

THA 2010 ARTS OMNIBUS Spring 2012 Mary Yarbrough

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**PURPOSE OF COURSE:** This course provides the students with an experiential overview of the arts, their inter-relatedness, their importance to an index of cultural diversity. Fundamental to this course is the student's attendance at scheduled arts events as well as regularly scheduled class sessions.

**CLASS REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Lectures and attendance at arts events. There will be a minimum of nine mandatory events scheduled outside of class time.\* Regularly scheduled classes have been eliminated to compensate for these required events. Some of the events require a fee. The entire cost should be under \$20.00. Please keep your ticket stubs and program. They must be attached to corresponding reaction papers. Five points will be deducted from papers lacking stubs & programs.

If you feel a schedule of attending nine events out of class will be a strain on your other courses, please make other arrangements.

**2. ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

CLASS ROOM ATTENDANCE is expected but not obligatory. I do however take roll and if you are absent and miss handouts, notes or notices you will have to depend on your friends in class to get copies of missed information.

EXCEPTION TO ABOVE: You must be in attendance to visit the Tarble Arts exhibits as they are assignments. You must also be in attendance on the days we discuss events. Failure to be in attendance will result in a 10 point subtraction from your papers. (This will give you a D for that assignment unless poorly written which could result in an F).

You must also be in attendance for the duration of a final film project.

You must also be in attendance if we have a guest speaker. These guests are experts in their field and will speak about events that are assignments. Not only is it rude to be absent on those days, but the

information that is discussed will help you to enjoy the event and write better papers. Failure to be in attendance will result in a 10 point loss on your paper. (See above.)

Late arrivals (after roll has been taken) are held responsible for making sure I know you are in attendance. Please talk to me after class so I can record your attendance.

#### ARTS EVENTS ATTENDANCE:

If you have an evening class, are scheduled to work, scheduled to be elsewhere because of University requirements (this does not include Greek functions) are ill or have a family disaster and miss an evening event please, discuss the issue with me. This should only affect music presentations.

- . If you miss a scheduled art event, you will be unable to complete the assignment for that event resulting in lost points, hence a lower grade.

### 3. ASSIGNMENT POLICY:

Please check your Schedule of Events for reaction paper due date. Papers must be type written and two pages long. (Please fill both pages with reaction.) Use a normal font size and standard margins.

Please do not turn in a paper that resembles a press release. Late papers will be accepted with a penalty of 10% deduction for each class day they are late. If you have a reasonable excuse please discuss with me.

Please staple pages before turning in. I do not carry a stapler with me.

Please look at your papers when they are returned to you. A small check mark in the right hand corner indicates I have recorded your grade. If you do not have a check mark please call it to my attention. Please save all of your papers until you receive your final grade. You must have proof of your work in case of a discrepancy with your grade.

### 4. MISCELLANEOUS:

Class participation is expected and actually makes the class more enjoyable and educational. Participation also helps border-line grades.

Extra credit is available. If you have an event that you would like to use for extra credit, please clear it with me first. I will also offer a variety of events for extra credit. You must write a two page reaction paper for each event. Papers under two pages are not accepted and will be returned with no grade. Each extra

credit paper is worth 10 points. You may submit five of them in one semester. Each extra credit paper is worth 10 points. You may submit five of them in one Semester.

#### CLASS ROOM ETIQUETTE:

1. Food or drink is allowed. If you must have either because of medications, please discuss with me.
2. Please do not make a habit of being late. Class starts at the time listed in the schedule.
3. No reading of newspapers or other material after class has started.
4. If you bring a newspaper in with you, kindly take it with you when you leave, or give it to me and I will toss it in a recycle bin.
5. Videos are carefully chosen to compliment course material and are an integral part of class instruction. Please do not carry on a conversation or nap during the presentation. If you must have a conversation - leave the room, if you must nap - stay home.

6. Please turn off cell phones and abstain from text messaging. Please put cell phones away in purses or backpack.

**PLEASE DO NOT TEXT DURING CLASS, IT IS RUDE!!!!!!!**

#### THEATRE/MUSIC VENUE ETTIQUETTE:

1. Please do not bring food or drink into any venues. This is not allowed and an Usher will ask you to leave if you do not follow this rule.

PLEASE NOTE: A detailed schedule of events and due dates for assignments will Follow.

If you have a documented disability and wish to discuss academic accommodations, please contact me as soon as possible or contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services (581-6583).