

**What is Art?**  
**Aesthetics and Alternative Forms of Expression**  
UMKC Honors Program Colloquium  
FS2008

**Unit One: What is Art?**

08/20/08: Information Session

- Elections, announcements, etc. will begin at 2:55 every Wednesday.
- Colloquium will begin at 3:05 every Wednesday.
- Dialogue occurs in break-out sessions (Groups and rooms announced)
- Grades determined by averaging attendance and written work grades
  - Attendance (1-2 absences: A; 3 absences: B; 4 absences : C; 5 absences: D; 6 ↑ absences: F)
  - Papers (3 completed: A; 2 completed: B; 1 completed: C)

08/27/08: *Lucerna* Launch Party – 3:00 PM – lobby of Scofield Hall

09/03/08: Guest Speaker: Professor Clancy Martin, Department of Philosophy, UMKC  
Topic: What is Aesthetics?

- Read “The Symposium” by Plato:  
<http://classics.mit.edu/Plato/symposium.html>

09/10/08: Film: *Who the F%&^\*# is Jackson Pollock* (75 mins. dir. Harry Moses, 2006)

09/17/08: Film (continued). Class discussion of film.

- Unit One Response Paper Assignment handed out (due 9/24/08)

**Unit Two: Theoretical Issues**

09/24/08: Guest Speaker: Lynley Farris, Dept. of Art and Art History, UMKC

Topic: Graffiti: the low of the high arts

- Readings (on Blackboard)
  - Moreno, Gean. "Post-Graffiti". *Art Papers*. Vol. 26 No. 6, (Nov/Dec, 2002): pg 20-21
  - Holmes, Pernilla. "These Walls Can Talk". *Art Review*. Issue 56 (March 2005): pg 50-55
  - Toth, Jennifer. "Tunnel Art" from *The Mole People: Life in the Tunnels Beneath New York City*. Chicago: Chicago Review Press, 1993.
  - Please look at the website [www.graffiti.org](http://www.graffiti.org). Under "photos/images" go to the USA link, then to Missouri and look at images of graffiti from Kansas City.

10/1/08: Guest Speaker: Professor Cyan Meeks, Film Studies, KC Art Institute  
Chet Duvenci, tattoo artist, The Mercy Seat Tattoo Parlor

Topic: Bodies of Subversion: The Status of Tattoo as an Art Form

- Reading (on Blackboard) TBD

10/8/08: Guest Speaker: Guest Speaker: Dr. Margaret Brommelsiek School of Medicine, UMKC

Topic: What the \$^%&\*# is Minimalism?

- Reading (on Blackboard) TBD
- Unit Two Response Paper Assignment handed out (due 10/15/08)

10/15/08: Break-Out Discussion Groups

Topic: What is Art?

- Group A: CH104 (Facilitator: Bergerson)
- Group B: (Facilitator: Herron)
- Group C: (Facilitator: Martin)

**Unit Three: Examples**

10/22/08: Guest Speaker: Professor Tom Poe, Communication Studies, UMKC

Topic: Analyzing White Nights, Dark Knights, and the Joker in the Deck

- See the film *The Dark Knight* on your own if possible

10/29/08: Guest Speaker: Glenn North, Dept. of English, UMKC

Topic: Poetry, Slams, and Kids

- Reading (on Blackboard) TBD

11/5/08: Guest Speaker: Hali Fieldman, Conservatory of Music, UMKC

Topic: Contemporary Classical Music

- Reading (on Blackboard) TBD
- Unit Three Response Paper Assignment handed out (due 11/12/08)

11/12/08: Guest Speaker: Shane Evans, artist

Topic: The Art of Children's Books

11/19/08: Break-Out Discussion Groups

Topic: Other Forms of Art

- Group A: CH104 (Facilitator: Herron)
- Group B: (Facilitator: Martin)
- Group C: (Facilitator: Bergerson)

11/26/08: No Class—Thanksgiving Break

12/3/08: Presentation of Senior Thesis and Discussion of Next Semester's Topic

- Dustin Jensen, Urban Studies