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GREAT TWENTIETH CENTURY ARTISTS OF CATALONIA: PICASSO, MIRÓ, DALÍ AH223B

DESCRIPTION:

The work of these three international artists from Catalonia is explored individually. In each case, we will study the acceptance and/or rejection to tradition, the interaction with French art and artists, and personal experience. We will also pay attention to the role of both outside stimuli (war) and inner forces (memory, imagination). The course will take advantage of the Picasso and Miró museums in Barcelona. (3 credits)

PREREQUISITE:

None.

LANGUAGE OF PRESENTATION:

English

PROFESSOR:

J. URBANO

STUDENT OUTCOMES:

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

- apply basic art historical tools to describe and explain a painting;
- identify the most important facts in the lives of these three painters (Picasso, Dalí and Miró) and apply them to the analysis of their oeuvre;
- distinguish the key features and symbols that appear in the art works and interpret their meaning;
- describe the different periods in which their work is classified;
- compare the most important avant-garde movements of the late 19th century.

LEARNING MEANS:

- LECTURES: delivery of core course content and the opportunity to clarify issues.
- READER: a selection of key texts designed to develop general understanding of the subject matter and foment discussion. All required readings can be found in the course reading package. The readings listed for a particular session must be completed BEFORE coming to class that day.
- FIELD TRIPS TO THE RELEVANT ART MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES: first hand appreciation of artists' oeuvre and their artistic development.
- STUDENT PRESENTATIONS: an occasion to work in groups, practice oral delivery and encourage group discussion.

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT:

The final grade will be determined as follows:

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| • Midterm exam: | 30% |
| • Final exam: | 30% |
| • Term paper: | 15% |
| • Class presentation: | 10% |
| • Participation: | 15% |
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- EXAMS: four questions to discuss, two of them images of paintings that we had analysed in class.
 - TERM PAPER: the student and the teacher will choose one topic that is suitable to do a research paper. The students can do it alone or maximum in groups of three. The teacher will assess where to find good sources (libraries, museums, etc). This paper has a minimum length of 3600 words.

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- CLASS PRESENTATION: students must show the rest of the class their research during 10 to 15 minutes, a good power point will be required and other material is also accepted (films, photocopies, books, music...)
- PARTICIPATION: this includes attendance, essays about the museums we visit and participation in class: discussions, interesting questions, readers.

COURSE CONTENT

SESSION 1	Jan. 22, 2008	Class content: Introduction. How to look at paintings.
SESSION 2	Jan. 24, 2008	Class content: Social and Cultural Frame. The Beginnings of Modern Art: from Neoclassicism to Modernism. Required readings: Von Lengerke, pp. 477-490.
SESSION 3	Jan. 29, 2008	Class content: Picasso 1. Formal apprenticeship and early styles. The Barcelona years: the Four Cats. Blue Period. Rose Period. Required readings: Penrose, pp. 27-35.
SESSION 4	Jan. 31, 2008	Class content: Methodological class (how to use art history's resources): Visit to Art History Library, Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (MNAC)
SESSION 5	Feb. 5, 2008	Class content: Picasso 2. Picasso and Cubism. Les Demoiselles d'Avignon. Geometric Cubism, Analytic Cubism, Hermetic Cubism, Synthetic Cubism. Required readings: Penrose, pp. 129-139.
SESSION 6	Feb. 7, 2008	Class content: Picasso 3. Return to order. Picasso and Surrealism. Guernica and the war period. Required readings: Gotlieb, pp.106-112.
SESSION 7	Feb. 12, 2008	Class content: Picasso 4: Pottery. The re-interpretation of the masters from the past. Last works. Readings: Schiff, pp. 122-126.
SESSION 8	Feb. 14, 2008	Class content: Class presentations on Picasso.
SESSION 9	Feb. 19, 2008	Class content: Field Study: Museu Picasso, Barcelona. Readings: Golding, pp. 838-839.

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SESSION 10	Feb. 21, 2008	Class content: Midterm exam
SESSION 11	Feb. 26, 2008	Class content: The Beginnings of Modern Art II. Avant-garde art: Fauvism, German Expressionism, Futurism, etc. Required readings: Noyes Platt, pp. 284-295.
SESSION 12	Feb. 28, 2008	Class content: Dadaism. Surrealism: oneirical and automatic. Required readings: Brettell, pp. 45-46.
SESSION 13	Mar. 4, 2008	Class content: Dalí 1: early years. From Figueres to the Residencia de Estudiantes in Madrid. The influence of Lorca. Required readings: Gibson, pp. 49-64.
SESSION 14	Mar. 6, 2008	Class content: Dalí 2: Dalí and Surrealism . Dalí-Buñuel: "Un chien andalou". The influence of S. Freud. The Paranoiac-Critical Method. Film viewing: "Un chien andalou", 1929 Required readings: Pressly, pp. 600-607; Acton, pp. 272-275.
SESSION 15	Mar. 11, 2008	Class content: Dalí 3: Double image paintings. Case Study: the Metamorphosis of Narcissus. Required readings: Lomas, pp. 79-100.
SESSION 16	Mar. 13, 2008	Class content: Dalí 4: Dalí in United States. Return to tradition: Nuclear mysticism. Required readings: Gibson, pp. 446-473.
	SPRING BREAK	
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SESSION 17	Mar. 25, 2008	Class content: Field study to Dali Museum, Figueres (make up class on Friday)
SESSION 18	Mar. 27, 2008	Class content: Class presentations on Dalí
SESSION 19	Apr. 1, 2008	Class content: Miró 1: childhood, learning years and Period of Details. Required readings: Hughes, pp. 22-29.

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SESSION 20	Apr. 3, 2008	Class content: Miró 2: Miró and Surrealism. Inspiration through the masters of the past. The assassination of painting. Required readings: Permanyer, pp. 65-69; Moray, pp. 387-391.
SESSION 21	Apr. 8, 2008	Class content: Miró 3: The impact of war: the Savage paintings, the Constellations. Tapestries and ceramic murals. Later work. Required readings: Rowell, pp. 14-40
SESSION 22	Apr. 10, 2008	Class content: Class presentations on Miró.
SESSION 23	Apr. 15, 2008	Class content: Field Study: Fundació Miró, Barcelona. Required readings: Watkins, pp. 313-314.
SESSION 24	Apr. 17, 2008	Class content: Picasso, Dalí, Miró, a comparative perspective.
FINAL EXAM*	Apr. 22, 2008	Final Exam

LIST OF SELF-GUIDED VISITS, FIELD STUDIES, CLASSES ON SITE, GUEST SPEAKERS OR FILM VIEWINGS

SESSION	DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
4	Jan. 31, 2008	Class on site	Art History Library: Methodological class for the students to know where to go and find good resources for their term paper
9	Feb. 19, 2008	Class on site	Picasso Museum: Visit to the one of the most important Picasso museums in the world
14	Mar. 6, 2008	Film viewing	Un Chien Andalou, 1929. The first surrealist film ever, made by Salvador Dalí and Luis Buñuel
17	Mar. 25, 2008	Class on site	The unique and surrealist Dalí museum
23	Apr. 15, 2008	Class on site	Visit to the Fundació Miró on the mountain of Montjuich

REQUIRED READINGS

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- Watkins, Nicholas (1989). Joan Miró. London, Whitechapel Art Gallery. *The Burlington Magazine*, **1033** (131): 313-314. JSTOR

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- Arnheim, Rudolf (1973[1962]). *The Genesis of a Painting: Picasso's Guernica*. Berkeley-Los Angeles-London: University of California Press.
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- Malet, Rosa Maria(2003). *Joan Miró*. New York: Rizzoli.
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