

Graduate SOFA H & A Electives					created 3/23/15	
Subj	Cat	Course Title	Course Description	Comp	Pre-requisite and Requirement Group Description	Typically Offer
ARTH	611	Extreme Abstraction	Although we can trace the roots of abstraction to non modern times and find its beginning as a concept in the visual arts in the late 18th and through-out the 19th century, it is a predominantly 20th century phenomena. During the beginning of the 20th century there were many artists that turned to nonfigurative practices for reasons that were mostly cultural and political. The world was changing and the artists wanted art to change as well. Although these reasons were about creating new ways of seeing and representing the world the sources for these visions varied from artist to artist. Scientific discoveries dealing with concepts of evolution, germs, atomic theory and astronomy contributed to the artists theorizing and producing abstract works of art. And although the work took on a look that may have been associated with decoration, most artists denied this connection for fearing that their work would not be taken seriously. Merely decorative! Abstraction since then has gone through many manifestations. The artists of today are no longer just going through the process of abstracting but are now producing abstract work that has its own history, rules and grammar. Issues of science, spirituality, primitivism and the decorative still resonate in the work of late 20th and early 21st century artists. But what is different?	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	S
ARTH	621	The Image	The image remains a ubiquitous, controversial, ambiguous and deeply problematic issue in contemporary critical discourse. Yet, it is also a key concern of visual culture, and a connecting problem across the entirety of CIAS (the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences) here at RIT where the production and consumption of images is paramount. This course will examine recent scholarship devoted to the image and the ideological implications of the image in contemporary culture. Topics will include: the modern debate over word vs. image, the mythic origins of images, subversive, traumatic, monstrous, banned and destroyed images (idolatry and iconoclasm), the votive and effigy, the mental image, the limits of visibility, the moving and projected image, the virtual image, image fetishism, the valence of the image, semiotics and the image, as well as criteria by which to assess their success or failure (their intelligibility) and their alleged redemptive and poetic power.	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F-S
ARTH	624	Scandinavian Modernism	This course examines the decorative arts and visual culture of modern Scandinavia from 1860 to the present, with special emphasis on the social, economic, and political impulses that have shaped them. Scandinavian Modern design plays a significant role in the postwar epoch; it is equated with such leading brands as Volvo, Saab, Ericsson, Nokia, H&M, Electrolux Orrefors, Georg Jensen, ARTEK, Iitala, and IKEA and the idea of progressive, social democracy. The myths and realities of its success will be examined, as well as its impact on contemporary design.	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F-S
ARTH	638	Symbols And Symbol Making: Psychoanalytic Perspectives on Art	This course explores the links between psychoanalytic theory and art history with special focus on the work of Sigmund Freud, Carl Jung, and their followers. A central aim is to examine the way in which psychoanalytic theory has been employed by art historians and theorists as a mode of interpretation, as well as to study how, why, and what several of the most notable psychoanalysts have written about art. Topics include the interpretation of dreams, transference, the Oedipal myth, melancholia, narcissism, abjection, the structure of the unconscious, the fetish, Archetypes and the Collective Unconscious, as well as outsider art and the art of the insane. Key theorists to be discussed include: Freud, Jung, D.W. Winnicott, Melanie Klein, Jacques Lacan, Otto Rank and Julia Kristeva; individual artists studied include: Albrecht Dürer, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Edvard Munch, Max Ernst, Jackson Pollock, Louise Bourgeois, Mary Kelly and Victor Burgin; in addition to examples from film (Mava Deren, Luis Buñuel and Salvador Dali, as well as Stan Brakhage).	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F-S
ARTH	644	Illuminated Manuscripts	Students in this course will examine the history of illuminated manuscripts, learning about the working methods of artists as well as the cultural significance of the illuminated book. Issues of production, style, function, and patronage will be introduced, and students will explore the relationships between images, texts, and readers.	LEC	GRAD-CIAS	F-S
ARTH	650	Topics in Art History	A focused, critical examination and analysis of a selected topic in Art History varying according to faculty teaching the course. A subtopic course description will be published each term course is offered. This course can be repeated.	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F-S
ARTH	666	Modernism Realism Expressionism	This course is an inquiry into one of the major debates of modern art. This debate had a seemingly clear victor. The idea that the artist expresses his or her individuality and then communicates that "self" to the rest of "humanity" through a higher, transcendental, language has dominated the discourse and practice of modernist art. In retrospect, the art that dominated most of the first half of the 20th century was of an Expressive nature. On the other hand art that addressed the social and in anyway addressed direct and specific social issues was banished by art's major institutions. Realism was dead. In this course we will look at the circumstances of how Realism became subordinated to Expressionism. We will also address the question of what exactly constituted the practice of realist art. We will look at the roots of both movements that will take us at times into 18th and 19th centuries. But mostly we will concentrate on how institutions like the Museum of Modern Art helped define how we see the history of 20th century art as being determined. We will also explore how Modernism's "other", Realism, survived and gained new currency in practices of late 20th and early 21st century art.	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F

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ARTH	668	Art And Technology: From The Machine Aesthetic to the Cyborg Age	This course explores the link between art and technology in the 20th century with special focus on the historical, theoretical, and ideological implications. Topics include the body in the industrial revolution, utopian, dystopian, and fascist appropriations of the machine, engendering the mechanical body and machine-eroticism, humanism, the principles of scientific management, and the paranoid machine, multiples, mass production, and the art factory, industrial design and machines for living, the technological sublime, cyborgs, cyberpunk and the posthuman. Key theorists to be discussed include: Karl Marx, Norbert Weiner, Reyner Banham, Siegfried Gideon, Michel Foucault, Deleuze and Guattari, Donna Haraway, and Martin Heidegger, as well as examples from film (Modern Times, Metropolis, Man with the Movie Camera and Blade Runner) and literature (Shelley's Frankenstein, Zamyatin's We). Artists covered include: Tatlin, Rodchenko, Malevich, Moholy-Nagy, Legér, Sheeler, Picabia, Duchamp, Calder, Ernst, Le Corbusier, Klee, Tinguely, Oldenburg, Rauschenberg, Warhol, Beuys, Kiefer, Lewitt, Fischli and Weiss, Acconci, Nam June Paik, Survival Research Laboratories, Bureau of Inverse Technology, Stelarc, Orlan, Dara Birnbaum, <u>Roxy Paine, Marina Abramovic, Eduardo Kac and Bill Viola</u> .	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F
ARTH	671	Art And Architecture Of Ancient Rome	In this course, students will examine the visual culture of ancient Roman civilization from the foundations of Roman culture through the Late Imperial era. Roman culture was heavily reliant on images as a means of transmitting concepts of lineage, status, and power; students will learn how these images may have been perceived in the context of Roman social and political history, and how style may have been used as an ideological tool.	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F
ARTH	672	Art of the Americas	This is a survey course of Native North and South American visual arts within an historical and anthropological framework. Included will be an examination of the development of principal styles of Ancient American architecture, sculpture, painting, and ceramics up to the sixteenth century when the Spanish conquistadores defeated the Aztec and Inca empires and imposed colonial rule. Consideration is also given to materials used, techniques of construction, individual and tribal styles, as well as to the meaning and function of various art forms within Native American societies.	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F
ARTH	673	Conceptual Art	This course examines the widely influential mid-1960s art movement that questioned the fundamental nature of art itself by renouncing the material art object as well as the phenomenon of art making. The definition of art as well as its institutional framework was thereby expanded, and the idea, concept, or intellectual dimension of the work was underscored. Students will be acquainted with the philosophical foundations and critical implications of this global movement across a wide spectrum of works and practices (paintings, performance, installations, books and texts, photography, film, and video) and its relevance to contemporary concerns.	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F
ARTH	674	Dada and Surrealism	This course examines the widely influential Dada and Surrealist movements in Europe and the United States from 1916 through the post-World War II period as well as their relevance to contemporary concerns. Emphasis is on identifying the major works of artists involved in these movements as well as their philosophical foundations, critical implications, as well as broader literary and ideological contexts (e.g. Freud, Breton, Lautréamont, Leiris and Bataille). A wide range of works and practices (paintings, performance, installations, literary texts, photography, film, and ephemeral objects) will be studied, and the work of certain key artists (Höch, Heartfield, Schwitters, Duchamp, Picabia, Picasso, Dalí, Ernst, Giacometti, Man Ray, Bellmer, Cahun, Cornell, <u>Magritte, Miro, Oppenheim, Toven and Picasso</u>) will be analyzed in depth.	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F-S
ARTH	676	Early Medieval Art	This class will examine medieval European artistic production – including architecture, architectural and free standing sculpture, metalwork, painting, and manuscript illumination – from the sixth to the twelfth centuries. The visual culture of the period will be analyzed in relation to the historical, social, and political context of its production. Primary issues to be considered include architectural structure, art and religious practice, the status and organization of artists and builders, art as an expression or enforcer of identity, the question of regional styles, contact with other cultures, and the relationship between medieval art and the past.	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F-S
ARTH	677	Displaying Gender	This course brings together two of the most significant strains of recent art historical scholarship: the study of gender in representation and the critical examination of exhibitions and museums – with particular focus given to key examples of curatorial practice from the late 19th century to the present day. Through readings, possible museum visit(s), class discussions, and guided individual research, questions of gender in exhibitions will be considered in relation to other aspects of identity including sexuality, race, and class.	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	S
ARTH	678	Edvard Munch	The Norwegian artist Edvard Munch (1863-1944) continues to generate a great deal of popular interest, critical scholarship, and reflection. The four-volume catalogue raisonné of his paintings was published in 2009, and the graphic work appeared in 2001. A painter, printmaker, photographer, and filmmaker, Munch was also a prolific writer, well acquainted with the symbolist poets and playwrights, as well as the broad intellectual drift of the fin-de-Siècle. He is the one Scandinavian artist included within the Modernist canon and his image, The Scream (1893), is an icon of the modern age. Munch traveled widely throughout Europe and his work was exhibited in North America beginning with the famous 1913 Armory Show. This course will examine recent scholarship devoted to Munch and the critical issues that his work addresses. It will also place him within the broader cultural context of Scandinavian and European modernism, while examining his impact on subsequent generations.	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F-S

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ARTH	681	Latin American Art	This is a survey course of the historical development of the art of Latin America from colonial times to the present. Included will be a consideration of painting, sculpture, architecture, graphic, and photographic arts. Potential themes to be addressed include the dependence on the European neo-classical academic model; indigenism; nationalism and the resurgence of 'popular' art; the role of the visual arts in the construction of history; the conflicts and tensions involved in the search for a cultural identity.	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	S
ARTH	682	Medieval Craft	In this course, we will explore the history of craft production throughout the Middle Ages. While modern scholars have often divided "art" from "craft," this distinction did not exist in medieval Europe: artists were craftspeople, producing objects that were both practically and symbolically functional. This class will focus on the decorative arts including stained glass, ivories, textiles, and metalwork—to produce a more integrated picture of medieval visual culture. Students will study both practical aspects of production and the reception and meaning of these objects within medieval society.	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F-S
ARTH	683	Installation Art	This course will introduce students to historic, contemporary, and critical issues surrounding installation art. There will be an introduction to the development of installation art as a genre. We will examine the changes, which have developed over the past three decades, of object sculpture to non-object. There will be an emphasis on the development of the concept of an installation project and its relationship to site and/or audience. Both public and gallery spaces will be discussed.	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F
ARTH	684	Late Medieval Art	This course will examine architecture, sculpture, painting, and decorative arts in Europe from the mid-twelfth century to the Renaissance. Students will analyze the visual culture of the period in relation to the historical, social, and political contexts of its production. Primary issues to be considered include the concept of Gothic, architectural design and construction, the format, function, and creation of manuscripts, art and religious practice, the status and organization of artists, artistic patronage, regional styles, and cross-media influences.	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F-S
ARTH	686	History of Things: Studies in Material Culture	This course is an examination of techniques and materials together with a historical overview of the artistic achievements of craftsmen and women in the past, with particular emphasis on ceramics and metalsmithing. It includes study of Renaissance and early modern earthenware and stoneware as a prelude to the consideration of the history of porcelain and explores creative thinking and designing in other traditional craft areas such as fiber, glass, and wood.	LEC	None	S
ARTH	687	The Gothic Cathedral	This class will examine the Gothic cathedral and related art production (stained glass, sculpture, and metalwork within the cathedral context) from the twelfth through the fifteenth century. The cathedrals of the late middle ages represent the greatest efforts of medieval art production; students will study these buildings within their cultural contexts and examine the meanings such buildings conveyed to their intended audiences. The class will explore the design, structure, and construction of Gothic cathedrals throughout Europe, and will also examine the decorative programs of sculpture, stained glass, and liturgical objects integral to the meaning and function of these structures. Issues to be considered include the production of cathedrals; the stylistic variations of Gothic; the relationship between function and form; the urban context of Gothic cathedrals; and the holistic view of the Gothic cathedral.	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F-S
ARTH	688	The Gothic Revival	This class covers the Gothic Revival of the eighteenth, nineteenth centuries, and twentieth centuries. Issues to be examined include the question of stylistic revival vs. stylistic survival; the origin and meanings of Gothic as a stylistic category; the impact of antiquarianism on the Gothic Revival in the eighteenth century; Gothic and eighteenth-century modes of vision; Gothic in the private and public spheres; Gothic 's associations with science, gender, nationalism, and morality; the Gothic Revival and the Pre-Raphaelites, and major figures within the movement such as A.W.N. Pugin and John Ruskin.	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F-S
PHGR	701	Histories and Aesthetics of Photography I	This fall semester course presents an overview of the multiple, intersecting histories and aesthetic practices of photography, integrating fine art, documentary, photojournalism, and commercial and editorial photography within a broader cultural discussion. Beginning with the announcement of photography in 1839, we will study technological advancements, photographers' oeuvres, and cultural and artistic movements during the first 100 years of photography. Class 3, Credit 3 (F)	LEC	This class is restricted to degree-seeking graduate students or those with permission from instructor.	F
PHGR	702	Histories and Aesthetics of Photography II	This spring semester course focuses on conceptual developments within the significant themes of the multiple, intersecting histories and aesthetic practices of photography. Integrating fine art, documentary, photojournalism, and commercial and editorial photography, we will consider photographic genres and movements within a broader cultural framework. (PHGR-701 Histories and Aesthetics of Photography I) Class 3, Credit 3 (S)	LEC	This class is restricted to degree-seeking graduate students or those with permission from instructor.	S
PHGR	722	Contemporary Issues	A study of current issues relevant to photo-based fine art and related media, how they relate to broader historical/cultural issues and how they might suggest future directions. Emphasis is placed on the integration of critical theoretical discourses and studio practice. This course can be repeated for credit.	LEC	This class is restricted to degree-seeking graduate students or those with permission from instructor.	F-S
SOFA	611	History and Aesthetics of Animation	This course will provide a general survey of the development of animated film making around the world from the late 19th century to today. It will be an exploration of the history and aesthetics of Animation with emphasis on the unique characteristics of the form and how those characteristics are used as a means of interpretation and expression. Class 2, Screenings 3, Credit 3 (S)	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	S
SOFA	642	History and Aesthetics: Animation Stories	This course provides an in-depth study of a specific movement or individual(s) that has made a major contribution to the animated film art form. Films will be viewed and discussed in the context of the specific times and places in which they were made. Emphasis is on determining the unique characteristics of the animation medium and how those characteristics have been used as a means of interpretation and expression from historical, cultural and individual perspectives. Class 2, Screenings 3, Credit 3 (F)	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F

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SOFA	660	Documentary Film History	This course will examine the development of documentary film from 1920 to the present. It will explore central themes in documentary filmmaking, including the Grierson social documentary, the Flaherty romantic tradition, cinema verite, propaganda films, first person narratives, and experimental documentary. Through film viewings, class discussions, and assigned readings, the student will critically examine how documentary film is constructed and the critical relationship between the construction of the film and the film's content and meaning. Class 2, Screen 3, Credit 3 (S)	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	S
SOFA	661	New Documentary Issues	This course examines current trends in documentary film during the last decade. We will view one-two documentary films each week. We will examine each film critically; analyzing the film's theme, structure, style, relationship to reality, and effectiveness. In addition, we will look at how current filmmakers interpret and build upon the basic ideas and discourse that have defined documentary filmmaking since its beginnings. Class 2, Screen 3, Credit 3 (F)	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F
SOFA	662	International Film History	This course examines selected, varying film topics in a wider socio-historical context. Seminar themes change each year and may include topics such as post-war German film, films of the Holocaust, Japanese film, Surrealist and Magic Realist film, Soviet film, Native Americans on film, etc. Students are expected to participate actively in the course discussions. Class 2, Screening 3, Credit 3 (F, S)	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F-S
SOFA	691	Film Sound Theory Music	This course is one of three in the study of film sound theory. Through readings, focused group discussion, and the viewing of/listening to select films, the course promotes critical analysis of the varied and profound uses of music in sound design. Addressed is the history of music from the silent era to the modern score. The concepts studied include the modal changes in point-of-audition, and positioning across diegeses. Newer topics including audio-visualization and ventriloquism theory are also addressed. Class 2, Screenings 3, Credit 3 (F, Su)	LEC	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F-SU
SOFA	692	Film Sound Theory: Effects	This course is one of three in the study of film sound theory. Through readings, focused group discussion, and the viewing of/listening to select films, the course promotes critical analysis of the varied and profound uses of effects in sound design. Addressed is the history of effects from the early sound era to the modern design. The concepts studied include the modal changes in point-of-audition, and positioning across diegeses. Other topics like complementarity and the acousmetre are also addressed. Class 2, Studio 3, Credit 3 (F, Su)	LEL	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F-SU
SOFA	693	Film Sound Theory:Voice	This course is one of three in the study of film sound theory. Through readings, focused group discussion, and the viewing/listening of select films, the course promotes critical analysis of the varied and profound uses of music in sound design. The history of voice from the silent era to the modern sound design will be addressed. The concepts studied include the modal changes in point-of-audition, and positioning across diegeses. Other topics like the acousmetre and the mute, vococentric mixing and separation, relativizing, and dialogue theory are also addressed. Each student gives a presentation on a chosen concept within film voice theory.	LEL	This course is restricted to CIAS Graduate students.	F-S-SU