

ARTH 473/573 WGST 436
Fall 2015
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TERM PAPER SUGGESTIONS

The term paper for this course should be an in-depth consideration of a woman artist, or an issue relating to women artists.

Most students have chosen to do research on the life and work of a single woman artist, ranging from Renaissance times to the present. A study of the artist's life, training, contacts and influences would form part of the project. Treatment of a number of the artist's more important works must also be included. This part would involve analysis of the iconography of the artist's works, and how this relates to that in contemporary use among both male and female artists; discussion of the artist's patrons or success in the marketplace; and a study of the artist's stylistic development. Reproductions of the images discussed are essential.

Some students have chosen to consider a group of artists (wives of famous male artists who were artists in their own right, for example), or an issue such as women's creativity. Topics such as the use of goddess imagery by performance artists in the later 20th century could also be explored. In all cases, both background and contextual information, as well as discussion of specific artworks, must be part of the project.

Some basics:

All paper topics must be approved by me.

All undergraduate papers must include research involving at least six juried sources, graduate students need nine. Internet resources are fine for finding images, but they are not reliable sources for serious research in most instances.

Papers are due at the beginning of class on November 30.

Undergraduate papers should run about 14 pages of text in length; endnotes, bibliography and images will round out the final paper length.

Graduate papers will be more in depth, and consequently, run to about 20 pages of text.

Please follow the *Chicago Manual of Style* format in putting together the final paper. The handout, Term Paper Guidelines, gives details of how to put the paper together, etc.

For questions:

Please call me at 487-6546, email me or talk to me during office hours.
I am always glad to help!