



*Series: Discovering Your Educational Community Resources*

## **Into the Gallery -The Museum Experience**

### **Fresno**

EDUO 9806 1 Semester Credit/Unit

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## **Syllabus**

### **Course Description**

The purpose of this self-paced class is to provide teachers with the opportunity to tour exhibits at outstanding museums such as the Fresno Art Museum, Arte Americas, Las Casa de la Cultura, in Fresno, the Tulare County Museum, the Sanger Depot Museum, the Reedley Museum, and the Agricultural Museum, also in Tulare. An extensive list of museums in and outside our valley will be provided. Learning about the unique educational programs these museums provide can then be shared by each teacher at their school site and in their classroom through fieldtrip opportunities, cultural activities, online web experiences, and high-interest curriculum.

### **Course Objectives**

1. Teachers will learn what educational programs and other opportunities are available for their students at four outstanding educational museums.
2. By participating in tours of the exhibits in the selected four museums, teachers will further their knowledge of art culture, history, science, natural history, agriculture, etc., that can be taken back to the classroom and incorporated into the curriculum.

3. Teachers will gain the knowledge to plan and teach meaningful art lessons and activities for their grade level.
4. Teachers will be able to provide field trip information for parents and staff and plan meaningful fieldtrips that enrich the curriculum of grade level taught.

### **Class Requirements:**

1. Enroll online at [www.dominicanCAonline.com](http://www.dominicanCAonline.com). See website for registration and also for location of informational meetings that are scheduled in the area or call 559-225-9020 for that information. Coursework will be available at all Spring/summer registration/informational meetings.
2. Participants will tour four museums of their choice and at their convenience. Two museums highly recommended for teachers are: The Fresno Art Museum, and the Arte Americas, both in Fresno. While two of the four museums toured are required to be from the local San Joaquin Valley area, two of the four museum visits may be from outside the valley.

A list of local museums available for touring is provided. It is always advisable to call ahead for the days/hours a museum is open to the public and for the current admission costs of each, as changes can occur without notice. It is also highly recommended that teachers call ahead to request a docent-guided tour to get the most out of the exhibits. Parking is usually free at each local museum.

After completing the tour of a museum, the Passport Page should be stamped and/or signed, as well as dated by the museum docent or receptionist as proof of the visit. Teachers should be prepared to take notes on certain exhibits. Photos, if allowed, can also be included in the coursework as proof of visitation.

3. A written reflection on each museum visit is required. The written reflections should be typed, double spaced, with size 10-12 size font, or legibly written in pen. Reflection write-ups should be one or more pages in length, and should address every question posed on the coursework. The instructor can be reached at (559) 288-9168 (cell), evenings or weekends only, or emailed at [jyoung@gmail.com](mailto:jyoung@gmail.com), if there are any questions.

**Grading:** The Passport page, four thoughtfully written museum reflections, and the Summary and Evaluation pages must be completed on time for an “A” grade. Coursework not received by the deadline may be subject to a lower grade. Please inform the instructor if more time is needed to complete the course. Also, please note that the work for a one-unit university graduate class is a required 15 hours.

## Grading Rubric: Written Response Rubric:

<b>Exemplary: Met and Exceeds Expectations A+ to A-</b>	<b>Acceptable: Meets Expectations B- to B+</b>	<b>Unacceptable: Needs Improvement. Must be resubmitted.</b>
Reflective, thoughtful ideas relevant to the assignment are clearly stated.	Presents some relevant ideas and connections to the assignment.	Few relevant ideas connected to the assignment, some ideas unclear.
Very well organized	Is generally well organized	Shows little organization
Reflective piece covers numerous facts and specific details of the learning experience	Some facts and specific details of the learning experience are included.	Few or no facts or specific details of the learning experience are included.
Free of Spelling or grammatical errors	Writing contains a few spelling or grammatical errors.	Numerous spelling or grammatical errors. Writing is difficult to read.

### Instructions for coursework submission:

#### Written Assignments

Your coursework should be created in a document that can be emailed directly to the instructor.

Coursework should be typed, double-spaced with size 12 font. Reflection write-ups should be one or more pages in length and address every question in the coursework. Pictures and documents may be scanned and posted along with your Word or PDF file of written assignments. Label everything carefully with the assignment number and make sure that your name and email address are easy to locate.

Visit four sites and submit responses for EACH location.

**IMPORTANT** - Camera images can be very large files. Save the images in lower definition resolution in order to keep document file sizes down for emailing.

For assistance email [jherz@dominicancaonline.com](mailto:jherz@dominicancaonline.com)

**EMAIL your completed documents to the instructor's email listed on the syllabus you are working from.**

## **Fresno Museum Information**

Note: The first Thursday of the month is ArtHop, an event scheduled from 5:00-8:00 p.m. , where all major museums have free admission. Call the Fresno Arts Council for more information about ArtHop at: (559) 237-9734. Hours of operation of museums are subject to change. It is highly recommended that participants in this class call to confirm all necessary information before visiting a museum.

**The Fresno Art Museum Information:** [www.fresnoartmuseum.org](http://www.fresnoartmuseum.org)

Phone: (559) 441-4221

Address: 2233 North

Museum Hours: Thursday-Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm

Admission: \$5 Adults, Students, & Seniors

Children and Museum Members are FREE.

**The Fresno Art Museum** welcomes, inspires and educates through significant exhibitions, thought-provoking programs and meaningful interactions with artists and the creative process.

Unique educational programs include Summer Art Academy for Kids, Art Link, Family Day, ArtSmart Professional Development and After School Programs, as well as a Docent Program. Exciting activities and special events are also held throughout the year.

This museum is widely recognized as one of the San Joaquin Valley's most vital cultural organizations. As a forum for contemporary art between San Francisco and Los Angeles, FAM is dedicated to serving the populations of Central California.

## **Arte Américas: Casa De La Cultura**

**Information:** [www.arteamericas.org](http://www.arteamericas.org)

Phone: (559) 266-2623

Address: 1630 Van Ness Ave. in downtown Fresno.

Admission: Free!

Gallery Hours:

Monday and Tuesday: closed

Wednesday: 11 am – 5 pm

Thursday: 11 am – 5 pm

Friday: 11 am – 5 pm

Saturday: 11 am – 5 pm

Sunday: 1 pm – 5 pm

Arte Américas is a cultural arts and education center, concert venue, and gallery-space with a mission to create a flourishing place for Latino arts in the San Joaquin Valley.

Arte Américas is the Valley's largest non-profit Latino cultural center with over 10,000 square feet of gallery, performance, meeting and classroom spaces. Our exhibits and events are culturally educational and family-friendly; featuring local and international artists whose talents celebrate the eclectic variety of cultural artforms:

- Visual Arts: every few months, we debut a new exhibits (or set of exhibits) in our galleries. Artists range from traditional/folkloric to avant-garde
- Dance: Classes and performances by flamenco, folklorico and modern dance ensembles
- Literary Arts: Workshops and featured presentations by poets, authors, writers and novelists that celebrate and educate the community about the Latin cultural experience.

**\*Additional museums recommended are listed below. Many of these museums have websites that offer up-to-date information on current exhibits. It is highly recommended to call for current information, as open hours, etc. are subject to change.**

1. **The African American Historical and Cultural Museum: (5559) 268-7102.** Located at 1857 Fulton Street, south of Divisadero in downtown Fresno. Hours: Tours can be made by appointment only. \$5.00 adult admission, children under 12 accompanied by an adult are free. Open for ArtHop each month for no charge.
2. **American Historical Society of Germans from Russian Library and Museum: [www.ahsgr.org](http://www.ahsgr.org).** Located at 3233 N. West Ave., Fresno. Phone: **(559) 229- 8287**. Open from 9:00 a.m.-4 p. m. Mondays -Fridays. Closed Holidays.
3. **Castle Air Museum, Castle Air Force Base: [www.castleairmuseum.org](http://www.castleairmuseum.org).** Location: 5050 Santa Fe Drive, Atwater. **(209) 723-2178**. Hours: 9:00 am-5:00 p.m. April 1-Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, and 10:00 am-4:00 pm from October 1-March 31<sup>st</sup>, weather permitting. \$12.00 adult admission, \$5.00 for ages 6-17. Children 5 years and under are free. Family pass: \$30.00.
4. **Hanford Carnegie Museum: [www.hanfordcarnegie@att.net](mailto:www.hanfordcarnegie@att.net) (559)584-1367.** Address: 109 E. Eighth St., Hanford. Hours: 11-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. Admission: \$3.00 adults, and \$1.00 for children and seniors. Don't

miss historic China Alley on the 400 block of 7th street in Hanford, location of the Taoist temple and museum.

5. **Central Sierra Historical Society and Museum: (559) 841-4478.** Located at 42642 Tollhouse Road, Shaver Lake. Hours: 11-3p.m. Open: Thursday-Sunday. Free admission.
6. **The Meux Home Museum: [www.meux.mus.ca.us](http://www.meux.mus.ca.us), (559) 233-8007.** Address: 1007 R Street in downtown Fresno. Parking available on the north side of the building, Hours. Open Friday-Sundays from 12-3:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 for adults.
7. **Kearney Mansion Museum: (559) 441-0862.** Located at 7160 West Kearney Blvd. Guided tours on Friday-Sundays at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 p.m. There is a \$5.00 admission fee into the park.
8. **The Discovery Center: Museum of Science and Natural History: [www.thediscovervcenter.net](http://www.thediscovervcenter.net), (559) 251-5533.** Located at 1944 N. Winery Ave. Hours are from 9-4 p.m., Mondays-Fridays and 10-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Free admission. No docents are on site due to budget cuts. The new museum should be up and running in Spring, 2013.
9. **The Clark Center for Japanese Art and Culture: [www.shermanleeinstitue.org](http://www.shermanleeinstitue.org), (559) 582-4915.** Located on 15770 10th Ave., in Hanford. Hours: 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Closed on national holidays and during the month of August. Docent tour at 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays. General admission: \$5.00 adults, \$3.00 students, and children younger than 12 and under are no charge.
10. **Fresno Flats Historical Park: [www.fresnoflatsmuseum.org](http://www.fresnoflatsmuseum.org), (559) 6836570.** Located in Oakhurst on Road 427. See website for driving directions. The village and grounds are open from dawn to dusk for self-guided tours. The museum and guided tours of the buildings are available from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. daily. Free Admission. The site closes during the months of January and February. A virtual tour of the site is available on the website.
11. **Giant Forest Museum: [www.nps.gov/seki](http://www.nps.gov/seki), (559) 565-4480.** Located in Sequoia National Park on 47050 Generals Highway in Three Rivers. Open 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free with \$20 per vehicle park admission.

12. **Tulare Historical Museum:** [www.tularehistoricalmuseum.com](http://www.tularehistoricalmuseum.com), (559) 6862074. Address: 444 W. Tulare Ave, Tulare. Hours: 10-4 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. Admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors (55 and older), \$2 students, and children younger than 5 are admitted free.
13. **Porterville Historical Museum:** [www.portervillemuseum.org](http://www.portervillemuseum.org) (559) 784-2053. Located on 257 North D Street in Porterville. Open summer from June 1-September 30th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission for adults is \$4.00.
14. **Tulare County Museum in Mooney Grove Park:** (559)733-6616. Location: 27000 S. Mooney Blvd., in Visalia. Open Thursday-Sunday from 10a.m.-4 p.m., Closed Tuesday and Wednesday. There is a \$6.00 park admission per car. Tours are available by appointment and highly recommended to get the most out of this museum.
15. **Kings Art Center:** [www.kingsartcenter.org](http://www.kingsartcenter.org), (559) 584-1065. Located at 605 N. Clouty Street in Hanford. Open from 11a.m.-4:00 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, and Saturday-Sunday from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Donations accepted.
16. **The Reedley Museum:** (559) 638-1913. Location: 1752 10th Street in Reedley. Open Tuesdays from 10:00 am.-12:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:30-12:00 p.m. Admission: \$1.00 for adults and \$.50 for children under eighteen.
17. **The Agricultural Museum and Learning Center at Heritage Complex:** [www.farmshow.com](http://www.farmshow.com). Phone: (866) 973-9610. Address: 4500 South Laspina Street in Tulare. Hours: 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., 7 days a week. Tickets can be purchased by phone.
18. **Kingsburg Historical Park:** (559) 897-5795 [www.kingsburgchamberofcommerce.com](http://www.kingsburgchamberofcommerce.com) Located at 2321 Sierra St. in Kingsburg, (follow signs). Admission: \$3.00 adults, children under twelve are \$.50. Open Thursday-Saturday from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Call to schedule a tour.
19. **The Sanger Depot Museum:** [www.sangerdepotmuseum.com](http://www.sangerdepotmuseum.com) (559) 875-4720. Location: 1700 7th St. in Sanger. Hours: Fridays: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Admission: Adults: \$1.00, Children: \$0.25.

20. **Three Rivers Historical Museum: (559) 561-2702.** Located at 42268 Sierra Drive in Three Rivers. Open seven days a week. Call for hours of operation. Donations are welcome.
21. **Clovis Big Dry Creek Museum: [www.clovis-museum.com](http://www.clovis-museum.com) (559) 297-8033.** Located at 401 Pollasky, in Old Town Clovis. Open Tuesday- Saturday, and by special appointment. Closed on holidays. Hours of operation: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Admission is free; donations are accepted.

### **Coursework Written Reflection**

Please include the name of your school and district where you teach, and the grade level you are now teaching. Typed reflections of one page or longer for each museum visit should include responses to the following questions:

1. What did you appreciate and enjoy the most about each exhibits that you viewed at each museum and what did you find least appealing, and why?
2. What interesting facts and ideas were presented in each exhibit?
3. What further questions would you like to have answered about the artists/creators of the work on display?
4. Would any of the current exhibits on display at the museum be applicable to the curriculum of your grade level? What state standards would apply, if any?
5. Who can you contact to arrange a fieldtrip to this museum and what would be the cost of the tour?
6. Describe at least one enrichment activity that would supplement a visit to this museum. List at least one relevant website.
7. Any additional comments are appreciated





## Passport Page

Please have each museum receptionist sign/stamp and date this page, or attach receipt to page.

1. Name of Museum #1: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of Museum #2: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name of Museum #3: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name of Museum #4: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Into the Gallery, the Museum Experience – EDUO 9805 Summary and Evaluation Sheet**

- Summarize and evaluate your experience visiting and researching these sites regarding its value to you as an educator.

### **OPTIONAL**

Do you have any suggestions that would improve this experience?

Would you recommend this class to other teachers? Why or why not?