## SURVEY OF SEQUENTIAL ART

Course Description: This course is a survey of sequential art from its origins. Emphasis will be placed on sequential art in the twentieth century, including newspaper cartoons, comic books, and graphic novels.

Course Objectives and Purpose: The aim of this class is to foster an appreciation and understanding of the art and techniques involved in sequential art. The broader social and historical contexts of the works studied will also be explored.

Students completing the class should know the following:
*A comprehensive knowledge of comic books, comic strips, and cartoons.
*The names of important creators of sequential art.
*The important styles, techniques, and theories of various creators and companies.
*The connection between sequential art and various artistic, social, and historical periods.

Required Texts: Comics, Comix, \& Graphic Novels, Roger Sabin

Additional Texts: Maus, Dark Knight Returns, Watchmen
Schedule of Classes:

Class \#1 Origins/Prehistoric Sequential Art
Class \#2 Prehistoric Sequential Art
Class \#3 19th Century

Class \#4 19th Century
Class \#5 Newspaper Comics
Class \#6 Newspaper Comics
Class \#7 Golden Age
Class \#8 Golden Age
Class \#9 Non-Superhero Comics of 40s and 50s
Class \#10 Comics Code
Class \#11 Silver Age Comics
Class \#12 Silver Age Comics
Class \#13 Underground Comics
Class \#14 Underground Comics
Class \#15 Mainstream Comics of the 70s
Class \#16 Independent Publishing
Class \#17 Landmark books of 1980s
(Maus, Watchmen, Dark Knight Returns)
Class \#18 Shrinking of mainstream/ "Alternative" comics
Class \#19 "Alternative" Comics
Class \#20 New Creators

