World of Arts: An Introduction

COURSE IN BRIEF

World of Arts is a directed study university-level course, designed for the student who will be visiting art galleries, cultural museums, architectural sites and other places of artistic interest. The focus will be on the visual arts and how they reflect the travel country’s values, attitudes and levels of aesthetic appreciation. Using art as the medium, the student will develop a cultural understanding of the travel country by maintaining an art journal with notations on artworks, architectural sites, landmarks and/or buildings observed during the overseas experience.

The course is divided into three separate, but related, study phases. These are identified as the Pre-Travel phase, the Travel phase and the Post-Travel phase. Each of these stages has its own set of required tasks that have been designed not only to familiarize the student with a specific topic relative to his/her travel experience, but to also create a foundation on which to base the next phase of the course.

Students may select either a one or two credit option. Course requirements vary with the number of credits.

RECOMMENDED READING

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This is not a required textbook, but it will help your understanding of both museums and the art you will be viewing. It is an excellent companion text for the course that guides you through the process of looking at and writing about art. You can order the book online from sites like Amazon.com.

In particular, you will find the following chapters helpful:

Chapter 1: Defining the Museum
Chapter 2: Mapping the Museum
Chapter 3: Presenting the Art
Chapter 5: Talking about Art
Chapter 6: Writing about Art
COURSE REQUIREMENTS (1 Credit Course)
ONE [1] credit requires satisfactory completion of:

PRE-TRAVEL PHASE
Prior to departing the student must complete an art-related background study relative to the region that they will be visiting.

1. Search the Internet for three (3) major sites (museums, galleries, famous architecture, art history, locations, etc.) that you will be visiting during your tour. In your pre-travel journal record the name and web page address of each site.

2. Make a one to three (1-3) page pre-travel journal entry on each of your chosen sites. Include in your journal entry the following:
   • The site name.
   • The site/web page address.
   • What significant things did you learn from studying the page?
   • What do you expect to find when you actually visit the site?

Complete this assignment by filling out and submitting the Art Pre-Travel Journal/Activity Form. (See the General Information section below for online submission information.)

TRAVEL PHASE
While traveling, the student will:

1. Visit the sites included on the travel itinerary.

2. Make a one to three (1-3) page journal entry on at least three artistic sites you visited on your travel itinerary. If possible, they should be the same sites that you recorded in your pre-travel journal. If you are not able to visit all of the pre-travel sites, record journal entries on at least three total sites visited.
   a. What did you find at the site?
   b. How did what you learned from the actual visit differ from what you learned from the pre-travel web page review? (Include your impressions of the site itself, what you found inside, the size of exhibits, the people there, interaction within your group, your emotions, etc).

3. Fill in your portion of the University Credit Evaluation Form and give to your leader to complete. (Note: This form must be submitted in order for credit to be awarded. The travel leader may choose to submit the form to the university directly or may have the student submit the completed form. This form should be submitted via postal mail or fax. See General Information below for contact information.)

POST TRAVEL PHASE
Fill out the Art Post-Travel Journal/Activity Form. Use the information you recorded in your journal entry about your site to complete the form (see number two above). Submit this form online through Blackboard. (See the General Information section below for online submission information.)
**COURSE REQUIREMENTS** (2 Credits)  
**TWO (2) credits** requires satisfactory completion of:

**PRE-TRAVEL PHASE**  
Same as for 1 credit

**TRAVEL PHASE**  
Same as for 1 credit

**POST TRAVEL PHASE**  
After returning home, the student will complete the following:

*Summary Paper:* Write a **three to five (3-5) page summary paper** which brings together your pre-travel and travel experience (give examples) with the following allegory: “Understanding comes not in the mere learning of the names, but in the actual perception of the things themselves.” Compare and contrast your pre-travel expectations with what you experienced traveling to the sites.

Submit your paper online after completion. (See *General Information* section for details on submitting work online.)

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**NOTE:** Credit will not be granted unless the student successfully completes both the academic and travel phases of the program. Exceptions to the stated course requirements will be granted by EWU only under extenuating circumstances. Refunds will be granted according to official university policy. EWU will make the final determination on matters in question.

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