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America in the Arts

America in the Arts is a course that seeks to discover a philosophy behind the arts in the United States by examining the fine, folk, and industrial arts and artifacts of our country for what they reveal about American attitudes and values. It asks these basic questions: "What's American about American things, about American art and design, music and architecture and movies, engineering, clothing, dance, and to some extent literature as well? In short, is there such a thing as an American aesthetic? As their main project, students have a choice between a term paper or creating a work of art in any medium representing the ideas of the course.