

Art 2468C: Figure Ground – Printmaking  
Fall Semester 2019: Instructor – Bob Mueller  
Section Numbers : 1642, 262B, class number 10991,1o992 . Meeting Time: Period M,W 5-7 (11:45am-2:45pm)  
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Office Hours: 10 am – 11:30am Monday, Wednesday or by Appointment

**Important Communications: I will be using my above UFL email address to communicate with you outside of class. Please check your email daily. I will reply within a two day period. In case of an emergency I have supplied my cell number above.**

**Course description:** This course will introduce you to basic printmaking technique of relief using the woodblock method. We will be exploring core fundamental concepts required to create an image. During the semester we will be using Black and White and a retinue of grays to compose images. You will be taught the tools, materials, ideas and approaches required to move your individual studio practice forward. Subjects will include objective, non-Objective abstract and a combination of those forms within a single image.

**Objectives/ Goals:**

This course is designed to help you to build your own language of images and transform them into 2 dimensional mediums. After completing this course you will be able to:

- Demonstrate a working knowledge of mark, line, shape, texture, space and engaging compositional devices.
- Students will learn how to make mock ups and preliminary sketches and learn how to translate them into print.
- Students will become familiar with specific print terminology.
- Students will create an edition of each project.
- Understand the specificity and the limits of relief printing.
- Develop your own knowledge of print-based images as they align with your core practice.
- Realize the different directions and issues of contemporary art and printmaking.
- To develop a healthy and committed studio practice.
- To develop your own visual philosophy, themes and a consistent body of work to assist in your art making.
- To be open and willing to take calculated risks in an effort to move your studio practice forward.

**Course Requirements Components and Methods:**

This course will be based on lectures, readings, instructive demonstrations, formal and informal critique. Furthermore, this course will demand that you work in the studio as well as do research outside the class. You are required to keep a sourcebook during the semester. This book is a part of your final grade.

**You are expected to:**

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-Attend class; attendance is mandatory and any absences will affect your performance. Your final grade will be lowered one letter grade by 3 unexcused absences.

-Arrive to the class on time; being late three times makes one unexcused absence. You must stay for the entire class period. If you leave early it will count as an unexcused absence.

-Clean up your mess; in particular the printmaking studio is a common space for several classes, so cleaning after yourself is crucial.

-Come to the class prepared; there is no way to work in the printmaking studio without certain materials.

-Follow all safety procedures as demonstrated at the beginning of the semester. If you are uncertain as to what to do in a certain situation consult me or a graduate student.

-Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course based on 10 criteria. These evaluations are conducted online at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu> Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester.

**Participation:**Your participation in class will reflect your enthusiasm for the course. I expect everyone to be present both physically and mentally during discussions, demos, and critiques/reviews. I expect all students to be courteous and considerate while working together in the classroom. Proper studio etiquette is imperative when working in large groups.

**Late Work:**

Work submitted any time after the due date will be graded down one letter grade per class meeting. An assignment more than 3 days late will receive an E. Any assignments not completed by the end of the semester will result in course failure. No work resubmission will be accepted.

**Policy for make-up work assignments:**

If due to circumstances beyond your control: severe medical emergencies, family matters which demand your not attending class etc. I will work with you to arrive at an equitable solution for make-up and completion of the course assignments.

**Required Materials:**

**Source Book---minimum size 9x12 inch spiral bound sketchbook**

**Cutting set**

**Wood**

**Bounty Paper towels for clean up**

**Work Clothes---things get very dirty in the shop. Do not wear clothes you care about.**

**Closed Toed Shoes---no flip flops or sandals or high heels**

**Other materials as specified in class**

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### **Required and Recommended Textbooks:**

There is no required book for this course.

### **Evaluation and Grading:**

The final grade is a cumulative grade based on how well you accomplished course objectives and requirements. You can view the current University policy on grades at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

- Completion of assignments	75%
- Class participation	15%
- Source Book	10%

### **Grade Explanation:**

A (92-100) = Superlative work: careful attention to craft and presentation. Originality of idea and execution work together. Goes beyond merely solving the problem – one who performs at this level is visibly outstanding, work is outstanding in every respect. A- (90-91)

B+ (87-89) = Very fine work: almost superlative. A few minor changes could have been considered and executed to bring piece together. Again, goes beyond merely solving the problem.

B (80-86) = Above average: solution to the problem and idea well planned. Execution is well done. This is an honorable grade. B-(80-81)

C+ (77-79) = A bit above average: slipping in levels of originality, craft and presentation. The piece does not work well as a unified whole or statement yet effort was made.

C (76-72) = You have solved the problem: the requirements of the problem are met in a relatively routine way. C- (70-71)

D+ (67-69) = You have solved the problem but there is much room for improving your skills and developing your concepts further. You have neglected the basic craftsmanship skills and breadth and depth of idea development.

D (62-66) = Inadequate work: the requirements of the problem are not addressed. The piece represents careless and/ or incomplete effort. Work is substandard. D- (60-61)

E = Unacceptable work and effort

GRADE SCALE (points): A= (90-100), A- = (90-91) B+ =88-89, B= 80-87, B- = (80-81), C+ = 78-79, C= 70-77, C- = (70-71), D+ = 68-69, D= 60-67, D- = (60-61),E= 60 and below.

### **Academic Honesty policy:**

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Students are expected to abide by the UF Academic Honesty Policy, found on the World Wide Web at < <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/> > which defines an academic honesty offense as “act of lying, cheating, or selling academic information so that one can gain academic advantage.”

### **Students with Disabilities:**

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Student Office. The Dean of Student Office will provide the student with documentation that they must then provide to the instructor when requesting an accommodation.

The ADA office ([www.ada.ufl.edu](http://www.ada.ufl.edu)) is located in room 232 Stadium (phone: 392-7056 TDD: 846-1046).

### **Health and Safety:**

1) Information regarding the SA&AH Health and Safety policy and handbook is

<http://www.arts.ufl.edu/art/healthandsafety>

2) Each student must complete a H&S STUDENT WAIVER FORM after completing the orientation by your instructor by the end of the second week of classes. These forms will be handled by me.

3) University Counseling Service/ Counseling Center

301 Peabody Hall

P.O. Box 114100, University of Florida

Gainesville, FL 32611-4100

Phone: 352-392-1575

Web: [www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx](http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx)

### **CRITICAL DATES: TBA**

### **STUDIO PRACTICE AND SAFETY:**

1) Work clothes : close toed work shoes, clothing must withstand dirt which cannot be cleaned out, work apron.

2) No laptops, cell phones or listening devices out during class time.

3) Backpacks etc. placed in small litho studio room beneath the press....stored out of the way.

4) Food, drinks prohibited....only drinks that are closed with a cap etc. allowed in studio.

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## Source Book

### ***Minimum Size 9x12 inches Spiral Bound Sketch Book***

This Book will be used throughout the semester and is a part of your final grade.

Keep all notes from demos, a copy of the syllabus in this book.

### **Requirements:**

**Mock Ups of every project...(studies of works to be produced in printmaking)**

**Artist Statements...**

**Sketches...**

**Notes from lectures, demos and crits...**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Week 1:W- safety Orientation, syllabus, storage, ideation/concept. Rhizome Theory. Rhizome Chart. Demonstration. Homework : Create your own...this will be an ongoing work throughout the semester. Bring to next class period.

Week 2:M- Ideation session: present your idea. Feed- back from others- First assignment: THE WHOLE BALL OF WAX. Mock-ups. W- Continue on mock-ups.

Week 3: M- Holiday – no class. W- Crit. Of Mock-ups. Demonstrate transfer of image to wood and cutting tools.

Week 4:M- Work day, W- Work Day.

Week 5: M- Print day . W- Crit. Introduce Second Assignment: IMAGE AND TEXT

Week 6: Review Mock-ups/ Crit. W- Work Day.

Week 7: M,W Work days.

Week 8: M- Work day. – Print day / crit.

Week 9: M – Last two images of your own choosing. W- Mock-ups of both./ review.

Week 10: M – Work day. W- Work day.

Week 11: M – Work day. W- Work Day

Week 12: M- Work Day. W- Work day.

Week 13: M- Veterans Day – Holiday. W- Work day.

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Week 14: M- Work day. W- Print day.

Week 15: M- Print day. W- Thanksgiving Holiday.

Week 16: M- Crit. W- Final Day – return work and final grades. Clean-up studio.

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