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Arts Management 395 Seminar in Arts Management

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Tuesdays, 2:00-4:30 p.m., CAC 315

Final Exam Thursday, May 19, 2016, 8:00-10:00am

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OFFICE HOURS - SPRING SEMESTER 2016

1. Any time the door to CAC 205 is open (please come in and talk to me)
2. Any time by appointment (joconnel@uwsp.edu or leave a note in the door bin)
3. Open Hours: Tuesdays 10:00am to noon, Thursdays 1:00 to 2:30pm

I communicate via e-mail. Please check your UWSP account regularly.

Text: Arts Management: Uniting Arts and Audiences in the 21st Century

Ellen Rosewall, Oxford University Press, 2014

Required and available for purchase at the University Store or on Amazon.com.

(The same text is required for ARTM 195. It will be an excellent reference as you go through the Arts Management major and, indeed, your arts management career.)

Course Description

This course is the final step before your great adventure really begins! It will provide you the opportunity to share skills and insights you have gained from internship experiences with arts organizations and coursework in Business, Communication, and the Creative Arts, applying them both to current and to lasting issues in the Arts Management field. We will review the structure and development of non-profit arts organizations, comparing and contrasting them with for-profit businesses in the creative industries. Drawing upon diverse sources including your internships and presentations by industry professionals, we will examine the ways in which mission and planning manifest themselves in a variety of settings and undertake individual and group projects in program development, funding, marketing, implementation, and evaluation.

There are two posters outside my office. The one on the door says

I BELIEVE IN ALL THE ARTS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE.

The framed one says

THE ARTS MUST SURVIVE AS A BUSINESS TO THRIVE AS ART.

Our work this semester will be part of a continuing conversation* about a world in which the aspiration of the first statement is tempered by the reality of the second. I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

** If you choose to continue in Arts Management, this conversation will last your entire career.*

Essential Questions

- What is art?
- What is arts management?
- What are the responsibilities of arts organizations to artists?
- Does government have a role in the arts?
- What is the difference between curatorship and censorship?
- What roles do arts organizations play in their communities?
- What are the responsibilities of artists and arts organizations to their audiences? ...to their communities? ...to society?

Learning Outcomes for Arts Management 395

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Analyze current issues in arts management and assess their impact on community and society;
- Compare and contrast the function and internal structure of various types of arts organizations;
- Apply business skills and arts expertise to practical challenges in arts management;
- Design, evaluate and defend plans for the implementation of cultural programs; and
- Plan the next steps in developing their own arts management careers.

Learning Outcomes for the Arts Management Major

By the time they complete all major requirements, students will have gained the following competencies:

- Communicate effectively using appropriate technologies for diverse audiences;*
- *Articulate the role of the arts in community development and civic engagement;**
- *Differentiate for-profit and not-for-profit activities in the arts ecology;**
- Plan, evaluate and conduct basic research;*
- Use appropriate theories to understand and solve problems;
- Apply historical perspectives to contemporary issues and practices;*
- Apply principles of ethical decision making in communication contexts;*
- *Apply business and communication skills in support of creative endeavor;**
- *Network effectively with artists and arts management professionals.**

italics = Arts Management-specific outcomes

*outcomes supported by this course

Course Requirements

The final grade will be based upon graded assignments (including a semester project), class participation, final examination, and attendance.

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY.

You are entitled to two absences. Illness and excused absences will count against this allowance. All other absences will reduce your final grade.

- If you miss class, you should arrange to get the day's information from a classmate.

1. Class Participation: Active participation in classroom activities is a course requirement and counts for 15% of the final course grade. I may include occasional quizzes as part of class.

- Quality participation requires professional behavior: obvious preparation for class, asking pertinent questions, offering relevant comments, taking notes, engaging with guest speakers, participating in classroom discussions, and other activities.

- ***THIS CLASSROOM IS AN ELECTRONICS-FREE ZONE.*** Much of our work this semester will be done through discussion, so you need to participate fully and listen, not only to me but to your classmates, with respect and full attention. ALL PERSONAL ELECTRONICS MUST BE TURNED OFF BY THE TIME CLASS STARTS.

2. Guidelines for Class Discussions: As individuals with diverse experiences and backgrounds, we will not always agree on issues, and our interpretation of the subject matter being discussed will sometimes differ. I expect you to respect the opinions of others while asserting your own.

3. Submission of Assignments: Assignments will be submitted by the beginning of each class period: (1) via the appropriate Dropbox folder on D2L, or (2) by hard copy.

4. Late Assignments: Assignments are due as noted below. The assignment is considered LATE any time after the deadline. NO EXCEPTIONS! Late assignments will automatically lose *at least* one point (from a maximum of 10). Late assignments must be submitted to me via email, and hard copy may be handed in at my office, CAC 205.

5. Plagiarism and Academic Integrity: From the UWSP 14.01 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES – Students are responsible for the honest completion and representation of their work, for the appropriate citation of sources, and for respect of others' academic endeavors. Students who violate these standards must be confronted and must accept the consequences of their actions.

For more info: <http://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Pages/Academic-Misconduct.aspx>

Note: Submissions via D2L will be automatically screened for plagiarism.

6. Students with Special Needs/Disabilities: If you have a disability and require accommodation, please register with the Disability and Assistive Technology Center (6th floor of the Learning Resource Center – that is, the Library) and contact me at the beginning of the course. More information is available here:

<http://www4.uwsp.edu/special/disability/>.

Course Assignments

1. **Readings:** *Please complete assigned readings prior to each class meeting* and come prepared to participate in active discussions. Regular readings are posted on D2L and listed on the syllabus. Additional readings for upcoming class meetings may be added from time to time; you will be notified via e-mail.

2. **Current Arts News:** You will read daily and/or weekly articles, journals, and blogs related to arts/arts management. You should submit one article/post report each week; you may skip up to TWO reports without penalty. Report format: (a) headline, source, link to article/post; (b) 50-word summary of article; (c) three questions posed by the article and a 50-100-word response to each. Questions may relate to fact (the accuracy of the article, additional information which would be helpful, etc.), interpretation (the impact of the news reported, potential causes or effects, etc.), or larger issues (trends in arts management, the larger economy, or society). (See examples posted on D2L.) Reports will be graded on content, quality of writing, spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Each class will begin with a discussion of the week's news; you should expect to present at least one news item orally in class and lead the resulting discussion. From time to time, I may post submitted articles on D2L for e-discussion. When notified of such postings, you are expected to participate in the on-line discussions.

3. **Event Attendance and Report:** You will choose three events, *each in a different art form*, from among those offered by the Department of Theatre and Dance, the Department of Music, Centertainment, the Performing Arts Series, Carlsten and Scarabocchio Galleries, and other organizations. You must attend the events and show evidence of attendance (ticket, program, etc.; *a scanned image is acceptable*). By the end of the course, you must prepare a report comparing and contrasting the three events, noting personal evaluation, the nature of the venues, audience response, and connecting them to issues of arts management and career goals. The report will be graded on content, quality of writing, spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

4. **Written Assignments:** There will be 10 written assignments, roughly one each week for the first three-quarters of the semester. Assignments will relate to the assigned readings and topics discussed in previous classes. You may drop the two lowest grades. Written assignments will be graded on content, quality of writing, spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

5. **Group Project - The Arts Ecology:** You will form yourselves into groups of three to five students. Each group will choose a city to explore from a variety of points of view: What are its major cultural organizations, significant funding sources, arts districts? What are their history, their current condition, their aspirations? Does the community have a dominant art form or a reputation for being adventurous/conservative? What are the opportunities for young arts management professionals? Are there existing internship programs? Etc. You may organize the work of your group in any way you choose. Your findings will be presented in an oral report to the class and supported by written submissions from each member of the group. PRESENTATIONS: APRIL 19.

6. **Final Project:** Together, we will determine the nature of this project by week 5.

7. **Final Exam:** Thursday, May 19, 2016, 8:00-10:00am: The exam will consist of a small number of short answer questions and brief essays.

Grading

Grade Distribution

15% Class Participation (including quizzes)

15% Arts News Reports

10% Event Attendance Report

20% Written Assignments

20% Group Project

10% Semester Project

10% Final Exam

Extra Credit: From time to time, optional supplementary and voluntary opportunities for earning extra credit will be announced in class only.

Grading Scale

A

93-100

A -

90-92

B+

87-89

B

84-86

B -

80-83

C+

77-79

C

74-76

C -

70-73

D+

67-69

D

60-66

F

Below 60

Class Timeline (subject to change)

Please note that classes and assignments may be reordered to take advantage of guest speaker availability and other opportunities for course enhancement.

WEEK 1: WHERE ARE YOU ON THE ROAD TO A CAREER?

TUE, JANUARY 26

Introductions. Art and Arts Management.

Course structure. Assignments and expectations. Overview of news sources.

Complete In-class Questionnaire

Assignment (due FEB 2): Arts News Report #1.

Assignment (due GROUNDHOG DAY): Describe Your Internships (1 page each, total 2 pages). What do the organizations do (art form/function)? What was your role in each? What was the most important thing you learned from each? What do you wish you had had a chance to do? Prepare a 5-7 minute presentation to impart this information to the class; you may use technology, handouts, visual aids, etc.

Assignment (due MAY 10): Event Attendance and Report.

WEEK 2: MANAGEMENT, STRUCTURE, & MISSION

TUE, FEBRUARY 2

Student Presentations: Describe Your Internships (assigned JAN 26)

Readings: Rosewall, Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 (especially pages 50-53)

Assignment (due FEB 9): Arts News Report #2.

Assignment (due FEB 9): YOUR IDEAL ARTS ORGANIZATION:

Mission, Vision and Value Statements (max 3 pages). Why does your organization exist? What difference does it make in the community/the world? Are there taglines/slogans that summarize its impact? What are the key values that shape its work?

WEEK 3: HUMAN RESOURCES IN THE ARTS ORGANIZATION

TUE, FEBRUARY 9

Readings: Rosewall, Chapter 6

Assignment (due FEB 16): Arts News Report #3.

Assignment (due FEB 16): Your Job(s). (a) Based on the reading and your experience, prepare job descriptions (1) your dream position in arts management, and (2) your ideal first job (1 page each). (b) Prepare a resume and a letter of application applying for position #2 (1 page each; total 2 pages).

WEEK 4: EXTERNSHIPS

TUE, FEBRUARY 16

Assignment (due FEB 23): Arts News Report #4.

Assignment (due FEB 23): **PREPARE TO ADDRESS ARTM 100 CLASS**

WEEK 5: **ARTM 100 ***MEET IN NFAC 221*****

TUE, FEBRUARY 23

Assignment (due MAR 1): Arts News Report #5.

WEEK 6: TBD

TUE, MARCH 1

Assignment (due MAR 8): Arts News Report #6.

WEEK 7: ADVOCACY

TUE, MARCH 8

Assignment (due MAR 15): Arts News Report #7.

Readings: Rosewall, Chapter 16

Assignment (due MAR 15): Advocacy Letters (1 page each; total 2 pages). Research your legislative candidates and their positions on the arts. Write Advocacy Letters to two candidates at the federal, state, or local level citing their positions (or lack thereof) and the work of Your Arts Organization as an example of the public good that can be achieved through funding.

WED, MARCH 9 *EXTRA CREDIT: FIELD TRIP*****

*Creative Wisconsin's ARTS DAY, Monona Terrace, Madison
(Details TBA)*

WEEK 8: TBD

TUE, MARCH 15

Assignment (due MAR 29): Arts News Report #8.

SPRING BREAK: ENJOY!

WEEK 9: TBD

TUE, MARCH 29

Assignment (due APR 4): Arts News Report #9.

WEEK 10: TBD

TUE, APRIL 5

Assignment (due APR 12): Arts News Report #10.

WEEK 11: GROUP WORK ON PRESENTATIONS

TUE, APRIL 12

Assignment (due APR 19): Arts News Report #11.

WEEK 12: ARTS ECOLOGY PRESENTATIONS

TUE, APRIL 19

Assignment (due APR 26): Arts News Report #12.

WEEK 13: TBD

TUE, APRIL 26

Assignment (due MAY 3): Arts News Report #13.

WEEK 14: TBD

TUE, MAY 3

Assignment (due MAY 10): Arts News Report #14.

WEEK 15: TBD

TUE, MAY 10

WEEK 16: EXAMINATION WEEK

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