

# PSK 393

## Psychology & Art

FRIDAY 14:00 – 15:50

Room: G412



Upward, Wassily Kandinsky, 1929

art is  
the expression of  
those beauties  
and emotions  
that stir the  
human soul.  
- howard pyle

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## Course description

At the end of this course you will:

- ✓ understand how arts and sciences are deeply connected
- ✓ use your previous knowledge on psychology to create new and functional projects
- ✓ integrate your knowledge with philosophy, arts, literature, and other scientific disciplines
- ✓ carry out individual and/or team based studies to create new products via integrating your psychology education, especially with arts

**Prerequisite** N/A

## Textbook

Crozier, W. R., & Chapman, A. J. (Eds.). (1984). *Cognitive processes in the perception of art* (Vol. 19). Elsevier.

Chatterjee, A. (2013). *The aesthetic brain: How we evolved to desire beauty and enjoy art*. Oxford University Press.

## Other material

Lecture slides & the notes you will take about whatever the instructor mentions in class



Assessment Methods	Contribution to total grade (%)	Date	Explanation
4 Homeworks	15 each, 60 in total	Will be announced in class	The subject will be announced a week before the deadline
1 Final Project	30	Final Week	The subject will be announced two weeks before the deadline
Participation in Discussions	10	Every Friday afternoon 😊	Attendance is not mandatory; but to get this point, you have to make yourself visible to the instructor via your participation in class discussions 😊

## Tentative Course Schedule

Date	Topic	Reading
<b>Week1</b> 30.09.2016	Introduction: The perception of art	Crozier & Chapman Ch.1
<b>Week2</b> 07.10.2016	The psychological investigation of art	Crozier & Chapman Ch.2
<b>Week3</b> 14.10.2016	The Arts and Development	Crozier & Chapman Ch.3
<b>Week4</b> 21.10.2016	Perception of the Visual Arts	Crozier & Chapman Ch.4
<b>Week5</b> 28.10.2016	Perception of Music	Crozier & Chapman Ch.5
<b>Week6</b> 04.11.2016	Experimental Aesthetics	Crozier & Chapman Ch.6
<b>Week7</b> 11.11.2016	<b>Midterm Week</b>	
<b>Week8</b> 18.11.2016	Brains Behind Beauty	Chatterjee Part 1, Ch. 6
<b>Week9</b> 25.11.2016	Evolving Beauty	Chatterjee Part 1, Ch. 7
<b>Week10</b> 02.12.2016	The logic of pleasure	Chatterjee Part 2, Ch. 6
<b>Week11</b> 09.12.2016	<b>No Class</b>	
<b>Week12</b> 16.12.2016	Art: Biology and Culture	Chatterjee Part 3, Ch. 2
<b>Week13</b> 23.12.2016	Evolving minds	Chatterjee Part 3, Ch. 7
<b>Week14</b> 30.12.2016	Evolving art	Chatterjee Part 3, Ch. 8