**Instructor Name and Contact Information:** Dr. Dianne Pitman, dwp2n@virginia.edu

**Subject Area and Catalog Number***:* ISIN 4520

**Year and Term***:* Fall 2014

**Class Title***:* Special Topics in Conduct of Inquiry:  Humanities

**Level:**Undergraduate

**Credit Type:** 3 units

**Class Description***:* Introduces students to methodologies, content areas, and contributions of humanities. Provides students with framework for studying and articulating arguments in the humanities. Students learn similarities among humanities disciplines and what differentiates them from the social sciences and sciences.

The special topic for this course is the meaning of art, with primary focus on the visual arts and comparisons to other art forms including architecture, performing arts, and literature.

**Required Text:** none. All assigned readings will be available at the class Collab website.

**Learning Outcomes***:* students will be able to 1) recognize and work with the methodologies, content areas, and contributions of the various humanistic disciplines; 2) apply ideas and methods from the various disciplines to perform interdisciplinary analyses of art, and 3) articulate their personal experiences of cultural values.

**Assessment Components:** Participation, 15%; in-class writing exercises, 15%; weekly written homework, 35%; final project, 35%

**Delivery Mode***:* in person

**Required Technical Resources and Components***:* access to course Collab website