

ARTS 310 – Arts and Ideas
The Arts and Crafts Movement
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Office: 120 New Hall, Hours: Tuesday 12:30 – 2:00 or by appointment

Readings:

All readings will be available from the instructor.

Course Goals and Objectives:

By the end of this course, I hope students will be able to:

1. possess a general knowledge of the A&C movement in England and the US;
2. apply critical and creative thinking when considering questions of the human significance of art (of the handmade) in an industrialized world;
3. thoughtfully consider the historical and current affects of war on the arts;
4. evaluate the consequences of consumption;
5. formulate ideas for future consideration of the arts.

Written Assignments (50%):

There will be 3 assigned 3-4-page papers during the semester. Late papers will result in a drop of one letter for each day the paper is late.

Class Participation (25%)

Class participation is a very important element of this class and therefore attendance is also important. **Missing more than 3 classes will negatively impact a student's overall grade by one full letter for each missed class.**

We will spend several class periods during the semester working on in-class projects. Mastery of each technique is not required, but class participation is. Each student is expected to complete required readings and be prepared to contribute to in-class discussions of the readings.

Final Exam (25%):

The final exam will consist of a paper 4-6 pages in length discussing a major aspect of the Arts and Crafts Movement. This will be assigned near the end of the semester.

During the semester we will cover the following topics:

Background

Enlightenment, Industrialization

Technical Aspects

Textiles and Wallpaper, Printing, Stained Glass, Pottery and Ceramics, Architecture, Furniture, Garden Design, Metalwork

Social and Political Aspects

Fashion/Women's Movement, Psychology, Socialism, WWI

Other Related Design Movements and Centers

Glasgow, Art Nouveau, Art Deco, Wiener Werkstatte, Bauhaus, Black Mountain College