

ARH 4970
Dept. of Art and Art History
ARH Thesis
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Hours W 2:00-3:00pm , Or by appointment

Course Description

Supervised research of Major's Senior Thesis. Senior art history majors work with one or more professors to develop and write a Senior Art History Thesis using proper research methods and art historical methodologies.

Participating Professors

Prof. Barbara Watts wattsb@fiu.edu
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Course Requirements

Attendance policy: Need to attend first two classes and then meet on a regular basis with assigned professor. Failure to attend initial meetings or to initiate further regular meetings with supervising professor will result in failure of course.

First Thesis Statement due **January 12** 10% of grade

Senior Thesis due **April 11** 90% of grade

Thesis requirements

- Include thesis statement
- 20 pages long (1.5 line spacing ,12 font size), Not counting bibliography and illustrations
- At least 10 bibliographic sources from books, scholarly articles in print magazines and/or the Green Library database of peer-reviewed magazines)
- Include illustrations
- Include quotes and interact with them
- reveal sources, except when dealing with common knowledge
- no plagiarism

What is a thesis statement?

A thesis statement is a focused selection of text that can be anywhere from just one sentence to a few pages in size that clearly delineates the argument that will be taken in a proposed paper to be written. A thesis statement should be prepared in advance for all types of scholarly writings, in order to give the paper a good structure. It is a useful instrument for investigating the scope of the proposed paper

in order to determine if it is too broad or too narrow. It is not intended to remain fixed, but can be adapted throughout the process of writing the paper as new arguments are discovered or old arguments are deemed to be irrelevant. The thesis statement is often used in an adapted form at the beginning of the finished paper. It is considered to be better writing to not introduce the thesis statement with the words "The purpose of this paper is to..." but to reword it to make clear what will be following, and thus it is often found after a brief motivation for writing the paper.

What is a scholarly paper?

A scholarly paper is an academic work that is usually published in an academic journal. It contains original research results or reviews existing results. Such a paper, also called an article, will only be considered valid if it undergoes a process of peer review by one or more referees (who are academics in the same field) in order to check that the content of the paper is suitable for publication in a journal. A paper may undergo a series of reviews, edits and re-submissions before finally being accepted or rejected for publication. This process typically takes several months