

Although we meet online, it is important to acknowledge that West Valley College sits on the land of the Ohlone and the Muwekma people. For thousands of years, these Indigenous peoples occupied this land and used this beautiful location as their home. By offering this Land Acknowledgment, we remember that the Ohlone and Muwekma people continue to reside in this region.

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UNDERSTANDING ART Class meets, via Zoom, Mondays, January 29 May 20, 2023, 1-2:20 PM.

If scheduled student/office hours are not convenient, we can zoom, email, or talk on the phone at other times to suit your schedule. I reply to emails within (48) hours.

email as soon as I am able.

call me!

If you are looking for information that is not specific to our class, you can find updates on the WVChomepage, Facebook, or Twitter page. They may have updates or news before I do!

us to call you by a name different from the class roster, or have a preferred pronoun, please let me know so we can address you as you prefer.

I will treat you with dignity and respect and be flexible to support your individual needs. I will provide you with a clear, organized course designed to ensure you meet our course outcomes in a meaningful manner.

I will be actively present in your learning.

I will provide a supportive and safe environment in which to share and discuss ideas.

I will reach out to you when I sense that you need support.

Treat me and your peers with dignity and respect.

Strive to be an active participant in this course.

Maintain an open line of communication with me so I understand how to support you.

Do your best to be patient with technology. There will be hiccups; expect them.



We won't be perfect. We will view mistakes as opportunities to gain experience.

We will all strive to contribute regularly to ensure all members of our class have many opportunities to see/listen, reflect, and respond to all ideas.

Disagreements are natural; but we will treat one another with dignity and respect. If you sense a negative emotion surfacing within yourself, step away for a while; reflect on what is happening; then return and respond by focusing on the issue, not the person.

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Ability and willingness to mute / unmute your audio and start / stop your outgoing video to improve your Zoom experience.

You will spend part of each class listening to information and analysis from me.

You will spend part of each class meeting watching and listening to online documentaries.

You will be able to share your reactions to the documentaries and other information provided.

You will be able to share your life experiences and knowledge as they relate to the topics.

no homework, no pop quizzes, no tests, and no essays to write. I will provide information about additional content and resources for further enrichment in the topic.

True, there are no fees and no grades; but your fellow students and I are counting on you to attend as many class meetings as possible. Having a regular daily routine is important for a healthy life more so in these pandemic times. Please strive to make our time together part of your regular routine.

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governmental, historic, geographic, and cultural issues. Students also expand communication skills as they expand knowledge of world, national and local issues and become better informed community members. N.B. Each numbered section of NCAD140 has a unique focus and content topics.

- 1. Identify and discuss topics in worldwide events, government, economics, culture, geography, and history.
- 2. Express informed viewpoints on dass topics.
- 3. Identify facts of current events, government, economics, culture, geography, and history.
- Demonstrate attentive and respectful listening.
- 5. Demonstrate ability to express complex ideas on global topics in a collegial environment.

