

**COURSE SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT**

<b>Academic School/Department:</b>	Communications, Arts and Social Sciences
<b>Programme:</b>	BA Art History and Visual Culture
<b>FHEQ Level:</b>	6
<b>Course Title:</b>	Senior Seminar in Art History & Visual Culture 1
<b>Course Code:</b>	AVC 6296
<b>Course Leader:</b>	Dr. Nicola Mann
<b>Student Engagement Hours:</b>	120-135
Lectures	
Seminar/Tutorials:	25
Independent / Guided learning:	95-110
<b>Semester:</b>	Fall, Spring
<b>Credits:</b>	12 UK CATS credits 6 ECTS credits 3 US credits

**Course Description:**

This research intensive course for the major is the first part of a two semester sequence taken in the Senior year. Working with faculty in their specific discipline, students produce a research proposal, a literature review and a substantial draft in the first semester. In the second semester (AVC 6297 Senior Seminar 2) students revise their draft and extend their work to produce the 8,000-10,000 word dissertation. Students are guided through the various stages of proposal and dissertation writing, and draft work is supervised regularly in a process of continuous feedback.

**Prerequisites:** AVC 5215

**Aims and Objectives:** The course aims to help students develop research strategies focusing upon the development of critical thinking and reading skills, the identification of a viable research project, the generation of a literature review, the clear articulation of a thesis/argument, and the selection of appropriate theoretical

and methodological frameworks.

**Programme Outcomes :**

6A(i); 6A(iv); 6B(i); 6B(iv); 6C(i); 6C(ii); 6C(iii); 6C(iv); 6D(i); 6D(ii); 6D(iii); 6D(iv)

A detailed list of the programme outcomes is found in the Programme Specification. This is maintained by Registry and located at:

<http://www.richmond.ac.uk/admitted-students/programme-and-course-specifications/>

**Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of this course, successful students should:

- Demonstrate the ability to design a research question, describe the aims of the research and conduct research using evidence, data and information from a range of primary and secondary sources.
- Demonstrate the ability to write a proposal and a draft section/chapter of their paper that sets out an argument and integrates a systematic understanding of specific theoretical and methodological frameworks relevant to their topic.
- Demonstrate the ability to critically appraisal several sources in a literature review.
- Complete a draft section/chapter which critically engages with the sources discussed, and demonstrate an understanding of the key debates, and the relationship between theoretical perspectives and empirical evidence, as they are relevant to the topic.
- Take responsibility for their own learning, demonstrating an ability to work independently, meet strict deadlines and use feedback effectively.
- Complete assigned work with a degree of clarity, contextualisation, critical thinking, and reflexive normative understanding appropriate for a 6000 level course.

**Indicative Content:**

Designing a research proposal  
Conducting a Literature Review  
Drawing up an Outline  
Formulating a thesis  
Producing a Rough Draft



