

University of Houston-Downtown

Course Prefix, Number, and Title: UHD 2305 University Seminar–Creative Arts

Component Area Option/Foundational Component Area: Creative Arts

Credits/Lecture/Lab Hours: 3/3/0

Prerequisites: ENG 1301; sophomore standing or departmental approval

Course Description: Within the context of the discipline and the special topic, these courses introduce students to higher-level critical thinking through instruction in the synthesis and interpretation of artistic expression and enable critical, creative, and innovative communication about works of art. These special topics courses focus on the appreciation and analysis of creative artifacts and works of the human imagination. Written and oral communication within the context of the topic's related discipline are emphasized. These courses also provide opportunities for transfer students to link to their intended majors early in their academic careers at UHD. Strategies for academic success are practiced within the context of the special topic and discipline.

Learning Outcomes: Students will be able to:

- Identify the fundamental significance of the creative arts to regional, national, and global communities and discuss the necessity for advancing the role the arts play in these communities
- Effectively communicate critical inquiry about the creative arts through analytical writing, oral presentation, and visual communication
- Collaborate in team-based classroom practices to support the production of knowledge and multiple perspectives in one or more of the arts disciplines
- Analyze and evaluate works of art with reference to aesthetic contexts and historical frameworks
- Research and define academic and career goals within the discipline and develop learning strategies to support academic success and attainment of academic and career goals