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Art 4828 Advance Studio, 6 cr

Advance Studio is designed to develop independence, self-motivation, and artistic maturity in an open studio environment. The course builds on existing skills in your art practice and facilitates the student in the pursuit and development of personal themes for studio work as well as professional practice. Students will work towards relating conceptual ideas to technical skills as well as exploring a range of media to define content. Closely mentored, this autonomous exploration will incorporate direct reference to art historical methodologies, (utilizing reproductions of artwork, readings, online research and books consulted in class). Alongside day-to-day studio-work, a commonplace book for steady ideation, problem solving, research, writing artist statements and response papers and professional presentations are major components of the course.



Objectives

- To hone your artistic voice through the development of a thematic body of work.
- To refine critical-thinking and verbalization skills through class critique of studio work and discussion of individual research and reading material.
- To develop an intellectual foundation for ongoing engagement in the discipline.
- To research and expand your knowledge of art and artists, writers and curators who challenge and champion your discipline historically and in the twenty-first century.
- To take responsibility for the initiation, planning and execution of both visual and written research.
- To strengthen your engagement with the discipline in preparation for future endeavors including exhibitions, residencies, employment or further studies at the graduate level through the creation of a professional portfolio package including an artist website.

Requirements:

Your grade will be determined by the following:

50% Studio Projects –this semester long project includes all aspects of your studio practice, your process, habits, rigorous pursuit of improvement and material exploration, artist study inside and outside of your sketchbook, maquettes and ultimately the quality of finished work presented professionally at critique. This work will be guided by your Project Proposal Plan discussed below.

50% Studio Research

- 10% Commonplace Book Semester long project
- 10% Sketchbook/Research Book
- 10% Lineage Project
- 10% Readings/Videos/Lectures: notes, discussion moderation and active participation
- 10% Three one page Visiting Artist Response Papers – due within 7 days of the talk

Critical Thinking and class participation

Critical Thinking and class participation include the depth and quality of your reading responses, leading and participating in group discussions, performance in critiques (analyzing the work of your classmates as well as your own), and the ability to accept and digest advice and suggestions. In addition, students are expected to clean up as well as practice safe and thoughtful use of materials, tools, and facilities.

Painting & Drawing Media Lab Orientation

P&D Media Lab (FAD Room 337) has a variety of equipment for your use. Peter Gouge, P+D Area Tech office FAD 237, provides support for the equipment. We will have an introduction to the equipment. You might want to experiment with digital drawing pads, print out digital files on a variety of papers and fabrics, use the vinyl cutter, use Adobe products on the desktop computer, and more. If you need additional orientation to the lab, let me know.

Course Supplies

Most materials will be dependent on your research project. Budget accordingly. In addition to these supplies you must have a toolbox. The toolbox must include the following tools, labeled with your names: measuring tape, hammer, braid nails, eye hooks, screwdriver, small level, staple gun, staples, scissors, razor blades, picture framing wire, wire cutters and pliers.

Course Policies

Attendance Policy

Attendance is required. Be on time, prepared to work, with the proper materials and research needed for class, there will be no deviations from this policy

Studio courses require intensive work and diligence. Your energy, initiative, attitude, productivity, informed and considered opinions are all vital components of the classroom environment therefore, your attendance is required.

- Three or more absences will result in the lowering of the final grade by one letter and late work is not accepted.
- Six absences will result in a failing grade. An absence does not constitute an extension of an assignment.
- **Class begins at 8:30**, arriving after 8:30 is arriving late, three late arrivals will result in one absence.
- Lateness of over 30 minutes or early departure, sleeping in class, working on non-course related work during class are all considered an absence.

All work must be complete and installed before the start of critique. Late work is not accepted.

FAC Shop Orientation

If you have not yet attended one of the woodshop orientations, you must do so within the first three weeks of class. Wood shop hours to be announced.

Evaluation

A Extremely well presented exceptional work. Exceptional work demonstrates a full realization of the ideas put forth in assignment, *and more*. This 'extra' should be the student researching projects by looking up artists mentioned in slide talks, asking questions about artists works/ideas, and being thoroughly engaged with the work to the point of working on your own pieces/ideas and not just doing the minimal expected from the class syllabus. Further, participation in an intelligent analysis of the work including both form and content. Discussing points in the work of you and your peers is expected during the critique sessions. Excellent attendance (none or one absence per semester) and no lateness. Clearly projected enthusiasm and joy in the subject, an inquisitive, curious mind,

and, finally, a desire to learn and grow as an artist.

- B Well presented very good work. Very good work demonstrates a sound and competent realization of the ideas put forth in each assignment. This work conveys an understanding and intelligence, which would only be lacking in the 'special' characteristics mentioned in 'A,' above. Participation in critique, attendance, and enthusiasm apply throughout.
- C Well-presented, average work. Average work demonstrates a fairly good attempt at grasping the expectations of each given assignment, and the break down of the particular specifics, (material experimentation and handling, idea development, etc., whatever has been discussed prior to assignment). This work lacks a competent, comprehensive understanding mentioned in 'B' above. Participation in critique, attendance, and enthusiasm are expected, as they would be in the earning of any letter grade.
- D Inadequate work: Extremely poor and/or half-finished work with no care or attention to the assigned problem or presentation. In addition, when someone has missed an enormous number of classes, (three and above) and has failed to complete assignments or keep up to date with the studio-based syllabus.
- E When someone stops coming to class and stops communicating with instructor. This is a severe grade and is usually given in severe circumstances.

Grading Scale

a 95-100, a- 94-90, b+ 89-87, b 86-84, b- 83-80, c+ 79-77, c 76-74, c- 73-70, d+ 69-67, d 66-64, d- 63-60, e 59-0

Course Textbook

All reading material is available on e-learning and on the course calendar.

Bibliography - available on canvas

SAAH POLICIES

Lockers/Storage

SAAH is not responsible for items in lockers. Please watch for posted signs on lockers regarding their use. Each student must share a locker with two students and keep the locker form attached. Lockers will be cleaned out at the end of each semester. When storing materials, it is advisable that you have your name on everything with a black marker, the course number, and the instructors' name. The SAAH is not responsible for items left in the classrooms.

Academic Honesty Policy

The course will follow the University's honesty policy found on-line at: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/stg/>. **Work completed for this class, this includes drawings, sketchbook work or research, may not be turned in for any other class.** In addition, work turned in for credit in another class may not be turned in for credit in this class.

Students with Disabilities

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

Additional policies for students in the SAAH

Students must silence anything that beeps, buzzes or chirps during class time.

Course Evaluation

The university expects students to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens via email at the end of term.

SA+AH HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

The School of Art and Art History Safety Manual will be reviewed in class. Students and instructors are responsible for following policy and procedures for making art safely at all time. The entire document is available [SA+AH Health and Safety Policy](#):

All students are required to sign and turn in the signature page to the instructor on the first day of class.

IMPORTANT: If you are going to use a new material please speak with me so we can find the safest way to use the material in a group studio environment.

Please make yourself familiar with the SA+AH Health and Safety Program especially the sections pertaining to Drawing and Painting. Please read and respect studio use and guidelines posted in classrooms. Do not pour solvents down sinks. Spraying of fixative or other toxic materials is not allowed in the drawing studios or hallways use the ventilation booth on the 2nd floor of FAC. Each student is responsible for assisting in studio clean up.

Studio Use

The studio is for your use outside of class time. You will be given the combination to the studio; it is for YOUR use only. Students are expected to follow studio guidelines. There is a first aid kit in each room as well as a sharp container for your use.

SA+AH CONTAINER POLICY

There are 2 types of labels used in the SA+AH-- yellow and white. Both labels are found at the red MSDS box and are supplied by the SA+AH. Each is used for a different purpose.

White:

All new and or used product in containers (hazardous or what might be perceived as hazardous -i.e. watered down gesso, graphite solutions, satellite containers of solvents, powders, spray paints, fixatives, oils, solvents, etc...) must be labeled within the SA+AH to identify their contents. Labels can be found at the MSDS box in each studio and work area. All containers must be marked with your name, contents and date opened. All secondary/satellite containers for hazardous materials must be marked with content, your name and the date opened. All unmarked containers will be disposed of with no notice.

Yellow:

WHEN HAZARDOUS ITEMS ARE DESIGNATED AS WASTE.

All containers must have a yellow label identifying the contents that are designated as trash for weekly EHS pick up.

- Flammable solid containers (red flip top) must have a yellow hazardous waste label on the outside (top).
- 5-gallon jugs must have a yellow hazardous waste label on the outside.
- Fibrous containers must have a yellow hazardous waste label on the outside (top).
- Each item in the blue bin must have a yellow hazardous waste label.

Note: Hazardous Waste labels should include all constituents in the waste mixture as well as an approximate percentage of the total for that item and must add up to 100%. Labels should also include the Bldg and room number of the shop generating the waste along with the Waste Manager for your area; this is located on the SWMA sign posted at the sink or at the Waste Management Area.