SYLLABUS

COURSE OBJECTIVE:
Students will learn the importance of proper research and methodology ("due diligence") in conducting appraisals. Equipment needed to properly examine items, as well as specific books and price guides to properly research items will be demonstrated. Libraries, museums, reference centers, and galleries will be discussed. Appropriate markets, market levels, regional markets, and valuation approaches will be examined. Students will be taught how to assimilate information to arrive at an appraised value. Examples of narrative analyses will be distributed. Real life appraisal problems will be addressed.

I. CENTRAL ISSUES:
"Due diligence"
Tools needed to conduct on site appraisal examination
Reference books
Reference sources
Appropriate markets
Regional markets
Market levels
Valuations
Problems
Damage appraisals
Comparable analysis

II. AREAS OF EXAMS/QUIZZES
Fine Art - painting, drawings, sculpture, prints
Decorative Art - furniture, ceramics, glass, silver
Collectibles - baseball cards, Barbie dolls, books, fans, Hummels, etc.
Jewelry, clocks, and watches
Photography

III. TEACHING METHOD: Lectures, questions, demos, group discussions/assignments, two quizzes, final research exam
IV. GRADING: NYU standard grading is a letter grade of an A is for excellent work, superior effort, B is for very good work, C is for satisfactory work, D is for pass with minimal course requirements, F is for fail, unsatisfactory work, N is for no grade, NE is for non-evaluative (requested or automatic), IP is for incomplete-pass (failure to complete assigned work), IF is for incomplete-fail (failure to complete assigned work) and Pass/Fail is for students requesting a Pass (P) for coursework in an evaluated course.

Assignment participation - 2 assignments Projects - 15%
INSURANCE POLICY - October 29 and November 5, 2015
COMPARABLE ANALYSIS - December 3 and December 10, 2015
Quiz 1 - 5% after class 2 (online) October 29, 2015
Quiz 2 - 5% submitted to Drop Box by February 1, 2016
Exam - 75% submit by February 1, 2016
(GROUP submits 1 exam only with names of group members)
Attendance – Required unless excused before class

REQUIRED READING:
AAA, Appraising Art: The Definitive Guide to Appraising the Fine and Decorative Arts
Bamberger, Alan, The Art of Buying Art. Gordon’s Art Reference, Phoenix, 2007 (ORDER www.gordonsart.com or buy during first day of class – copies available from instructor $26.00)
Elements of a Correctly Prepared Appraisal (www.appraisersassoc.org)
IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE READ BEFORE THE SECOND CLASS:
NEW Appraisal handbook - *Appraising Art: The Definitive Guide to Appraising the Fine and Decorative Arts*
Pages 13-25; 28-56; 60-62; 68-87; 90-187 and all articles in your area of interest

SUGGESTED FAMILIARITY WITH:
Jones, Lois Swan. *Art Information and the Internet: How to Find It, How to Use It,* Phoenix: Oryx Press, Phoenix, 1999 (Try Amazon, Barnes & Noble or Ebay). Useful only if you are not Internet-savvy.

COURSE OUTLINE:
I. Class 1 - Thursday, October 29, 2015 6:30-8:30
   A. Introductions - Background Information
   B. Discuss class format
   C. Discuss Final Exam groups **SEE FINAL EXAM UNDER WEEBLY**
   D. Appraisal stages
      1. Examination
      2. Identification/Description
      3. Valuation
   E. Auction houses, galleries, private dealers - meet experts
   F. IFAR / Art Loss Registry*
   G. Research facilities
   H. Book suppliers
   I. Catalogs wholesalers
   J. Tools
   K. Review FMV/RRV
   L. **Project 1: Understanding Insurance Appraisals (3-5 minute class presentation) SEE LESSONS**

II. Class 2 - Thursday, November 5, 2015 6:30-8:30
   A. **Present Project 1: Understanding Insurance Appraisals (3-5 minute class presentation) SEE LESSONS**
   B. Ethics
   C. Business insurance
   D. Basic vocabulary
   E. What is appraising?
   F. Review FMV/RRV
   G. Different types of appraisals
   H. Different values
   I. Highest and Best Use
   G. **Quiz 2 (FMV/RRV) ONLINE**

III. Class 3 - Thursday, November 12, 2015 6:30-8:30
   B. Bibliography comments
   C. Why/What/How/Where
   D. Approaches to valuation
   E. Stages of an appraisal
      1. Identification
      2. Description
      3. Research
      4. Approach
      5. Analysis
      6. Value Conclusion
      7. Appraisal Document
   F. **Quiz 2 (Appropriate Markets) Take home ADD to DROP BOX**
NO CLASS ON NOVEMBER 19

NO CLASS ON THANKSGIVING!

IV. Class 4 - Thursday, December 3, 2015 6:30-8:30
   A. Computer services
   B. Project 2: Comparable analysis (3-5 minute class presentation) SEE LESSONS

V. Class 5 - Thursday, December 10, 2015 6:30-8:30
   Project 2: Comparable analysis (3-5 minute class presentation) SEE LESSONS
   A. Damage and loss appraisals

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FINAL EXAM DUE JANUARY 15, 2016

GRADES WILL BE POSTED AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 2016

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