

ART 170 G: Section 01
Studio Experiences: Drawing
FA 252, Monday & Wednesday 9:00am- 11:30 am

Spring 2007 Course Syllabus

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COURSE PURPOSE: Studio Experiences in Drawing is an introductory course in drawing for the non-art major. It is designed to acquaint the student with the basic elements of drawing through exposure to a variety of materials and approaches.

While it is assumed the student has had no previous art instruction, this course will demand a level of commitment and responsibility for assigned work appropriate for the college level.

STUDENT OUTCOMES: At the successful completion of this course the student will:

1. have experiential knowledge of an art form; a basic understanding of or ability to use materials and methods in the execution of an art work
2. have an appreciation of art forms within their historical and cultural context
3. be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge and use of art elements such as line, shape, texture, and value
4. be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge and use of the principles of composition such as balance, movement, proportion, dominance, and economy
5. be able to critically analyze a work of art using appropriate art vocabulary
6. be able to demonstrate a basic recognition of the different modes of visual expression
7. have acquired a general understanding of the role of visual expression as a form of art
8. be able to recognize the fact that making art often involves “problem solving”

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION: Slide lectures on selected topics in drawing will be introduced and explained with reference to their historical context. These topics and their related concepts will be demonstrated in class by the instructor, employing a suitable material, supplying relevant technical information about its use. All demonstrations will be followed by studio projects. The majority of these will be done in class under the supervision of the instructor. Each project will be guided toward its completion with a “working critique.”

GENERAL EDUCATION: This class is approved as a general education course in the area of Fine Arts. It is not required for those seeking a major or minor in art.

ELEMENTARY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD MAJORS: Although this class is a requirement for students preparing to teach others in a grade school setting, this course should not be regarded as a methods class. Instead, the class provides a formal background experience based on fundamentals rather than projects that can be presented directly into the classroom.

CHEATING/ PLAGIARISM: If you are found cheating or plagiarizing at any time during the course, you will receive an “F” for the course. You will be issued official notification of this action. Cheating and plagiarism in this course consists of any of the following: claiming that work done by others (in whole or in part) was produced by you; using ideas, forms, motifs, created and/ or produced by others as your own without giving the creator credit for them; presenting for credit work that was presented and/or given credit during a previous semester, or to another instructor, unless given specific permission for any of these. All work that you desire to receive credit for must be shown in progress—with the exception of homework assignments.

GRADING POLICIES and PROCEDURES: Your grade for the course will take into account the cumulative record of your activity in the following areas:

1.attendance/participation 2. overall quality of final portfolio 3. final project 4. final written exam

40% of your final grade will be based on your attendance and participation. At the end of each class, you will receive a grade (out of a possible **20** points) that reflects the how conscientiously you have applied yourself to course work that day. This includes drawings and participation in class discussions and critiques. Late arrivals, early departures, failure to have the proper materials in hand so that you are ready to work , and incomplete or missing assignments on the day they are due will reduce your daily grade by **five** points for each error. If you miss class, therefore, you will receive **0** points that day.

An additional note: Personal music devices and cell phones may be used during class, but please be discreet. Do not allow their unnecessary or inconsiderate use to disturb the class or interfere with your participation.

40% of your final grade will be based on your Final Portfolio, **due on April 30. Late portfolios will not be accepted.** All required work must completed. Each drawing should be labeled with your name and the date of completion. It will consist of :
1.Pos./Neg. Chair Drawing in Charcoal, 2. Tonal Composition in Charcoal, 3. Empirical Perspective Still-Life in Pencil, 4. Textural Object Composition, 5. Blind Contour Self-Portrait in Pen, 6. Surrealist Drawing

12% of your final grade will be based on your Final Project. This will be a homework assignment

8% of your final grade will be based on your written Final Examination. **The Final Exam will be held on the last day of class, April 30.**

Grading Codes: All letter grades are based on a 100 point scale:

- A 90-100** Exceptional work that demonstrates thorough understanding and inventive, original application of key concepts in addressing the visual problem at hand. Work of this caliber enthusiastically exceeds the basic requirements of the assignment.
- B 80-89** Solid, competent work that demonstrates understanding and the ability to solve the visual problem assigned.
- C 70-79** Average work that attempts to deal with all aspects of the assignment. Some room for improvement and/or revision is noticeable.
- D 60-69** Work of poor quality that is reflective of insufficient effort. Barely passable. Sloppy.
- F 0** No noticeable effort; insufficient information, failure to begin assignment or hand work in.

Make-up Policy: Any assignment for which you will receive a grade may be made-up or re-attempted (if you are not satisfied with your grade) at any point throughout the semester until the day the final portfolio is due. I ask that you label each drawing with the assignment missed and the day of its completion. Please do not interpret this as an invitation to repeatedly miss assignments or hand in shoddy work. This will be seen as a poor use of the semester and will have a negative impact on your final grade.

MID-TERM GRADES: Each student will have the opportunity for a one-on-one discussion with the instructor halfway through the semester. You will be given a mid-term grade to help you measure your progress. This grade will be based on the completeness, quality, and order of the portfolio, class attendance, and general preparedness. This is an especially important time to bring any concerns you may have about the class or your progress to the attention of the instructor.

DROP DATES: March 30, 2007 is the last day a student may withdraw from or drop a course during the Spring 2007 semester via TTRS. Any course that remains on your schedule of classes past this date will become part of your permanent academic record. Students who fail to drop this course by March 30, 2007 and for whom a failing grade has already been given, will acquire a mark of "F" on their permanent academic record.

REQUIRED TEXT: There is no required text for this course.

REQUIRED MATERIALS: The following is a list of supplies that will be used throughout the semester. There may be projects assigned that will require specific materials in addition to this list, but they will be minimal. Advance notice will be given if and when they are needed. All items in **bold face** are required by the *second* class, Wednesday, January 10, 2007.

Drawing Tools

- 1 Medium General's brand charcoal pencil (2B)
- 1 Soft General's brand charcoal pencil (4B)
- 1 Extra soft General's brand charcoal pencil (6B)
- 2 Large kneaded rubber erasers**
- 1 White vinyl eraser (Staedtler Mars or equivalent)
- 4 (approx.) sticks of soft compressed charcoal**
- 1 1oz. bottle of black waterproof drawing ink (India Ink)
- 1 "B-1" or "B-2" steel drawing nib
- 1 Fine or extra fine steel drawing nib
- 1 Plastic nib holder for the above nibs
- 1 Graphite pencil (#2 or 2B)
- 1 felt marker or gel pen (*black only*)

Papers

- 1 18" x 24" 120 sheet Strathmore brand rough newsprint pad (# 307-318) or equivalent**
- 1 18" x 24" Strathmore #400 series drawing pad. Brown or Green covered pad

Portfolios

A 20" x 26" size portfolio will comfortably accept a standard 18" x 24" drawing pad. Please choose one of the following or its equivalent from the list below:

- Fiberstock brand "red wallet" portfolio
- Cachet brand black fiber portfolio
- Tran or Pratt brand vinyl, zipper-type portfolio w/ handle

Miscellaneous

- 1 Mat knife with retractable blade for sharpening pencils and cutting paper
- 1 Can Krylon brand (#1306) workable fixatif or equivalent

- 1 Roll masking tape, approx. ¾-1” wide**
- 1 Small, 5” x 7” artist chamois
- 1 Drafter’s sandpaper pad for pointing pencils
- 1 Personal size or compact mirror

ART SUPPLY RETAILERS

Good’s of Evanston, 714 Main St., Evanston, IL., 847-864-0001

Utrecht, 332 South Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL., 312-922-7565

The Art Store, 1574 Kingsbury St., Lincoln Park, Chicago 312-573-0110
1755 Maple Ave., Church St. Plaza, Evanston 847-425-9100

?Buz Line Co., 3915 Oakton Ave., Skokie, IL., 847-673-8400

Genesis Artists Village, 2417 N. Western Ave. Chicago, IL., 773-292-2990

Rich’s Art Supply, 3838 N. Cicero, Chicago, IL., 773-545-0271

Pearl Paint, 225 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL., 312-915-0200

?Starvin Artist Supply, 651 Graceland Ave., Des Plaines, IL., 847-294-1300

?Brudno Art Supply, 700 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, IL., 312-294-4100 or 312-787-0030

NOTES:

COURSE SCHEDULE—Subject to change at the instructor’s discretion

Unit 1: SHAPE: Rendering and Composing with Positive/Negative Shape

Materials: newsprint pad, 80-90lb. drawing pad, soft compressed charcoal, kneaded erasers, chamois, mat knife, tape

Week 1	Mon. 1/8	Introduction to course and materials; What is Drawing?
	Wed. 1/10	Positive and Negative Shape; manipulating shape, value, contour, with charcoal Positive/Negative Chair Drawing in Charcoal
Week 2	Mon. 1/15	No Class. Martin Luther King Holiday
	Wed. 1/17	Working Critique: last day for Pos./Neg. Chair Drawing Light Logic and Rendering Form.
Week 3	Mon. 1/22	<u>Positive/Negative Chair Drawing</u> due Rendering Basic Forms: the sphere, cylinder, and cube.
	Wed. 1/24	Exploring Compositional Choices; the thumbnail sketch and “blocking out” The Tonal Composition in Charcoal
Week 4	Mon. 1/29	The Tonal Composition in Charcoal cont.
	Wed. 1/31	Working Critique: last in-studio day for Tonal Composition in Charcoal

UNIT 2: LINE: BASIC PERCEPTUAL DRAWING TECHNIQUES

Materials needed: all charcoal pencils, sanding pad, newsprint pad, drawing pad, mat knife, masking tape

Week 5	Mon. 2/5	<u>Tonal Composition in Charcoal</u> due The pencil as a drawing tool, basic measuring: angles, proportions, distances, alignments
	Wed. 2/7	Mastering perceptual techniques: the ellipse and the cylinder, Modeling choices with charcoal
pencil		Empirical Perspective Still-Life in Pencil
Week 6	Mon. 2/12	No class. Lincoln's Birthday Holiday
	Wed. 2/14	Empirical Perspective Still-Life in Pencil cont.
Week 7	Mon. 2/19	Working Critique: Empirical Still-Life
	Wed. 2/21	Last day for Empirical Still-Life in Pencil
Week 8	Mon. 2/26	<u>Empirical Perspective Still-Life in Pencil</u> due
	Wed. 2/28	Mid-term Critiques Mid-term Critiques continued

UNIT 3: TEXTURE & PATTERN

Materials needed: Drawing pad, bottle of waterproof drawing ink, "B-1" or "B-2" steel drawing nib, fine or extra fine drawing nib, plastic drawing nib holder, graphite pencil, white plastic eraser, masking tape.

Week 9	Mon. 3/5	Introduction to Pen and Ink; exploring possibilities with texture and pattern
	Wed. 3/7	Textural Object Composition; exploring compositional options
Week 10	Mon. 3/12	Textural Object Composition cont.
	Wed. 3/14	Working Critique: last day for Textural Object Assign Master Copy Source: selecting mentors
Week 11	Mon. 3/19	No Class. Spring Break
	Wed. 3/21	No Class. Spring Break

UNIT 4:TATCILE DRAWING

Materials: Drawing pad, felt marker or gel pen (black only), masking tape, personal size mirror

Week 12	Mon. 3/26	<u>Textural Object Composition</u> due <u>Master Copy Source</u> due for review by instructor Introduction to Gesture and Blind Contour Drawing; gesture exerises
	Wed. 3/28	Blind Contour Self-Portrait in Pen Master Copy Source review cont.
Week 13	Mon. 4/2	Working Critique: last day for Blind Portrait <i>Master Copy Final Project and Essay Assigned</i>

UNIT 4:DRAWING FROM INVENTION

Materials needed: Drawing pad and *all* remaining drawing materials (except newsprint pad)

Week 14	Mon. 4/9	<u>Blind Contour Self-Portrait in Pen</u> due Surrealism and the Creative Process Surrealist Drawing (part one)
	Wed. 4/11	Surrealist Drawing (parts one and two)
Week 15	Mon. 4/16 Wed. 4/18	Surrealist Drawing cont. Surrealist Drawing Final Day
Week 16	Mon. 4/23	Final Critique: <u>Surrealist Drawing</u> due Review of Vocabulary for Final Exam
	Wed. 4/25	Final Critique: <u>Surrealist Drawing</u> due Review of Vocabulary for Final Exam
Week 17	Mon. 4/30	Final Exam, <i>Final Portfolio Due</i>

