

Course: ID2010 C4 –Interdisciplinary Topics in Culture: Masterpieces and Practice

Session: Spring 2010: London and Paris

Credit/Hours: **3(0-0-3) 45 Hours** Delivery Mode: Travel Study

Transfer:

Pre/corequisite: Any College or University course that deals with the history of a related topic. For a Fine Arts

course, that would be an art, dance, drama, or music history course. Other courses may be

acceptable prerequisites; check with the instructor.

Instructor(s): Geoff Whittall

Calendar Description:

Interdisciplinary Topics in Culture is an exploration of masterworks and common practices, in the cultural history of European and American culture. An aspect of this exploration will be examining the ways in which these arts have influenced society at large, and how they have fit into the locations of study. Content changes each year based on location, depending on where the Fine Arts Department travels in the spring session. Topics will typically include aspects of the visual arts and music but additional topics, such as a cultural history of a geographic area, may be presented in some sessions.

Course Content:

The course is 12 days in length, which includes two major travel days from Edmonton to our destination, and the return. If the course is held in more than one location, there may be an additional travel day during the course. On each of the 10 active days at our destination, students can expect to spend somewhere between a couple and 10 hours with one or more instructors, as we meet the 45 hours minimum requirement for the course. This time will be spent in lectures and informal talks, galleries, museums, or other sites, and concerts, recitals, services, or other events. As long days will tend to help us get through the course hours quickly, you may also expect to have a couple days off for sightseeing, resting, doing laundry, etc.

Evaluation:

This course may be taught by more than one instructor. While you may spend the majority of your time with one instructor, evaluation may be made by the team of instructors. In some circumstances, students may have the opportunity to contract for a grade based on a fulfilled promise of performance.

Evaluation will be based upon:

Participation and Discussion: 10% Journals, Analyses, Reports: 90%

You journal is due in my college mailbox by May 12. I will produce grades as swiftly as possible

after that date.

Timeline: Plan for a 12-day trip. Two of those days will be major traveling days. Other days may also

include some element of travel. Beyond that, there will be roughly 12 days of experiences to

ingest.

Required Materials:

You will need a logbook, and two notebooks.

Additional Costs:

Travel is a significant cost. In addition to tuition, you will pay a set fee that will include point-to-point travel from and returning to Edmonton, accommodations, ISIC documents and travel

insurance, and continental breakfasts.

Attendance: More than 20% absenteeism may constitute a failure except for medical or extenuating

circumstances in which case a doctor's letter may be required.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is cheating. The instructor reserves the right to use electronic plagiarism detection

services. See P. 40-50 of the Calendar for more details, and for explanation of many other

policies and regulations.

Reviewed: October 2005