

# Syllabus: ENVS 330, *Art and Earth*, Spring 2019

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**TR 9:30 – 10:50 PM, Black Science Annex Classroom 1**

**M 2:00 – 5:00 PM, Black Science Annex Classroom 1 and/or BSA Lab**

**Office Hours: T 2:00 – 3:00; R 9:00 – 10:00; & by appointment. Drop-ins welcome!**

## Course Overview and Goals

The fine arts are intimately tied to the natural world by virtue of the materials used, and many artistic works explicitly address relationships between people and nature. This course will explore both topics. Students will learn about geological and biological origins of art materials through lecture, experimentation, field experiences, and research presentations. Perceptions of nature will be addressed through review of artistic works. Students will present an artistic work of their own in a public forum, together with information about materials, in relation to a particular geographic region.

## Readings

*Bright Earth*, 2001. Phillip Ball. University of Chicago Press.

*Introducing Geomorphology*, 2012. Harvey. Dunedin Academic Press.

*The Illustrated Guide to Rocks & Minerals*, 2018. John Farndon. Lorenz Books.

*Art & Ecology Now*, 2014. Andrew Brown. Thames & Hudson.

Other assigned readings will be available on our Moodle page.

## Semester overview

- I. Landscape and Prehistoric Art
- II. Solid Earth and 3-Dimensional Arts
- III. Modern Materials, Contemporary Concerns

Final Exam: Tuesday, May 14, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

*Please make your travel plans accordingly.*

## Class and lab time

This is a four-credit course. We will often travel off-campus for labs. Transportation will be provided. Because we will be traveling together, you **MUST** arrive on time.

## Grade Basis

- 25% Class presentations and associated short papers (5)
- 25% Homework assignments & Quizzes
- 20% Art object and associated artist's statement
- 15% Final Exam
- 10% Research paper
- 5% Participation – includes attendance, attention, and contributions in class & lab

## Absence Policy

You are expected to attend all class and lab meetings unless prevented by illness, emergency, or athletic commitment. Please contact Dr. Savage as soon as you know you will be absent on a particular day. Each unexcused absence up to 4 will result in a decrease in one percentage point from your final course grade. More than four unexcused absences will reduce your final grade by one full letter.

## Honor Code

As in all courses at Wofford College, you are expected to adhere to the honor code:

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