

Course Number, Title and Credits

ARTU 126 - Introduction to Drawing - 3 credits

Course Description

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of drawing. Focusing on techniques, terminology, and material use, students complete projects and maintain a sketchbook. The course emphasizes learning to draw what one sees through weekly assignments, guided video instruction, and mandatory live feedback sessions. The final portfolio and critiques assess growth throughout the session.

Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. Master the ability to observe and render subjects from direct observation.
2. Understand and apply fundamental drawing techniques.
3. Accurately comprehend and utilize drawing terminology.
4. Become familiar with the characteristics and applications of various drawing materials.
5. Cultivate and maintain a consistent drawing practice.

Recommended Textbooks

Debra Rockman, *Drawing Essentials: A Complete Guide to Drawing*, 3rd Edition, Oxford University Press, ISBN 978-0-19-020952-0

Required Materials

- Drawing pencils – 3-5 pencils minimum which range from HB to 6B. Be prepared to purchase more as

needed.

- Sketchbook – spiral 8×10 or larger
- Conte (optional)
- White eraser
- Kneaded Eraser
- Mono Zero Eraser (optional)
- Drawing paper – paper that can handle a variety of media. Heavyweight drawing paper in a pad is recommended.
- Ruler or straight edge triangle
- X-ACTO knife (Optional)
- Pencil Sharpener
- Sand Paper for sharpening pencils

Letter Grade/Percentage Equivalents

Grades are determined on a straight-scale basis using the following scales.					
A	94% to 100%	A-	90% to 93%	B+	87% to 89%
B	84% to 86%	B-	80% to 83%	C+	77% to 79%
C	74% to 76%	C-	70% to 73%	D+	67% to 69%
D	64% to 66%	D-	60% to 63%	F	59% and below

Methods of Evaluation for Determining Grades

Assignment Detail for Course:

Assignments	Possible Points
Sketchbook	100
Midterm Portfolio (Module 1-6 Projects)	450
Final Portfolio (Module 7-11 Projects)	450
Total Points Possible in Course	1000

Course Outline (Tentative):

Module	Topics&Assignments
Module 1	<u>Introduction to Drawing Basics</u> Topic: Fundamentals of line, shape, form, and setting up a geometrical still life composition Learning goal: Basic elements of art and composition principles Project: 1 x Geometrical Still Life Drawing (complete and submit for review)
Module 2	<u>Shading Techniques</u> Topic: Shading, hatching, cross-hatching, and value scales applied to simple forms Learning goal: Identifying and applying shading methods Project: Practice sheets with shading exercises on geometric shapes
Module 3	<u>Surrealist Drawing Foundations</u> Topic: Principles of surrealism, imagination, and combining unrelated elements creatively Learning goal: Key surrealist artists and techniques Project: 1 x Surrealist Drawing (experimental composition)
Module 4	<u>Drawing Fruits – Form and Texture</u> Topic: Observing and rendering organic shapes, textures, and details of various fruits Learning goal: Anatomy and textural differences in common fruits Project: 1 x Still Life Drawing of Fruits (focus on accuracy and variety)
Module 5	<u>Composing with Random Objects</u> Topic: Arranging and drawing everyday random objects with attention to overlap and negative space Learning goal: Composition rules for complex still life Project: Preliminary sketches of object arrangements for final still life
Module 6	<u>Integrated Still Life Mastery</u> Topic: Combining fruits and objects in a complete still life, including light source and shadows Learning goal: Analyzing light, shadow, and unity in still life Project: 1 x Complete Still Life Drawing With Objects and Fruits Midterm Evaluation
Module 7	<u>Perspective Basics with Cubes</u> Topic: Understanding cubes in space, horizon lines, and vanishing points Learning goal: Core concepts of linear perspective Project: Multiple cube drawings exploring basic perspective distortions
Module 8	<u>One-Point Perspective Application</u> Topic: Constructing scenes and objects using one-point perspective rules Learning goal: Rules and common errors in one-point perspective Project: 1 x Complete One-Point Perspective Drawing (e.g., interior or road scene)

Module 9	<u>Two-Point Perspective Application</u> Topic: Building complex forms and architecture with two-point perspective Learning goal: Differences between one- and two-point perspective Project: 1 x Complete Two-Point Perspective Drawing (e.g., building or corner view)
Module 10	<u>Facial Features – Eyes, Nose, Lips</u> Topic: Proportions, structure, and detailed rendering of individual facial elements Learning goal: Proportional relationships in facial features Project: Isolated studies of eyes, nose, and lips with shading
Module 11	<u>Complete Human Face Portrait</u> Topic: Assembling features into a full face, including skin tones, hair, and expression Learning goal: Overall facial proportions and common portrait pitfalls Project: 1 x Complete Drawing of Human Face (portrait from reference) Final Evaluation

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