



Janine Antoni, Slumber (installed at Documenta 14), 2017

# Core Foundations: Shaping Form and Space

Fall 2025 ART2701C, Sections 105230, 105312REG/2PCE, 3 Credits

CLASS LOCATION: Fine Arts Building C Room B1

CLASS TIME: Period 2-4, 8:30AM-11:30AM

INSTRUCTOR: Sean Miller, Associate Professor

OFFICE LOCATION: Fine Arts Building C Room B2B

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, 5-6PM (By Appointment 2 Days Advanced Notification)

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

Shaping Form and Space is a course will research and utilize the fundamental sculptural elements of line, shape, form, mass, volume, materiality, site-specificity, and space. The course offers a solid foundational understanding of 3D concepts and teaches basic sculptural skills/techniques. Students will apply these skills to their own experiences and contemporary issues associated with sculpture in the expanded field. Shaping Form and Space expands student's understanding of formal techniques and conceptual approaches to producing three-dimensional objects and spaces. Course participants learn methods to conceptualize ideas for artworks and to put objects, materials, natural spaces, and the public realm, into a state of play or transformation. Students will generate sculptures and performances that ask questions, make statements, and engage with their everyday life, identity, and society. At the outset of the course, students will utilize basic, rudimentary materials and processes and gradually grow a strong skill set of techniques and approaches to sculpture. Concurrent with studio projects, students will discuss, research, and respond to historical and current issues in art and sculpture.

This studio course requires that students work outside of class on their sculpture projects and at the start of each class new progress should be evident toward the completion of each project. These will be accompanied by focused conversations, critical discussions, demonstrations, assigned Planning Book work, and exercises in material, process, and design.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

Through this course's assignments, students will:

- Develop familiarity with historical and contemporary concepts of 3D art
- Acquire familiarity with shop equipment, tools, and methods
- Investigate spatial concepts, formal issues, and sculptural strategies
- Learn various modes of construction and fabrication
- Broaden concepts and strategies to work with site-specificity, materiality, and form
- Generate clear ideation project plans
- Develop critical thinking and studio research skills
- Gain methods for documentation, organization, and time management
- Develop one's own sculptural language and develop personal themes
- Conceptualize, learn to creatively produce works, and take chances

## UNITS AND TOPICS

### PROJECT 1: SHAPING LINE IN SPACE

Students will create a representational line-oriented sculpture using wire provided by the sculpture area. In preparation for the sculpture, students will research Cubism, Futurism, Surrealism, and works by 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> artists (listed below) to consider how line is a factor in the production of artwork and serves as a design element (both aesthetically and structurally in the way sculptural works exist in the world).

Students will examine line through photography, gesture drawing, observation, and analysis of art historical works. Finally, students will apply their understanding of line directly to their own concerns and experiences by producing an original sculpture.

#### **Selected artists for project research:**

Line as boundary/memory: Janine Antoni, Ghada Amer, Elizabeth Berrien, Louis Bourgeois, Gerlovina and Gerlovin, Ann Hamilton, Kendra Haste, Lonnie Holley, Eva Kotakova, Julie Mehretu, David Oliveira, Egon Schiele, Matthew Ritchie, Martin Senn, Ben Shahn

Line as material: Ruth Asawa, Alexander Calder, Tony Cragg, Tom Friedman, Tim Hawkinson, Eva Hesse, Pablo Picasso, Sarah Sze, Bethany Taylor, and Yves Tinquely.

Line in Space: Heather Brammeier, Alberto Giacometti, Antony Gormley, Barbara Lich, Liz Lerner, Shi Jindian, Ivan Lovatt, Kendra Haste, David Mach, Alexander Rodchenko, Tomás Saraceno, Chiharu Shiota,

**Topics:** abstraction, additive/reductive, Line, Negative Space, Calligraphy, Contour Line, Cross-Contour Lines, Cubism, Expression, Expressive Line, Gesture Drawing, Implied Line, Futurism, Mobiles, Kinetic Art, Minimalism, Representational Art

### PROJECT 2: PLANE IN SPACE

Students will produce an abstract sculpture with 4 (or more) intersecting planes. The sculpture will be abstracted by individual student analysis, drawing, and maquettes of structures/forms that you find engaging and conceptually important. Students will research Cubism, Futurism, Surrealism, and works by 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> artists to consider how plane is a factor in the

production of artwork and serves as a design element (both aesthetically and structurally in the way sculptural works exist in the world. Students will examine plane through photography, drawing, observation, and analysis of art historical works. How can possibilities within abstraction express emotions or ideas in a way that is different than representational processes? How does an artist or designer think differently when producing abstract work? Students will apply their understanding of plane directly to their own concerns, investigations, and experiences by producing an original sculpture.

### **Selected artists for project research:**

*Plane and abstraction:* Lee Bontecou, Ruth Asawa, Heather Brammeier, Tony Cragg, Eva Hesse, Donald Judd, Pablo Picasso, Richard Serra, Jessica Stockholder, and Yves Tinguely

*Plane and Architecture/Structure:* Ant Farm, Do Ho Suh, Theaster Gates, Sol LeWitt, Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Dan Graham, Frank Gehry, Diana Al Hadid, Fritz Haeg, Ann Hamilton, Gordon Matta Clark, Maya Lin, Ian McMahan, Julie Mehretu, Martin Puryear, Tomás Saraceno, Sarah Sze, Do Ho Suh, Rachel Whiteread, Matthew Ritchie, Alexander Rodchenko,

*Plane as Process/Plane as Narrative:* Art Guys, El Anatsui, Louis Bourgeois, Deborah Butterfield, Alexander Calder, Tara Donovan, Charles and Ray Eames, Andy Goldsworthy, Antony Gormley, Tom Friedman, Eva Kotakova, Wolfgang Laib, Damian Ortega, Tim Hawkinson, Barbara Lich, Bruce Nauman, Nari Ward

**Topics:** fragmentation, Minimalism, post-Minimalism, modularity, Pattern and Decoration, patterns, Pop Art, positive/negative space, Process Art, repetition, reproduction, systems, templates, the grid, Plane, Shape, Planer Shape, Equivocal Space, Contour Line, Implied Shape, Cubism, Expression, Expressive Shape, Kinetic Art, Implied Line, Futurism, Mobiles, Kinetic Art, Void, Volume

### **PROJECT 3: THE CUBE — MATERIALITY**

For this project you will each complete four cube sculptures with matching dimensions. One of the cubes must be a mitered wooden cube. There will be a demo to prepare you for the mitered cube and additional techniques. Your research will focus on form as it relates to materials. A different material must be used for each of your four cubes. What ideas do you think of when you consider the form of a cube? What materials and attributes can you apply to

a cube? Think about other binding agents and methods. Research each material you use. Where do you encounter it? What is its function? What is it usually used for and by whom? What, if anything, do you think it means: culturally, tactile-wise, in myth, historically, politically, geographically, cross-culturally, etc? Personally, why are you attracted to it? Make notes and make lists in your sketchbook.

### **Selected artists for project research:**

Janine Antoni, The Art Guys, Richard Artschwager, Ay-O, Bauhaus Design, Louis Bourgeois, Gordon Matta Clark, Willie Cole, Joseph Cornell, Tony Cragg, William Cordova, Tara Donovan, Fluxus Boxes, Ken Friedman, Tom Friedman, Theaster Gates, Dan Graham, Andy Goldsworthy, Guerra de la Paz, Subodh Gupta, David Hammons, Mona Hatoum, Tim Hawkinson, Eva Hesse, Donald Judd, Anish Kapoor, Sol Lewitt, Yayoi Kusama, Wolfgang Laib, Robert Morris, Maya Lin, Bruce Nauman, Louise Nevelson, David Oliveira, Yoko Ono, Cornelia Parker, Matthew Ritchie, Doris Salcedo, Tom Sachs, Richard Serra, Tony Smith, Robert Smithson, Andy Warhol, Ai Weiwei, Rachel Whiteread, and Chun Kwang Young.

**Topics:** ephemeral art, flâneur, Gutai, Land Art performative objects, sites and non-sites, sound as sculpture, Equivocal Space, Cubism, Gutai Movement, New Materialism, Ontology, Object-Oriented Ontology, Kinetic Art, Void, Volume, Minimalism, and Post-Minimalism.

### **PROJECT 4: TRANSFORMATION AND ONTOLOGY**

Find a functional humanmade object, largely made of wood, that will provide at least 2.5 x 2.5 x 2.5 feet of material if it were cut into pieces and stacked together into a solid pile. Consider its function and its meaning to you (and others). Conceive a creative way to gather it, transform it, and display it. What are its uses (traditional and non-traditional)? How is it designed? How does it traditionally occupy space? How is it constructed? Consider how to dismantle, deconstruct, sculpt, and rebuild the object to become a completely new object and form. What might it mean when one thing becomes another? Build a physically ambitious, meaningful, and aesthetically engaging project which changes the wood object into a radically different object/sculpture that relates, responds to, or reacts poetically to the object's previous identity. Carefully strategize how to construct and reimagine the object. Craft and construction are extremely important.

## Selected artists for project research:

Ai Weiwei , El Anatsui, Helen Altman, Janine Antoni, Art Guys, Joseph Beuys, Mel Chin, Philip Corner, Tony Cragg, Wim Delvoye, Brian Dettmer, Tara Donovan, Olafur Eliasson, Ken Friedman, Tom Friedman, Theaster Gates, Andy Goldsworthy, *Guerra De La Paz*, Subodh Gupta, Ann Hamilton, David Hammons, Tim Hawkinson, David Ireland, Kate Erickson & Mel Ziegler, Anish Kapoor, Wolfgang Laib, Yoko Ono, Marco Maggi, Mary Mattingly, Vik Muniz, Cornelia Parker, Dario Robleto, Xu Bing, Doris Salcedo, Tom Sachs, Tomas Saraceno, and Chun Kwang Young.

## Topics

CONCEPTS	mass, weight, volume, or density, containment, compression, lightness, buoyancy, accumulation, fragmentation, symbolic, metaphoric, nostalgic, historic, surrealistic, process oriented or post-minimalist, precious or mundane, mathematical, physics or anti-physics, other
STRUCTURES	solid or hollow, open or closed, hard-edged or soft edged, miniature or gigantic, regular or irregular, linear or planer, other
PROCESSES	glue, clamp, screw, bolt, zipper, nail, stitch, weave, laminate, hook, knot, fold, interlock, weld, button, tie, pin. For more processes rereview Richard Serra's <i>Verb List</i> for additional possibilities

## PROJECT 4: JOINTS AND CONNECTORS: BODY EXTENSION PROJECT

How do connections and joints strengthen and define an object's form both visually and physically? Create a sculpture or performative object that functions to extend your body in some manner (see the Body Extension works of Rebecca Horn). The piece should demonstrate excellent craft and design. It should serve as a poetic visual or functional comment on one's relationship with the outside world. It should utilize 3 different wood joints and 2 other methods of non-wood joinery (glue does not count). What are some methods of joinery we observe or make use of: zippers, rivets, hinges, locks, sewing, binding/lashings, knotting, grommets, and various wood joints. In preparation for this project, in your daily routine, take a little extra time to consider how various elements and objects around you connect or join to become whole. What about within you? Consider the joints in your body: your kneecap, the ball and socket in your hip, etc. Connections are key to the composition of any sculpture or

design solution. Many connectors create repeated lines or forms in the structure of an object: laces and holes in a shoe, buttonholes on a shirt, and lines in lap joints all create added elements, repetitive unity, and structural stability in the objects they inhabit.

**Selected artists for project research:**

Marina Abramović, Janine Antoni, Tarek Atoui, Nick Cave, Lygia Clark, Richard Deacon, Maywa Denki, Temple Grandin, Rebecca Horn, Theo Jansen, Eva Kotakova, Mari Katayama, Lucy Orta, William Pope.L, Project Grizzly, Martin Puryear, Robert Rauschenberg (Pelican piece), Charles Ray, Tom Sachs, Japanese Puzzle Boxes, Stelarc, Jana Sterbak, Michael Singer, Survival Research Laboratories, Alfonso Tostes, Thomas Thwaites, Yves Tinquely, William Wiley, Erwin Wurm, Levi van Veluw, and Kenji Yanobe.

**Topics**

Joint, Body Art, Gutai, Kinetic Art, Kinetic Art, Performative Object, Wearable Art, Performance Art, Site-specific Art, Action Art, Burning Man, and Fluxus.

**TIMELINE**

<b>Week 1: 8/25 and 8/27: Introduction to 3D Thinking &amp; Project 1</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. syllabus review</li> <li>2. safety &amp; classroom policies</li> <li>3. lecture/discussion on representation/abstraction</li> <li>4. discussion formal elements in art and a discussion on line</li> <li>5. project 1 introduction: Line in Space</li> <li>6. shop authorizations (wood and metal)</li> <li>7. reading responses/discussion</li> </ol>
<b>Week 2: Line in Space - 9/1 and 9/3 (* Holiday Monday 9/1)</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. project related demos wood and wire.</li> <li>2. readings and videos</li> </ol>
<b>Week 3: Line in Space - 9/8 and 9/10</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. speed assignment due</li> <li>2. additional shop authorizations (wood and metal)</li> </ol>
<b>Week 4: Line in Space Critique &amp; Introduction of Plane in Space - 9/15 and 9/17</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. project 1 critique</li> <li>2. project 2 introduction</li> </ol>

3. project 2 speed assignment in class
<b>Week 5: Project 2 Plane in Space - 9/22 and 9/24</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. reading responses/discussion</li> <li>2. project planning and ideation discussion</li> <li>3. planning book checkpoint # 1</li> </ol>
<b>Week 6: Project 2 Plane in Space - 9/29 and 10/1</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. moldmaking (rigid, soft) &amp; the principle of undercuts</li> <li>2. casting in molds &amp; forming over molds/jigs</li> </ol>
<b>Week 7: Project 2 Plane in Space/Project 3 Cube and Materiality - 10/6 and 10/8</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. one-on-one check-ins</li> <li>2. project 2 plane in space critique</li> <li>3. introduction project 3</li> <li>4. readings</li> </ol>
<b>Week 8: Project 3 Cube and Materiality - 10/13 and 10/15</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. project 3 clay, wood, metal, collage, and paper demos</li> <li>2. speed assignment due</li> </ol>
<b>Week 9: Project 3 Cube and Materiality - 10/20 and 10/22</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. cube and materiality studio work</li> <li>2. 1 of four cubes due</li> <li>3. Introduction to transformation assignment</li> </ol>
<b>Week 10: Project 3 Cube and Materiality/Intro to Transformation Project - 10/27 - 10/29</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. cube and materiality 3 remaining cubes due</li> <li>2. introduction to transformation assignment</li> <li>3. class visit: repurpose planet</li> <li>4. planning book checkpoint #2</li> </ol>
<b>Week 11: Project 4 Transformation Assignment - 11/3 and 11/5</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. speed assignment due</li> </ol>
<b>Week 12: Project 4 Transformation Assignment - 11/10 and 11/12</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project 3 critique</li> </ol>
<b>Week 13: Project 4 Transformation Assignment, Intro to Project 5 - 11/17 and 11/19</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. framing structures, making inflatables, tensioning structures</li> </ol>
<b>Week 14: HOLIDAY BREAK - 11/24 and 11/25</b>
No class all week
<b>Week 15: Project 5 Critique - 12/1 and 12/3</b>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. studio and shop clean-up</li> <li>2. speed assignment due</li> </ol>	<b>Week 15: Pro</b>
<p><b>Final 12/8</b> (discussion about critique time)          Critique: Project Body Extension Due          Happy Holidays!!!</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Project studio clean-u</li> </ol>

## COURSE COMMUNICATION

Communications about this course will occur verbally in class as well as online. Canvas will be used for this course and will include: updated weekly calendar (with due dates, special events and critique schedule), announcements, readings, speed and project assignments, and assignment grades. Please refer to the class Canvas daily (before each class) for supplementary resources. The course instructor will check their email every other day, if not every day. Students are required to check their email for updates several times a week, including before class. For emergencies (or quick check-ins) it is ok to text or call instructor. Cell phone is listed on syllabus.

## COURSE SUPPLY LIST

Students will be given a list of required materials and tools and places to get them at the beginning of each unit. Additionally, students will be expected to obtain, individually, the specific materials they choose to work with for each project. While material costs can vary greatly depending on student choices for the projects, please set aside some funds early on, with the expectation of the need to buy materials for each project

### RECOMMENDED LIST OF TOOLS FOR THE COURSE:

- cork-backed ruler
- Exacto or utility knife
- Planning Book (good price on 2 for 1; order with a friend) (<https://a.co/d/25UkSaN>)
- graphite pencils
- pens
- paint brushes

- combination lock
- 18-piece tool set (<https://a.co/d/bt82d5a>)
- clay sculpting tool kit (<https://a.co/d/axS1Mxl>)

## EVALUATION AND GRADING

The work from this course will be graded on specific criteria defined by each project's goals. Additionally, all projects will be graded on their success in the following areas: concept development, risk-taking, experimentation, design decisions, craftsmanship, ambition, technical competency and meeting process work deadlines. All process work as well as each project must be finished within the specified deadlines. Likewise, in-progress work should be notable and visible during classes in advance of critique. Instructor reserves the right to not include surprise never-before-seen projects on critique day to focus on projects that have been developing throughout the assignment period. Students are expected to complete course evaluations at the end of the semester.

**The course grade for each student will be evaluated on the basis of:**

- Completion and success of 5 major projects and 5 speed assignments
- Completion of readings, writings, and discussions
- Attendance
- Preparation of materials, discussion points, and assignments
- Research (Process Book, as well as the histories and conceptual tools you use to inform your practice)
- Technical competence, craft, and inventive use of software, hardware and materials
- Active class participation in discussion, critiques and relevant activities
- Presentation (work for critique should be finished and professionally presented)
- Effort, hard work, and a diligent, consistent effort toward excellence
- Active contribution to a distraction-free and clean studio environment

Here is a roadmap for approaching each project successfully:

1. *Research Broadly and Intensively:* read things, draw, watch videos, call experts and ask questions, and take notes.
2. *Ideate Freely:* think expansively, be relentless, dream, be open, create lists, think playfully, ask "what if" a lot, and do lots of sketches, collages, and drawings. Have fun.

Don't fall in love with any one idea. Cast a wide net. Don't self-censor. Gather as many seeds of ideas as possible. Once you have a Process Book full of ideas...

3. *Choose Ambitiously*: pick the smartest, most compelling, inspiring, and original two project ideas to present. Discuss and present the two ideas with instructor and pick one of the two. Gather materials and work and....
4. *Work Constantly*: work, work, organize, work, work, overcome obstacles, work, finish ahead of time.
5. *Polish Presentation*: install your work well and accompany it with an excellent title/statement. Ask for and listen to feedback.
6. *Reflect Critically*: Document project, photograph project well, post project, share project, review notes and reflect on what you learned. Make lists of successes and faults. Decide how to do better on your next project. Repeat!

## GRADE CHART

Letter Grade	% Equivalency	GPA Equivalency
A	94-100	4.0
A-	90-93	3.67
B+	87-89	3.33
B	83-86	3.00
B-	80-82	2.67
C+	77-79	2.33
C	73-76	2.00
C-	70-72	1.67
D+	67-69	1.33
D	63-66	1.00
D-	60-62	0.67
E, I, NG, S-U, WF	0-59	0.00

Generally, project and exercise grades in this course carry the following expectations:

- A 4.0** Extraordinary work: all criteria of assignment have been surpassed in a distinguished manner and solutions to problems present depth of understanding. Student is engaged in exceptional studio practice, which includes active research, providing insightful and consistent classroom input and peer feedback, looking up

artists recommended, asking relevant questions about other artists' works or ideas, and being thoroughly engaged in the course content.

**A- 3.67** Excellent work: all criteria of assignment were surpassed in a distinguished manner (including exceptional studio practice highlighted above). Minimal improvements could be made to the project overall.

**B+ 3.33** Great work: all criteria of assignment were surpassed; minor changes could be considered and executed to bring work together; consistent and commendable studio practice.

**B 3.0** Very good work: above average solutions and clear potential; most criteria of assignment were surpassed with some improvements to be made; commendable studio practice.

**B- 2.67** Good work: most criteria of assignment were met; work showed promise with a few significant improvements to be made; studio practice was adequate.

**C+ 2.33** Above average work: most of the criteria of the assignment were met; work is not yet unified or cohesive, but effort is evident; studio practice was adequate, but could be more reflective and thoughtful.

**C 2.0** Average work: the assignment directions were followed and the requirements were met in a routine way; inconsistent or declining engagement with process, originality, and presentation; studio practice was adequate but could be significantly more reflective and thoughtful.

**C- 1.67** Slightly below average work: the assignment directions were followed and the requirements were just met, but there is room for developing projects further. Craft and conceptual development need to be improved significantly; there is some evidence of studio practice, but quality and quantity are lacking.

**D+ 1.33** Below average work: an attempt to solve the problem was made, but there is much room for developing projects further. Criteria of the assignment are barely met; basic craftsmanship skills have been neglected; lack of conceptual

development; minimal evidence of studio practice, but quality and quantity is lacking.

**D 1.0** Inadequate work: the requirements of the assignment are not addressed. The execution of the work is careless and represents an incomplete effort. Work is substandard. There is little or no evidence of studio practice.

**D- 0.67** Unacceptable work and effort: the requirements of the assignment are not met. The execution of the work is careless and represents an incomplete effort. Work is substandard. There is little or no evidence of studio practice.

**E 0** Unacceptable work and effort: the work submitted is inadequate; careless and/or incomplete effort across the course; no evidence of studio practice; work is nonexistent.

Students must earn a grade higher than C- to earn credit toward their major. For more information: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

## ASSIGNMENTS

Coursework will consist of five major projects, plus Planning Book research, readings, videos, workshops, demos, and development of assigned projects. Assigned projects will be presented every three weeks. Presentations with suggested artists and readings will offer students an overview of concepts and related solutions. Major project themes will include: Line in Space, Plane in Space, Cube and Materiality, Transformation and Ontology, and Body Extension and Joinery.

For each major project, students must provide two separate ideation plans based on two possible projects/concepts in their Process Books before starting to make. These plans must take one of the following forms: 1) proportionally accurate diagram drawings (e.g., on graph paper), 2) proportionally accurate maquettes (e.g., out of cardboard or paper), or 3) a printed image of a 3D model you've made (e.g., in Rhino etc.). If printed, the plans should still be neatly included in your Planning Book and available during class times and when working in shop. These plans should also include a working concept statement; this can take the form of description, narrative, diary entry, or otherwise; but the language should be comprehensible

and legibly written. Also include details, annotations, material tests, and anything else relevant to the project’s ideation. Projects may evolve significantly as they develop: surprise and change are welcome *if they are grounded in a history (ideally well-documented) of meaningful choices, experiments, and reflection.*

**Distribution of Grades:**

Project 1	10%
Project 2	15%
Project 3	15%
Project 4	15%
Project 5	10%
Participation	10%
Writing/Presentations	10%
Speed Assignments	10%
Process Book	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Projects 1–5: 65%**

Grades for each project are equally weighted on five project criteria:

1. Project Development and Ambition
2. Concept
3. Craft and Design
4. Attention to Assignment Expectations
5. Statement and Documentation

SPACE:	PROJECT #1
Project Development and Ambition	20%
Concept: Overall Idea and/or Process Decisions	20%
Attention to Assignment	20%
Craft / Design	20%
Aesthetics, Statement, and Documentation	20%
TOTAL GRADE:	100

### **Participation: 10%**

Participation includes:

- Arriving to studio prepared and ready to work, on time, with materials
- Contributing to class discussions by asking relevant questions and giving thoughtful responses and feedback in critiques and class discussions
- Complete class readings and watch videos; take notes in Process Book while doing so
- Attending Visiting Artist Lectures
- Consideration for classmates
- Attendance
- Positive attitude and open mind
- Cleaning up after yourself and contributing to collective clean-up sessions

### **Speed Assignments: 10%**

Each of the five major projects will begin with a mini assignment so students may work quickly to realize a smaller work and test ideas, processes, and get a sense of approaches they want to take with the major project.

### **Visiting Artist Writing and Presentations: 10%:**

Part of the research component in this class is researching notable contemporary artists. This research will happen through readings, videos, guest speakers, and independent research. Students will be assigned readings, asked to write responses, and in some cases prepare a presentation. Attending public art talks at UF is a key part of research. The School of Art + Art History has a Visiting Artists and Scholars Program and the Harn Eminent Scholar Lecture Series (HESCAH). These two programs bring artists from around the world to share their art and research. Ideally, students will attend *all* these lectures. In this class, students are required to write about four visiting speakers. Gainesville is not like NYC, Berlin, or Chicago; it is not a place filled with ongoing exhibitions and major artist talks. For artists studying at UF, the opportunity to meet and see artists live and in-person is significant.

This semester's visiting artists can be found here: <https://arts.ufl.edu/academics/art-and-art-history/visiting-artists-scholars/lectures/>

We will designate on Canvas which talks you should attend. Students will take notes and provide a written response to each visiting artist. Responses should be 3-4 paragraphs, discussing the full breadth of the artist's work — major concepts and themes, works, motivations, and aspects of the talk that most relate to your own approach to making. Describe

the work: what it looks like, how it is produced, why it was produced, and which aspects of the work or process are most relevant to you. Quote work titles and be expansive in your writing: how do you feel and what do you see and think of? Note that responses can be critical: if so, articulate why you dislike the work. The point of this writing is not expository but self-exploratory: it is intended to help you better understand the artist in relationship to contemporary art, art history, art practice, and yourself.

### **Process Book: 5%**

The process book is a souvenir of experiences, a document of progress, and a record of daily commitment to a creative process. It is a place to experiment with materials and ideas and a place to work through problems. It may also be a collection of thoughts and writings or images that intrigue you. You should work on it regularly, carry it everywhere, and you must always bring it to class. A grade will be assigned based on successful integration of the components listed above as well as some others listed below.

Daily entries should show evidence of art research, idea development, spatial research, sculptural form analysis, creative thoughts and activities. There will be three grading checkpoints throughout the semester. At each checkpoint your book should include new research drawings related to project development and research of artists and forms related to your projects. Drawings should be ambitious and all project planning should be comprehensive, legible, and offer readers a clear description of the intended construction techniques, measurements, materials, and thematic influences. Always use the entire page. Include idea development and documentation for all your assignments, including sources of influence or inspiration, research notes, and works in progress. For artist research, always indicate the title, year and name of artist on the back or bottom of when you are including artworks as influences.

A great site for art research is ARTstor <http://www.artstor.org/> through the UF Art and Architecture library database list at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/afa/>.

After a project is completed, students should note and write down meaningful ideas in peers' critiques and their own critical reflections on methods for improvement in future projects. There should be a section reserved for critique notes. (Questions and comments made about your work during critiques may be recorded in your book by another student or by yourself after each project critique.)

Additional exercises and drawing assignments to be included in your book may be announced periodically in class or included on one of your four research drawing assignment sheets distributed quarterly throughout the semester.

### Process Book Grading Criteria:

- Ambitious and varied drawings and research
- Research that includes artists listed for each assignment, assigned readings, and class discussions (choose several names from the artist list each week and look up them, taking notes about their processes, motivations, and works)
- Clarity and proportion/accuracy
- Quality of marks (line)
- Excellence in planning
- Design and layout within the book
- Legibility and thoughtfulness in writing
- Extra research, ideation, creative experimentation, and drawing related to sculptural analysis or processes
- Notes from all videos, readings, critiques, and in-class demos

You cannot earn an “A” on the Process Book unless you do extra creative work in addition to the assigned work during each drawing checkpoint. Extra work could include drawings, photography, collage, creative writing, ideation, experimentation with materials, research etc. One-half letter grade will be taken off for each incomplete project’s planning/drawing. Process Books will go down a letter grade for each class missed on late turn-in dates.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY AND EXPECTATIONS

You are expected to work/participate for the entire duration of scheduled class, and to participate fully during critiques by showing up with completed, installed work, and printed statement. At critique time you should be engaging thoughtfully with your peers’ work during class. You are expected to attend all classes. *More than three unexcused absences will be cause for a lowered grade. A fourth absence will result in a one letter grade drop.* Appropriate documentation from the student health service should be obtained for medical excuses. In general, acceptable reasons for absence from class include illness, serious family emergencies, special curricular requirements (e.g., field trips, professional conferences), military obligation, severe weather conditions, religious holidays and participation in official university activities

such as music performances, athletic competitions or debates. Absences from class for court-imposed legal obligations (e.g., jury duty or subpoena) will be excused. Other sound reasons may be offered and considered on an individual basis.

If an absence occurs, it is your responsibility to make up all work. You should check with the instructor or another student outside of class time when they miss a class (prior to missing the class if possible), as in-and-out-of-class exercises are regularly assigned. Doctor's notes should be provided, within a week's time of illness, for any class from which one expects to be excused. Please address any concerns, problems, and questions with the instructor as they arise.

*Arrival to class more than ten minutes late, or departure from class more than ten minutes early, will be counted as tardiness, unless an acceptable reason (consistent with acceptable reasons for absences) is provided. Three occasions of tardiness count as one absence. Leaving early or arriving late by a half hour or more counts as a full absence.*

Each student is responsible for satisfying all academic objectives as defined by the instructor. Students who do not attend at least one of the first two class meetings of a course in which they are registered, and who have not contacted the department to indicate their intent, may be dropped from the course. The university recognizes the right of the individual professor to make attendance mandatory. After due warning, professors may prohibit further attendance and subsequently assign a failing grade for excessive absences.

*Students must check your UF email and Canvas regularly. Canvas notifications must be turned on. You are responsible for any information, deadlines, and updates emailed to you or posted to Canvas.*

**LATE WORK:** All projects, reading responses, and research projects must be completed on time for full credit. Specific due dates are stated on each project sheet and are announced in class. Failure to complete any project on time will result in a drop of one full letter grade, and failure to complete any other assignment, such as response papers, in-class exercises, or other class work, on time will result in a drop of ½ letter grade for each day it is late. If the timeline states that a project is due at the beginning of class, turning it in at the end or after class is considered late. You must have work finished and installed before the start of class on critique days or your work will not be critiqued and your project grade will be lowered. It is the student's responsibility to turn in all work on time. Full participation by showing completed

work during all critiques is required along with active participation through shared ideas and commentary.

**CELL PHONES:** Students in the School of Art and Art History will not be permitted to have cell phones turned on in class. If it beeps, chimes, rings or makes any type of noise, turn it off before entering the classroom. Continuous phone or laptop disruptions will result in lowered grades.

## TEXTS

There is no required textbook. Readings will be assigned with each assignment.

## UF POLICY FOR IN-CLASS RECORDING

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A "class lecture" is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session.

Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To "publish" means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including

but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third-party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

## UF RESOURCES AND POLICIES

For information on UF academic policies and student support resources, please visit <https://go.ufl.edu/syllabuspolicies>.

UF A-Z Resources: [https://dso.ufl.edu/areas\\_services/a-z\\_services/](https://dso.ufl.edu/areas_services/a-z_services/)

**ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY:** The course will follow the University's academic honesty policy. The course work submitted should be your own and must be created specifically for this class; "no double dipping" by submitting projects to more than one studio course or work done by another. <https://teach.ufl.edu/resource-library/academic-integrity-at-uf/>

**DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR:** Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated in class. Please turn off cell phones during class, and do not email, text, work on homework for other courses, smoke or eat during indoor or outdoor studio or class critiques. "Being there" means giving *all* your attention

to activities in class without disruption. As an educational institution which encourages the intellectual and personal growth of its students, the university recognizes that the transmission of knowledge, the pursuit of truth, and the development of individuals, require the free exchange of ideas, self-expression and the challenging of beliefs and customs. Students are expected to exhibit high standards of behavior, respect, civility, integrity and concern for others. Be advised that a student may be dismissed from class if they engage in disruptive behavior. Detailed information about disruptive behavior can be found in the University of Florida Student Code of Conduct: <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/>

Should you require accommodations, please register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, <https://disability.ufl.edu/>) and provide appropriate documentation. Once registered, you will receive an accommodation letter to give the instructor. If you have any limitations or documented learning disabilities, please let the course instructor know immediately. Schedule

time with the instructor during the first two weeks of class so we can discuss appropriate accommodations. This includes language limitations, physical illness, limitations or disabilities, including invisible disabilities such as chronic disease, learning disabilities, head injuries or diagnosed attention deficit disorders. We want to help make each semester a positive experience for you from the very beginning. The student and professor will agree on appropriate accommodations and paperwork will be signed and returned to the Dean of Students Office.

For mental health support, contact the Counseling & Wellness Center at 352-392-1575 or visit <https://counseling.ufl.edu>.

U Matter, We Care: If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu), 352-392-1575, or visit the website to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.

UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center: For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; Visit the UF Health Emergency Room and Trauma Center website Student Healthcare Center <http://shcc.ufl.edu/>

For medical emergencies call 911.  
352-392-1161 for urgent after-hours care.  
352-392-1171 for after-hours mental health assistance.

**STUDENT NIGHTTIME AUXILIARY PATROL (SNAP):** SNAP provides nightly escorts anywhere on campus to persons on request. The service is staffed by students, equipped and supervised by the university police department. Escorts are routed on foot and driven trips. A person requesting an escort may contact SNAP via telephone at 392-SNAP (7627). The requester provides their first name, location of pick-up and destination to the dispatcher who determines the best method of meeting the requester's need. A walking or driving escort is dispatched to their location.

## SA+AH HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES

**HAZARDOUS WASTE SATELLITE ACCUMULATION:** Students must familiarize themselves with the SA+AH Health and Safety Program at: <http://www.arts.ufl.edu/art/healthandsafety>

during the first week of class. Refer especially to the H&S Rules by Area sections pertaining to Art + Technology. Each student will be asked to complete a H&S student waiver form (which will be given to you and signed during studio).

**DRUG-FREE SCHOOL & WORKPLACE & CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT:** The School of Art and Art History (SA+AH) is committed to upholding the policies set forth by the University of Florida in regards to drug and alcohol use and smoking in educational facilities. Possession and use of drugs or alcoholic beverages is not allowed in the classroom or outdoor areas. In addition, The Florida Clean Indoor Air Act of 1992 prohibits smoking in educational facilities. Violation of university policies and applicable laws is grounds for disciplinary action up to and including expulsion and does not preclude the possibility of criminal charges.

**SHARED STUDIO AND SHOPS:** Please leave the studio and shops clean. Regardless of the condition you find it in, we request that you leave it clean for the next person. Remember to place all work in progress on the storage shelves or designated area. This is a shared studio and we all need to work together to keep it a clean and productive environment.

**STUDIO PRACTICE:** The instructor and the School of Art and Art History are not responsible for student work left in workspaces, installation spaces, the critique space, the shops, or the classrooms. Projects/materials are not to be stored in the group working space. Each student is responsible for ensuring that their projects and materials are safely stored, displayed, installed, and removed from the classroom and critique space. Projects must be set up and removed from the critique space at the times and spaces designated for each project.

**POLICIES REGARDING CLASSROOMS, STUDIOS & OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL SPACES:** Please make every effort to maintain the facilities and grounds of the School of Art and Art History, the College of Fine Arts and the University of Florida. We ask that you follow these guidelines:

- Do not mark, paint on or deface any interior or exterior of the school or college facilities. Take care to always use protective tarps, drop cloths or masking material when working with paint media or similar materials to protect the floors in public spaces such as hallways and classrooms. That applies also to the sidewalks, walls, and grounds.
- If a special project requires temporary modification to a wall surface or to the grounds you must obtain specific permission from your instructor prior to undertaking the

project. The site must be returned to its original condition immediately following the project unless prior written permission has been obtained from the School of Art and Art History.

- No art project may interfere with or impede access to classrooms, hallways or other public spaces.
- All site-specific art projects must be installed and engineered with the safety of the general public in mind. Your instructor, and if necessary the SA+AH office, should be informed and approve of your public artwork before installation and critique.
- Grades will not be issued for the project, or the class, until the project has been completely removed, and the site has been restored to its original condition.
- Failure to comply with these rules will result in disciplinary action, withholding of grades, the possible lowering of a grade, or failure of the course.

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation. Student Conduct Code: Violations, Penalties and Procedures for Adjudication:

<http://www.aa.ufl.edu/aa/Rules/4016.htm>

## SCULPTURE SHOP AND STUDIO POLICIES

### Health & Safety:

- Review and follow the SA+AH Health & Safety Handbook:  
<https://arts.ufl.edu/academics/art-and-art-history/health-safety/>
- Follow the SA+AH Satellite Waste Management Chart and posted media-specific safety guidelines.
- Report any safety issues immediately to your instructor.

### Emergencies:

- Call 911 and/or the University Police Department (352-392-1111, <http://police.ufl.edu/>). Your course is in Fine Arts Building C, Basement, UF Building #0599.
- File an incident report (forms in SAAH H&S handbook, faculty handbook, and main office); turn into the SA+AH Director of Operations within 48 hours.
- First aid kits are located in every studio/shop. Notify your instructor if supplies are low.
- Familiarize yourself with the nearest eyewash unit in the studio and shops.

### Shop Access & Supervision:

- Shop hours outside class are posted on the door.
- Get permission from the Teaching Lab Specialist (TLS) before working.
- After approval, sign in on the clipboard.
- The table saw, jointer, and planer may only be used under supervision of TLS or shop technicians. Unauthorized use = expulsion from shops.
- Only currently enrolled SA+AH students who have completed orientations may use the shops. No visitors, even friends or family, allowed.

#### **Personal Safety:**

- Eye protection must be worn when using power tools (goggles provided).
- Hearing protection is available (ask TLS).
- Long hair tied back; long shirt tails tucked in; loose sleeves rolled up.
- Shoes must cover toes.
- No loose jewelry.
- Keep hands at least 5 inches from stationary saw blades; use push sticks or ask for help on difficult cuts.

#### **Conduct & Cleanliness:**

- No food or drink in shops.
- Do the loop: circle the space and organize tools/materials as you go.
- Clean up: dust off tools/tables, sweep floors, dispose of scrap immediately, and return tools to proper storage.
- All courses participate in end-of-semester cleanup.

#### **Material Use & Restrictions:**

- No SA+AH property may be taken home.
- Students may not store materials/projects in wood or metal shops.
- Do not cut painted, recycled, or pressure-treated lumber on stationary equipment.
- Painting/sanding must be done in the courtyard when weather permits.
- Use paper or plastic to protect surfaces from paint, glue, or plaster.
- Paint rollers/latex paint often yield better results than spray paint (consult instructor).
- Store all flammables in the flammable cabinet; keep it closed.

#### **Hazardous Waste & Containers:**

- Two types of labels must be used (found at red MSDS boxes):
  - **White labels** – for all new/used products in containers (hazardous or potentially hazardous: e.g., watered gesso, solvents, powders, spray paints, oils, fixatives).
    - Must include: contents, your name, date opened.
    - Required for all secondary/satellite containers.
    - Unmarked containers will be disposed of without notice.

**Yellow labels** – for all containers designated as trash for weekly EHS pickup.

- Required on flammable solid containers (red flip tops), 5-gallon disposal jugs, and each item in blue bins.
- Labels must list all waste constituents with approximate percentages totaling 100%.
- Must also include building/room number and the Waste Manager (posted at sinks/Waste Management Area).

## GUIDELINES FOR WORK IN SURROUNDING COMMUNITY

Proper care should be taken to assure all property in the surrounding area is respected and well-maintained, and projects should be executed with public health and safety in mind. Vandalism of any kind will not be tolerated. As on campus, students doing site-specific work off-campus will be legally and financially accountable for any illegal or destructive actions. In addition, projects involving the greater community should be carefully considered and faculty must be consulted throughout. All public projects must be cleared by faculty and permission granted. Remember, that the UF SA+AH retains the power to require a more appropriate solution to any project that may violate any of the guidelines outlined above. Please do not litter or leave materials out in public. Failure to comply with these rules may result in disciplinary action, withholding of grades, the possible lowering of grades, or course failure.