

Istanbul Technical University
Institute of Social Sciences Art History Graduate Program
STR 502E Syllabus - Philosophy of Art and Aesthetics (CRN: 24325)

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Class Meeting Times: Wednesdays 12:30-15:30 MMB

Course Description: This course examines many key figures and ideas in the history of the philosophy of art, from Classical Greece, Medieval philosophy, the Renaissance, the Enlightenment, and contemporary approaches to and theories of art. Throughout the course we will examine questions such as “what is art?” and what is beauty?” as well as examining the nature of aesthetic experience, with a focus on changes in our approaches to art from an emphasis on the mimetic and the universal to an emphasis on the original and the subjective.

Evaluation:

Short Paper: 30%
Presentation: 30%
Final Paper: 40%

Schedule of Readings

<u>Week Beginning:</u>	<u>Reading/Activity</u>
February 5	Introduction
February 12	Plato, <i>Republic</i> , <i>Symposium</i> ; Paper 1 Due
February 19	Aristotle, <i>Poetics</i> ; Plotinus, <i>Ennead I</i> , 6;
February 26	Rene Descartes, <i>Discourse on the Method</i> ; David Hume, <i>Of the Standard of Taste</i>
March 5	Immanuel Kant, <i>Critique of Judgment</i>
March 12	No Class
March 19	G.W.F. Hegel, <i>The Philosophy of Fine Art</i> *** Paper 1 Due
March 26	Mid Term Break - No Class
April 2	Friedrich Nietzsche, <i>The Birth of Tragedy</i>
April 9	R.G. Collingwood, <i>The Principles of Art</i> ; Morris Weitz, <i>The Role of Theory in Aesthetics</i> ;
April 16	Arthur Danto, <i>The Artworld</i> ; George Dickie, <i>What is Art? An Institutional Analysis</i>
April 23	<i>Films: Picasso and Warhol</i>
April 30	<i>Presentations</i>
May 7	<i>Presentations</i>
May 15	Conclusion *** Final Paper Due

Notice regarding absences: the structure of the course is such that attendance is required for the sections of the course and the assignments to work properly. For this reason no more than 3 absences with written explanation is permitted. Exceeding this level of absenteeism will result in a grade of VF.