

Art Crime



Quest 1: Justice and Power



Syllabus

NOTE: This syllabus is subject to change, and students should consult it each week during the semester.

I. General Information

Class Meetings

- Spring 2025, January 13 to April 28
- Tuesdays and Thursdays Period 6, 12:50–1:40 (lecture), Fridays Periods 3, 6, & 8 (discussion sections)
- Locations: Lecture: FLG0280; Sections: FAC0201
- Final exam: April 28, 3:00–5:00 pm in FLG0280

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Course Description

Art and cultural property crime can be defined as the theft, forgery, looting, trafficking, and censorship of art, the use of art to commit financial crime, and the violation of living artists' rights. This class explores art crime within the broader concept of cultural heritage, asking the following: *Why is it important to safeguard humanity's tangible cultural heritage and make it publicly accessible, and who are its rightful owners? When art and antiquities are stolen or forged, who is harmed? What can we do to address threats to cultural heritage and make reparations?*

This course addresses the global issue of art crime, which can be studied from many disciplinary perspectives: art history, archaeology, psychology, law, criminology, journalism, philosophy, history, museum studies, and economics. Throughout the semester students will explore the multiple dimensions of art crime, learn the ways in which the problem has evolved since the UNESCO Convention of 1970, and chart best practices going forward.

The class will question some of the problem's fundamental underpinnings, including ideas about ownership and authenticity, biases inherent in media coverage of the problem, and the limitations of both the nation-state and international law. We will see that the protection of cultural heritage offers many opportunities to foster mutual understanding and sustainable growth.

Quest and General Education Credit

- Quest 1
- Humanities

Humanities courses provide instruction in the history, key themes, principles, terminology, and theory or methodologies used within a humanities discipline or the humanities in general. Students will learn to identify and to analyze the key elements, biases and influences that shape thought. These courses emphasize clear and effective analysis and approach issues and problems from multiple perspectives.

- International (N)

International courses promote the development of students' global and intercultural awareness. Students examine the cultural, economic, geographic, historical, political, and/or social experiences and processes that characterize the contemporary world, and thereby comprehend the trends, challenges, and opportunities that affect communities around the world. Students analyze and reflect on the ways in which cultural, economic, political, and/or social systems and beliefs mediate their own and other people's understanding of an increasingly connected world.

- Writing Requirement (WR) 2000 words

This course accomplishes the [Quest](https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#ufquesttext)  (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#ufquesttext>) and [General Education](#) .

(<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/#objectivesandoutcomestext>) objectives of the subject areas listed above. A minimum grade of C is required for Quest and General Education credit. Courses intended to satisfy Quest and General Education requirements cannot be taken S-U.

Required Readings and Works

- All required readings are available for free on Canvas, through the library's Course Reserves, or on the internet, as indicated on the weekly plan. If students prefer to read a hard copy of Michael E. Jones' *Art Law: A Concise Guide for Artists, Curators, and Art Educators*, they are encouraged to purchase it.
- For help with writing and citing, we recommend Kate Turabian's *Student's Guide to Writing College Papers*.
- To complete the assignment reviewing a film, novel, or television show, students may need to purchase a text or pay to rent the title, but there are also free options.
- Materials and Supplies Fees: N/A

II. Graded Work

Description of Graded Work

1. Attendance: 8%
Points assigned based on attendance at the weekly discussion sections. Includes the in-class visit to the Harn Museum of Art.
2. Participation: 12%
Most lectures will include short participation assignments, and each section meeting will include in-depth discussion of the week's readings and other material presented in class. Students are assigned 2 or 3 points each week based on their participation and/or their submission of short writing assignments that capture the discussions. (See the participation rubric below. A percentage is calculated based on the total number of participation points available in the semester, usually about 40. This then counts as 12% of the overall grade.)
3. Short critical reflection essay (600 words, WR) due Week 3: 10%
Students will be provided with two short case studies of artworks that have been stolen from their countries of origin and brought to the U.S.—objects of different media and from different cultures and time periods. Assuming only one can be investigated by the FBI, they should argue which case should be pursued for investigation, and thus examine their cultural priorities.
4. Midterm exam in Week 6: 15%
Exams consist of multiple choice questions and short essays based on class material. A study guide is provided in advance.
5. Film, novel, or television series review (600 words, WR) due in Week 8: 10%
Students write a critical review of a feature film, novel, or television show that deals with art theft or forgery (examples are *The Thomas Crown Affair*, *Museo*, *Night Train to Memphis*, and *White Collar*). A list of recommended options will be provided, and in the case of a television show students should watch at least four episodes.
6. Abstract and bibliography for Research Paper due in Week 11: 5%
In advance of the research paper (see below), students should submit a short description of the art case they will investigate, as well as a bibliography with at least three sources (print or digital), for the professor's feedback and approval.
7. Research paper (1,000–1,500 words, WR) due in Week 13: 13%
Students should investigate and report on a case of art crime, forgery, censorship or copyright infringement of their choosing. They should articulate a thesis explaining how the case furthers our understanding of the problem of art crime.
8. Final exam: 20%
Exams consist of multiple choice questions and short essays based on class material. A study guide is provided in advance.

Grading Scale

For information on how UF assigns grade points, visit: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/> 
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A	94 – 100%	C	74 – 76%
A-	90 – 93%	C-	70 – 73%
B+	87 – 89%	D+	67 – 69%
B	84 – 86%	D	64 – 66%
B-	80 – 83%	D-	60 – 63%

C+	77 – 79%	E	<60
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Grading Rubric(s)

Writing Assessment Rubric and Statements

	SATISFACTORY (Y)	UNSATISFACTORY (N)
CONTENT	Papers exhibit at least some evidence of ideas that respond to the topic with complexity, critically evaluating and synthesizing sources, and provide at least an adequate discussion with basic understanding of sources.	Papers either include a central idea(s) that is unclear or off-topic or provide only minimal or inadequate discussion of ideas. Papers may also lack sufficient or appropriate sources.
ORGANIZATION AND COHERENCE	Documents and paragraphs exhibit at least some identifiable structure for topics, including a clear thesis statement but may require readers to work to follow progression of ideas.	Documents and paragraphs lack clearly identifiable organization, may lack any coherent sense of logic in associating and organizing ideas, and may also lack transitions and coherence to guide the reader.
ARGUMENT AND SUPPORT	Documents use persuasive and confident presentation of ideas, strongly supported with evidence. At the weak end of the Satisfactory range, documents may provide only generalized discussion of ideas or may provide adequate discussion but rely on weak support for arguments.	Documents make only weak generalizations, providing little or no support, as in summaries or narratives that fail to provide critical analysis.
STYLE	Documents use a writing style with word choice appropriate to the context, genre, and discipline. Sentences should display complexity and logical sentence structure. At a minimum, documents will display a less precise use of vocabulary and an uneven use of sentence structure or a writing style that occasionally veers away from word choice or tone appropriate to the context, genre, and discipline.	Documents rely on word usage that is inappropriate for the context, genre, or discipline. Sentences may be overly long or short with awkward construction. Documents may also use words incorrectly.
MECHANICS	Papers will feature correct or error-free presentation of ideas. At the weak end of the Satisfactory range, papers may contain some spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors that remain unobtrusive so they do not muddy the paper's argument or points.	Papers contain so many mechanical or grammatical errors that they impede the reader's understanding or severely undermine the writer's credibility.

- The Writing Requirement (WR) ensures students both maintain their fluency in writing and use writing as a tool to facilitate learning.
- The instructor will evaluate and provide feedback before the end of the course on all of the student's written assignments with respect to grammar, punctuation, clarity, coherence, and organization.
- WR course grades have two components. To receive writing requirement credit, a student must receive a grade of C or higher and a satisfactory completion of the writing component of the course.

Participation Rubric

	High Quality	Average	Needs Improvement
Informed: Shows evidence of having done the assigned work.	3	2	1
Thoughtful: Shows evidence of having			

understood and considered issues raised.	3	2	1
Considerate: Takes the perspective others into account.	3	2	1

III. Annotated Weekly Schedule

Week Topics, Homework, and Assignments

Topic: Introduction

Summary: These weeks define the terms and scope of the class. Readings introduce basic vocabulary, current points of debate, and philosophical issues. ethically informed attitude toward the issue of art crime.

Required Readings and Assignments by Day:

January 14

- Noah Charney, *The Museum of Lost Art* (London: Phaidon, 2018), [chapter on theft \(https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683660?wrap=1\)](https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683660?wrap=1), pp

January 16

- Neil Brodie, "[Illicit Antiquities: The Theft of Culture \(https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683668?wrap=1\)](https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683668?wrap=1)," in *Heritage, Museums and Galleries* Gerard Corsane (London: Routledge, 2005), pp. 122–140. Canvas.

Weeks **January 17 (section)**

1–2 Introductions and discussion based on readings above.

January 21 & 23

- Karen J. Warren, "Introduction: A Philosophical Perspective on the Ethics and Resolution of Cultural Property Issues," in *The Ethics of Collecting Cultural Property?* Ed. Phyllis Mauch Messenger. 2nd ed. (Albuquerque, N.M: University of New Mexico Press, 1999), pp. 1–25. Course Reserves (see menu item :)
- Katie Razzall, "[Parthenon Sculptures: Pressure Growing on British Museum](https://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-66239150) [↗](https://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-66239150) (https://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-66239150)," *BBC News*
- Elaine Velie, "[British Museum Director Resigns Amid Theft Scandal](https://hyperallergic.com/841066/british-museum-director-resigns-amid-theft-scandal) [↗](https://hyperallergic.com/841066/british-museum-director-resigns-amid-theft-scandal) (https://hyperallergic.com/841066/british-museum-director-resigns-amid-theft-scandal), *Hyperallergic* August 25, 2023.

January 24 (section)

Discussion based on readings above and completion of critical reflection assignment in class.

Topic: History

Summary: Explores the history of art theft from the sixteenth century to the mid-twentieth century, focusing especially on the removal of antiquities to diffuse the “antiquities rush” of the early twentieth century. Students will develop historical perspectives on the issue of art theft and consider it as institutionally and individual desire.

Required Readings and Assignments by Day:

Week **January 28**

- 3 • Suzanne Marchand, “The Dialectics of the Antiquities Rush,” in *Pour une histoire de l’archéologie xviiiè siècle - 1945*, 2015, pp. 3–17. Canvas.<add link>

January 30

- Stefanie Gänger, “[Inca ‘Antiquities’ in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries \(https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683661?wrap=1\)](https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683661?wrap=1),” Sonia Alconini and Alan Covey, 2018, pp. 787–805. Canvas.

January 31 (section)

Discussion based on readings above.

Topic: Desire

Summary: Takes a more psychological approach to the motivations behind art theft and art sequestration. Focuses on individual iconoclasts and art collectors and private.

Required Readings and Assignments by Day:

February 4

- Philip Pullella, “[Vatican Marks Anniversary of 1972 Attack on Michelangelo's Pieta](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-vatican-pieta/vatican-marks-anniversary-of-1972-attack-on-michelangelo-s-pieta-idUSBRE94K0KU20130521#:~:text=Handout%20via%20Reuters-,To%20mark%20the%20attack%20on%20May%2021%2C%201972%2C%20the%20Vatican,controv) ↗ (https://www.reuters.com/article/us-vatican-pieta/vatican-marks-anniversary-of-1972-attack-on-michelangelo-s-pieta-idUSBRE94K0KU20130521#:~:text=Handout%20via%20Reuters-,To%20mark%20the%20attack%20on%20May%2021%2C%201972%2C%20the%20Vatican,controv),” *Reuters* May 21, 2013.

Week 4

- Rhea Nayyar, “[Sculpture of Virgin Mary in Labor Beheaded in Austrian Cathedral \(https://hyperallergic.com/931419/sculpture-of-virgin-mary-in-labor-beheaded-utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Virgin%20Mary%20Sculpture%20Beheaded&utm_campaign=D070824\)](https://hyperallergic.com/931419/sculpture-of-virgin-mary-in-labor-beheaded-utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Virgin%20Mary%20Sculpture%20Beheaded&utm_campaign=D070824),” *Hyperallergic* July 7, 2013.

February 6

- Joseph L. Sax, Ch. 5, “[Collectors: Private Vices, Public Benefits \(https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683672?wrap=1\)](https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683672?wrap=1),” in *Playing Darts with Cultural Treasures* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1999), pp. 60–78. Canvas.

February 7 (section)

- Read for discussion: “[The Joy of Discovery: A Conversation with Roberta and Dick Huber \(https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683669?wrap=1\)](https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683669?wrap=1),” in *The Joy of Discovery: A Conversation with Roberta and Dick Huber* (Philadelphia Museum of Art, 2013), pp. 1–7. Canvas.

February 11**Topic:** Authenticity**Summary:** Explores the concept of authenticity in relation to various types of art forgery and the accompanying issues.**Required Readings and Assignments by Day:****February 11**

- Jos Hackforth-Jones and Megan Aldrich, "[Introduction \(https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683674?wrap=1\)](https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683674?wrap=1)," in *Art and Authenticity* (New York University Press, 2011), pp. 15–30, notes 225. Canvas.

Week
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- Nancy Kelker and Karen Bruhns, Ch. 1 "[The Secret Lies of Fakes \(https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683676?wrap=1\)](https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683676?wrap=1)," in *Faking Ancient Masterpieces* (New York University Press, 2011), pp. 15–30, notes 225. Canvas.

- Brett Sokol, "[After Fake Basquiats, Orlando Museum Faces 'Severe Financial Crisis' \(https://www.nytimes.com/2024/01/12/arts/design/orlando-museum-fake-basquiats.html\)](https://www.nytimes.com/2024/01/12/arts/design/orlando-museum-fake-basquiats.html)," *New York Times*, January 12, 2024.

February 13**NO LECTURE--Use time to read and review ahead of midterm.****February 14 (section)**

Discussion of readings above (especially Sokol) and review for midterm.

February 18**MIDTERM EXAM IN CLASS****Topic:** War**Summary:** Examines the ways in which war contributes to art theft.Week
6**Required Readings and Assignments by Day:****February 20**

- Read for background: Michael Jones, Ch. 5 "Ethical and Legal Challenges of Nazi-Era Art and Cultural Property," in *Art Law: A Concise Guide for Artists, Collectors, and Attorneys* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2016), pp. 77–96. E-book through Course Reserves.

February 21 (section)

Discussion based on above reading; presentation of film, novel, or TV series review assignment.

Topic: Money**Summary:** Explores the economics of art crime within the larger context of dark money.**Required Readings and Assignments by Day:****February 25**

- Georgina Adam, Part III "[Money, Money, Money \(https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683677?wrap=1\)](https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683677?wrap=1)," in *Dark Side of the Boom: The Excesses of Art Crime* (New York University Press, 2011), pp. 15–30, notes 225. Canvas.

Week

7 (London: Lund Humphries, 2017), pp. 130–192. Canvas.

February 27

- Cara Tremain, "[The Many Lives of Maya Antiquities: Tracking Distribution and Redistribution through Auction Catalogues](https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/assignments/118) (<https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/assignments/118>) *The Market for Mesoamerica: Reflections on the Sale of Pre-Columbian Antiquities* (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2019), pp. 170–88. Canvas.

February 28

Discussion based on above readings.

Topic: Artists' Rights

Summary: Discusses issues related to art crime as they affect living artists, including censorship, copyright, and profit, and explores remedies.

Required Readings/Viewing and Assignments by Day:

March 4

- Read for background: Michael Jones, Ch. 7 "Protecting Art: Copyrights and Reproduction Rights," in *Art Law: A Concise Guide for Artists, Curators, and Art Educators* (New York: Rown through Course Reserves), pp. 119–141. E-book through Course Reserves.

Week 8 • Brian Boucher, "[Landmark Copyright Lawsuit Cariou v. Prince is Settled](https://www.artnews.com/art-in-america/features/landmark-copyright-lawsuit-cariou-v-prince)" (<https://www.artnews.com/art-in-america/features/landmark-copyright-lawsuit-cariou-v-prince>) *Week America*, March 18, 2014.

- Adam Liptak, "[Supreme Court Rules Against Andy Warhol in Copyright Case](https://www.nytimes.com/2023/05/18/us/supreme-court-warhol-copyright)" (<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/05/18/us/supreme-court-warhol-copyright>)

March 6

- Read for background: Michael Jones, Ch. 8 "Moral Rights of Artists," in *Art Law: A Concise Guide for Artists, Curators, and Art Educators* (New York: Rown through Course Reserves).

March 7 (section)

- Discussion of fair use.

FILM, NOVEL, OR TV SERIES REVIEW ASSIGNMENT DUE AT MIDNIGHT.

Topic: Artworks in Transit

Summary: Explores the gray areas that arise when artworks are bought, sold, consigned, and donated.

Required Readings and Assignments by Day:

March 11

- Read for background: Michael Jones, Ch. 6 "Buying, Selling, and Consigning Art," in *Art Law: A Concise Guide for Artists, Curators, and Art Educators* (New York: Rown through Course Reserves), pp. 118.

Week 9

March 13

- Read for activity Friday: Elizabeth Marlowe, "[Orphan Antiquities at Kenyon College: The Lessons of the Harris Bequest](https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/assignments/119)" (<https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/assignments/119>) *Peregrinations: Journal of Medieval Art and Architecture* 8, 1 (2022): pp. 26–40. Canvas.

March 14 (section)

Orphan antiquities hands-on activity; presentation of research paper assignment.

Week **NO CLASS--ENJOY YOUR SPRING BREAK!**
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Topic: The Role of Museums

Summary: Discusses practical actions that museums take to act ethically and provide restitution when needed. Includes a presentation by Harn Museum staff and a hands-on activity at the museum.

Required Readings and Assignments by Day:

March 25

• <confirm>Special visit by Harn Museum or Florida Museum staff

Week
11

March 27

• Read for background: Janet Berlo and Ruth B. Phillips, "[Our \(Museum\) World Turned Upside Down: Re-Presenting Native American Arts \(https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/assignments/12345\)](https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/assignments/12345)," in *Museums in the Material World* (Routledge, 2007), 10 pp. Canvas.

March 28 (section)

Attend the Harn Museum with your section and complete the participation assignment due after the visit.

ABSTRACT AND BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR RESEARCH PAPER DUE AT MIDNIGHT.

Week 12

Topic: Regional Case Study: Italy

Summary: Discusses the case of Italy, a country that has made substantial reforms to secure its cultural heritage resources.

Required Readings and Assignments by Day:

April 1

- Read for background: Peter Watson and Cecilia Todeschini, Ch. 2 "[Sotheby's, Switzerland, Smugglers](https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683673?wrap=1) (<https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683673?wrap=1>)," in *The Medici Conspiracy* (New York: PublicAffairs, 2006), pp. 24–32.

April 3

- No assigned reading; work on research paper.

April 4 (section)

Visit Fine Arts Library with section and complete book-finding activity.

Week 13

Topic: Regional Case Study: Peru

Summary: We discuss ongoing issues of art theft and forgery in Peru, related especially to the Inka items returned by Yale and arts of the Spanish colonial period. The latter include cases in which the instructor has been personally involved.

Required Readings and Assignments by Day:

April 8

- Kimberly Alderman, "[Machu Picchu Artifacts: Repatriation](https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683700?wrap=1) (<https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/526526/files/93683700?wrap=1>)," *Encyclopedia of Global Archaeology* (2014): pp. 4857–4859. Canvas.

April 10

- No assigned reading; work on research paper.

April 11 (section)

Citations and paper thesis workshop.

RESEARCH PAPER DUE AT MIDNIGHT

Topic: Solutions

Summary: Examines several success stories relating to restitution and repatriation, and explores future possibilities.

Required Readings and Assignments by Day:

April 15

- Thomas Seligman, "The Murals of Teotihuacán: A Case Study of Negotiated Restitution," in *The Ethics of Collecting Cultural Property Whose Culture? Whose Property?* Ed. Phyllis Mauch Messenger. 2nd ed. (Albuquerque, N.M: University of New Mexico Press, 1999), pp. 73–84. E-book through Course Reserves.

Week 14

April 17

- View "STRAIGHT TALK AFRICA: THE RETURN OF AFRICAN HERITAGE TO THE CONTINENT":
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3YdXpX1sF8> ↗ (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3YdXpX1sF8>)



(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3YdXpX1sF8>)

April 18 (section)

Revisit self-reflection assignment and review for final exam.

Topic: Conclusions

Summary: Concludes and reviews course themes in preparation for final, gives feedback on research papers.

April 22

Week 15

Assignment:

- Complete course evaluation

FINAL EXAM: April 28, 3:00–5:00 pm in FLG0280

IV. Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

At the end of this course, students will be expected to have achieved the [Quest](https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/) ↗ and [General Education](http://undergrad.ua.ufl.edu/general-education/gen-ed-courses/structure-of-gen-ed-courses/slos-and-performance-indicators/student-learning-outcomes/) ↗ learning outcomes as follows:

- **Content:** *Students demonstrate competence in the terminology, concepts, theories and methodologies used within the discipline(s).* Students demonstrate competence in the legal, art historical, technical, and philosophical concepts, theories, and methodologies used to study and combat the theft and forgery of objects considered art. Class discussions and activities, papers, and exams are all opportunities to achieve these outcomes.
- **Critical Thinking:** *Students carefully and logically analyze information from multiple perspectives and develop reasoned solutions to problems within the discipline(s).* Students evaluate the different perspectives of individuals and entities involved in cases of art crime, and consider multiple variables to chart solutions going forward. They develop sensitivity to the ways the problem varies between world regions. They consider critically the ways the problem is represented in popular culture and recommend improvements. Class discussions and activities, the critical reflection essay, the film/novel/TV series review, and the research paper are the primary opportunities to achieve these outcomes.
- **Communication:** *Students communicate knowledge, ideas and reasoning clearly and effectively in written and oral forms appropriate to the discipline(s).* Students communicate content, analyses, and evaluations in written and oral forms. All class assignments are opportunities to achieve this outcome.
- **Connection:** *Students connect course content with meaningful critical reflection on their intellectual, personal, and professional development at UF and beyond.* Students examine their own preferences and values related to cultural heritage with the critical reflection essay and with their choice of a topic for the research paper.
- **International:**

**Identify, describe, and explain the historical, cultural, economic, political, and/or social experiences and processes that characterize the contemporary world.* Except for Week 2 (which gives historical background), the course is focused on the contemporary international phenomenon of art crime. All class assignments, but especially the film/novel/TV series review and the research paper, allow for this outcome.

** Analyze and reflect on the ways in which cultural, economic, political, and/or social systems and beliefs mediate understandings of an increasingly connected contemporary world.* The class considers art crime in various parts of the world, and the ways in which the problem is graver in some areas more than others. Class discussions of course readings allow for comparisons between regions and understanding of interconnections.

NOTE: The course is geared toward studying art crime as an international phenomenon. While there is some coverage of Native North American art theft, and much consideration of what U.S. museums and collectors do with art from around the world, throughout the class we consider the issue from the vantage point of Europe, Africa, South America, and Central America.

- **Humanities:**

**Identify, describe, and explain the history, underlying theory and methodologies used.* As an interdisciplinary course there are various opportunities to compare and contrast different disciplinary methodologies. For example, those of journalists, lawyers, and art historians will be explained and compared. Class discussions of course readings (and discussion with the invited speaker), the Harn experiential assignment, and the research paper are the main opportunities for this.

**Identify and analyze key elements, biases and influences that shape thought within the subject area. Approach issues and problems within the discipline from multiple perspectives.* The class considers the ways in which various disciplines approach art crime, and the various biases and/or priorities they operate from. Class discussions of course readings and discussion with the invited speaker are the main opportunities for this.

V. Quest Learning Experiences

1. Details of Experiential Learning Component


Students will visit the Harn Museum of Art with their section groups on <March 28>, having seen a presentation by a Harn curator and/or registrar on how museums authenticate and ascertain the legal provenance of artworks. Classes will discuss the information provided by museum labels and artworks themselves and how they can evaluate them for provenance information. Then students will be allowed to choose individual works on display at the Harn to investigate independently and share the results of their findings as a participation assignment.

2. Details of Self-Reflection Component


Students will be provided with two short case studies of artworks that have been stolen from their countries of origin and brought to the U.S.—objects of different media and from different cultures and time periods. Assuming only one can be investigated by the FBI, they should argue which case should be pursued for investigation, and thus examine their cultural priorities. This assignment is due at the beginning of the semester, and at the end we will have a discussion about whether students would revise or change their opinions.

VI. Required Policies




Attendance Policy

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx> .


Students Requiring Accommodation

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center by visiting <https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/> . It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

UF Evaluations Process

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 <https://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 <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/> . Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/> .

University Honesty Policy

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 pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (<https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/>)  specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Note that it includes the submission of academic writing that is not your own, and this applies to the use of AI tools such as ChatGPT. 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.

Counseling and Wellness Center

Contact information for the Counseling and Wellness Center: <https://counseling.ufl.edu/about/location-hours-contact/> .

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The Writing Studio

The writing studio is committed to helping University of Florida students meet their academic and professional goals by becoming better writers. Visit the writing studio online at <http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/> or in 2215 Turlington Hall for one-on-one consultations and workshops.

In-Class Recordings

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A "class lecture" is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session.

Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To "publish" means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.