

SPECIAL TOPICS IN MEDIA STUDIES

SUBTITLE: VIDEO ART

COMM 354 – SUMMER 2017 – CAC 301

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Lab: TR 6-9 PM

This is a Hybrid course.

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Course Description:

Students will be exposed to the history and contemporary practices of Video Art. Students will identify the principles, procedures and techniques of Video Art while analyzing and developing aesthetic judgments about form through lectures, readings, discussions, examinations, written assignments, video screenings and equipment demonstrations. Students will develop competence and creativity in various stages of video art production by producing an original work of Video Art and participating in class-wide critiques.

Course Objectives:

1. Students will be able to identify historical and contemporary practices in video art.
2. Students will analyze and develop aesthetic judgments about video art works.
3. Students will create an original work of video art.

Required Supplies:

1. Headphones
2. Personal Hard Drive

Outline: (Subject to Change)

Week 1	Lab 1: Course Intro, Watch/Discuss, Brainstorm Project Watch: Video Art and Performance Watch: McLuhan Read: Introduction to Video Art Read: Fair Use Lab 2: Discuss Videos/Readings, Preproduction Due: Online Discussion
Week 2	Lab 1: Project Pitch, Preproduction Watch: Video Art and Theatre/Dance Watch: Video Art as Installation/Sculpture Watch: Eye of Heart Lab 2: Discuss Videos, Demo requests, Preproduction/Production Due: Discussion, Progress Report, Production Schedule
Week 3	Lab 1: Production, Postproduction Watch: Video Art and Music Watch: Video Art and Experimentation and Feature Film

Watch: Body as Matrix
Read: The Unification of Senses: Intermediary in Video Art-Music
Discussion Due, Progress Report Due
Lab 2: Discuss videos, Work in Progress Presentation/Critique

Week 4 Lab 1: Postproduction, Final Work Day
 Lab 2: Final Exam, Final Critique
 Due: Final Project Paper

Assignment Descriptions:

Watch: Students will watch assigned works of video art online.

Read: Students will complete assigned reading regarding history, theories, and artists related to video art. (these will be assigned as we go).

Discussion: Students will respond to questions and ideas in an online discussion forum.

Project Pitch: Students will discuss the project that they wish to create including concept, theory, and logistics with the instructor.

Work in Progress Report: Students will send an online update of their project's progress.

Work in Progress Presentation/Critique: Students will present their work in progress during the lab time for class-wide feedback.

Final Critique: Students will present their completed video art project for class-wide critique.

Final Exam: Students will be examined on their knowledge of video art works. Students will identify assigned works of art by artist and title.

Demo: The instructor will demonstrate equipment and software during the Lab time.

Preproduction: This is a time for students to prepare all of the details before beginning production.

Production: Typically, cameras are rolling.

Postproduction: The final phase of production. This typically includes video and audio editing, among other things.

Assignment Policy: Late assignments will not be accepted.

Students are responsible for all course materials, including, but not limited to: class lectures, handouts, reading assignments, projects, labs, and quizzes. Assignments and due dates may be changed at the instructor's discretion with fair notice to students. Please see the attached tentative course schedule for specific assignments and due dates.

Attendance Policy:

Students are expected to attend class regularly. If a student must be absent the day a presentation/project or exam is scheduled, s/he must notify the instructor prior to class time. No make-ups will be given if the instructor is not given a legitimate excuse before the time of the assignment due date.

Grading:

Final Exam	20%
Discussion Questions	20%
Work in Progress Reports	10%
Work in Progress Critique	10%
Final Project	30%
Final Project Paper	10%

Grading Scale: A= 93-100%; A-= 90-92%; B+= 87-89%; B= 83-86%; B- =80-82%; C+=77-79; C=73-76%; C-=70- 72%; D+=67-69%; D=63-66%; D-=60-62% F= Below 60%

Electronic Device Policy:

Do not use cellular phones or other electronic devices (i.e. social media) during class instruction time. In addition, students are asked to use classroom computers for class work only.

Email Notification:

The instructor will send information to students through the campus computer system. Therefore, students **MUST** check their UWSP campus email and D2L on a regular basis.

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<http://www.uwsp.edu/stuaffairs/Documents/RightsRespons/ADA/rightsADAPolicyInfo.pdf>

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<http://www.uwsp.edu/stuaffairs/Documents/RightsRespons/SRR-2010/rightsChap14.pdf>