Course: Introduction to Art History: European Focus

Introduction to Art History I: European Focus

This course will provide a chronological introduction to aspects of European visual art and architecture. We will focus on select number of styles, and enhance our understanding through timely visits to the Staatsgalerie Stuttgart as well as a trip to the Bauhaus architecture site at the Weissenhofsiedlung in Stuttgart.

The art historical periods and styles we examine include: Medieval Art and Architecture, Gothic Art and Architecture, Italian Renaissance, Northern Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo, Neoclassicism, Romanticism, Impressionism, Neo-Impressionism, German Expressionism, 20th Century Art up to 1945, and Abstract Art.

Methods

- lectures
- field trips and museum visits

Schedule

- ca. 6-8 hours per week

Exam

- Written exam (2 hours)

The grading is based on two constituent parts: (1) oral participation in class and during the excursions, and (2) a written exam which consists of: slide test, multiple-choice questions, characterizations, comparisons, and small essays.