

ARTH 2245: History of Photography

-- Syllabus --

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to provide students with a fundamental working knowledge of the major trends in the aesthetic, conceptual, and technical aspects of photography from its beginnings in the 1830's to the recent practices of photographers and artists working with photographic technologies. Together we will investigate photography's role as an artistic medium as a central focus, as well as its broader role in our visual, political, and social culture. Textbook readings, online lectures, discussions boards, exams, and other activities will assist students in gaining a critical understanding of photography.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will:

- Identify significant people and events in the development of photography
- Develop visual literacy: Begin building a vocabulary for analyzing photography in terms of form and style
- Recognize the various uses that have been considered appropriate for photography
- Evaluate the photographs of individuals who have set new trends in the art of photography
- Analyze and compare the work of significant photographic practitioners
- Describe the relationship between photography and other contemporary events that have shaped the nation and the world
- Enjoy the art of photography!

REQUIRED TEXT & ACCESS TO THE BOOK

The book we are using for this course is:

Title: Photography: A Cultural History, 5th edition
Author: Mary Warner Marien
ISBN: 9781786277855

University of New Mexico Valencia Bookstore:

<http://bookstore.valencia.unm.edu/Home>

The book is estimated at \$85.00 new, and estimated at \$63.75 used.

You can order it from the UNM-Valencia Bookstore online:

<http://bookstore.valencia.unm.edu/SelectTermDept>

You can also order at a variety of other places online, for purchase or rent.

Library System:

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There is one copy on reserve (4th edition). See UNM-Valencia Library webpage for information on access.