
[Edgar Degas](#) and the birth of [Modernism](#)
- Week of 2/8** [American Impressionism](#)
[The Ashcan School](#)
[Lois Mailou Jones](#)
[Archibald Motley](#)
- Week of 2/15** [Alfred Stieglitz and His Circle](#)
[Manhatta](#)
QUIZ 1: DUE Friday, 2/19, 11:59 PM
- Week of 2/22** [Georgia O’Keeffe](#)
- Week of 3/1** [1913 Armory Show](#)
[Dada](#)
[Ai Weiwei’s Sunflower Seeds](#)
[Tabloids](#)
- Week of 3/8** [Surrealism](#)
[More Surrealism](#)
[Man Ray’s Return to Reason](#)
[Ghosts Before Breakfast](#)
[Ballet Mechanique](#)
[Un Chien Andalou](#)
- Week of 3/15** [Alexander Calder’s Circus](#)
[Jackson Pollock by Hans Namuth](#)
[Abstract Expressionism](#)
- Week of 3/22** [Jasper Johns \(proto-Pop\)](#)
[Pop Art: Tootsie Pops and Canned Ham, Pop Art, MoMA Feature](#)
[Andy and Edie on Merv Griffin](#)
- Week of 3/29** [Diane Arbus: The Freak Within](#)
QUIZ 2: DUE Friday, 4/2, 11:59 PM

- Week of 4/5** [The Pictures Generation](#)
Performance: [Grace Jones](#), [Eric Bogosian](#)
Tate Shots: [Laurie Simmons](#)
[Nan Goldin: The Ballad of Sexual Dependency](#)
- Week of 4/12** [Jean Michel Basquiat](#)
[Marcus Harvey and the YBA](#)
- Week of 4/19** [Ai Weiwei](#)
- Week of 4/26** [Kehinde Wiley](#)
Kehinde Wiley: [Economy of Grace](#)
- Week of 5/3** *Final Exam Posted*
- Week of 5/10** **Final Exam and All Remaining Work Due 5/14, 11:59 PM**
Day and Online Classed End Monday, 5/17

Be vigilant with your NCC email. I will send updates and extras, as needed. This course outline is dynamic and subject to revision, as needed.

All links are vetted right before the semester begins. Please report broken links to me right away.

Museums to know:

American Museum of Natural History: www.amnh.org/
Central Park West (at 79th Street), Manhattan

The **Brooklyn** Museum of Art: www.brooklynmuseum.org
Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn
Closed Mondays and Tuesdays

The **Guggenheim:** www.guggenheim.org
Fifth Avenue at 89th Street, Manhattan
Closed Thursdays

Metropolitan Museum of Art (MMA): www.metmuseum.org
Fifth Avenue at 82nd Street, Manhattan
Price is *suggested*, so giving at least one dollar is fine.

The Museum of Modern Art (**MoMA**): www.moma.org
11 West 53rd Street (between Fifth and Sixth Avenues)
Closed Tuesdays
Free with valid SUNY or CUNY student ID
Free Friday evenings 6-9 pm

Nassau County Museum of Art (**NCMA**): <http://www.nassaumuseum.org/>
One Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor (directions on website)

Neue Galerie: <http://www.neuegalerie.org/>
1048 Fifth Avenue (at 86th Street)
Closed Tuesday and Wednesday
\$10 for students with valid ID

Additional information:

If you have a physical, psychological, medical, or learning disability that may have an impact on your ability to carry out the assigned coursework, I urge you to contact the staff at the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD), Building U, (516) 572-7241, TTY (516) 572-7617. The counselors at CSD will review your concerns and determine to what reasonable accommodations you are entitled as covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. All information and documentation pertaining to personal disabilities will be kept confidential.