

The University of Florida, School of Art + Art History, Fall 2019
ARH 4200 Early Medieval and Byzantine Art
Mondays, periods 8-9, 3:00-4:55 p.m.
Wednesdays period 9, 4:05-4:55 p.m.
FAC 201

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Course Description:

This course will examine the art and architecture of Europe and the Mediterranean region from approximately the 4th to the 9th centuries.

Course Objectives:

- To gain familiarity with key monuments of early medieval and Byzantine art.
- To identify and describe material, technical, and stylistic attributes of art works within the contexts in which they were created.
- To effectively describe, tentatively identify and assign geographic and chronological markers to unfamiliar works of art and architecture through comparison with familiar monuments.
- To critically read and analyze theoretical and primary source texts and to relate art works to them.

General Requirements:

- Attendance and Participation **15%**
- Group Project **15%**
- Annotated Bibliography **15%**
- Midterm Exam **25%**
- Final Exam **30%**

Graduate Requirements:

In addition to the general requirements, students taking the course for graduate credit must complete the following requirements:

- Additional readings, as assigned
- **15-20 page** final research paper, the topic of which must be approved by Dr. Jones

Important Dates:

- August 21: First Day of Class**
- August 26: Drop/Add Deadline**
- October 7: Deadline for Approval of Annotated Bibliography or Research Paper (graduate students only) topic**
- October 16: Take-Home Midterm Exam Distributed**
- October 18: Take-Home Midterm Exam Due**
- October 27: Draft Annotated Bibliography Due**

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November 11: No Class, Veteran's Day

November 22: Annotated Bibliography Due

November 27: No Class, Thanksgiving

December 4: Last Day of Class

Graduate Research Papers Due

Take-Home Final Distributed

December 11: Take-Home Final Due

Email Policy

You are requested to use your UFL email as your primary email. Important information, including readings, assignments, etc., will be disseminated via the section list-serves. You are subscribed to the list-serve with your UFL email. Emails sent to the professor or to the graduate assistants will usually be returned within 48 hours.

Class Attendance/Demeanor Policy

Your prompt attendance is mandatory. You will be required to sign in at the beginning of each lecture and section. Repeated unexcused absences or habitual tardiness will result in a lowering of your attendance and participation grade. Please also see the UF attendance policy:

catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/

Deadlines and Making-Up Missed Materials

Make-up or early exams can only be offered in exceptional circumstances, including those required by the DRC or Registrar's office. **Please make note of the midterm and final exam dates and times and plan to be in attendance.** Extensions to deadlines will not be given except under exceptional circumstances. Please request any extension **in advance** of the due date. Each day late for any assignment will result in a lowered 1/3 letter grade for that assignment (A to A- for example).

Grading Scale

Grades are tabulated on a 100-point scale and a letter grade is assigned as follows:

93–100 A 90–92 A- 87–89 B+ 83–86 B 80–82 B- 73–76 C 70–72 C- 67–69 D+ 63–66 D 59 and below F

If you have questions about how grade points are assigned by the University, go to:

catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/.

Academic Honesty

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following

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pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (sccr.dso.ufl.edu/process/student-conduct-code/) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

Students with Disabilities

Every effort will be made to accommodate students with disabilities. Anyone requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide you with the necessary documentation, which you must then provide to me when requesting accommodation. Please make your request at least two weeks before the needed accommodation.

Course Evaluations

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via ufl.bluera.com/ufl/. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/.

Course Fees \$13.50

Campus Resources

Health and Wellness:

U Matter, We Care: If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, or visit umatter.ufl.edu/ to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.

Counseling and Wellness Center: Visit counseling.ufl.edu/ or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.

Student Health Care Center: Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or visit shcc.ufl.edu/.

University Police Department: Visit police.ufl.edu/ or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).

UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center: For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, ufhealth.org/emergency-room-trauma-center.

Academic Resources:

E-learning technical support: Contact the [UF Computing Help Desk](#) at 352-392-4357 or

via e-mail at helpdesk@ufl.edu.

Career Connections Center: Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance

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and counseling services career.ufl.edu/.

Library Support: cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask various ways to receive assistance with respect to

using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center: Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352-

392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. teachingcenter.ufl.edu/

Writing Studio: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting,

and writing papers. writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/

Student Complaints On-Campus: sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-

student-conduct-code/

On-Line Students Complaints: [distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process/ /](http://distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process/)

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Provisional Course Outline

WEEK 1

8/21: Introduction

WEEK 2

8/26: Sarcophagi and Catacombs

8/28: Christ the King

WEEK 3

9/2: No Class, Labor Day

9/4: Constantine the victor

WEEK 4

9/9 and 9/11: Constantine the founder

WEEK 5

9/16 and 9/18: Constantine the builder

WEEK 6

9/23 and 9/225: Byzantine Art before Iconoclasm: amulets, relics, and the “minor arts:”

WEEK 7

9/30 and 10/2: Byzantine Art before Iconoclasm: mosaics, murals and icons

WEEK 8

10/7 and 10/9: The Iconoclastic controversy

WEEK 9

10/14 and 10/16: Introduction to Middle Byzantine Art

WEEK 10

10/21 and 10/23: Islam in the Mediterranean

WEEK 11

10/28 and 10/30: “Barbarian” Successor States

WEEK 12

11/4 and 11/6: Insular Art

WEEK 13

11/11: No Class, Veteran’s Day

11/13: tba

WEEK 14

11/28 and 11/20: tba

WEEK 15

11/25: Carolingian Art and Architecture

11/27: No Class, Thanksgiving

WEEK 16

12/2 and 12/4: Carolingians Continued/Catch-Up/Review