



DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

COURSE OUTLINE – AR1360 A2

VISUAL FUNDAMENTALS I, 2014

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Please call ahead for an appointment.

LOCATION AND TIMES:

Monday and Wednesday, Art Studio A, 8:30 am to 11:20 am

Sept 8 to Dec 8, 2014 — No classes on October 13 and November 10

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: None

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS: None

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

An introductory studio-based course emphasizing the understanding of two and three dimensional design dynamics of visual form.

Please note: This course is one half of a full year course

CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS: 3 (3-0-3) UT

DELIVERY MODE(S): Lecture and Studio

OBJECTIVES (OPTIONAL):

Specific objectives are given for each assignment.

TRANSFERABILITY:

Athabasca ARTT 2xx (3)

Kings UC ARTS 2xx (3)

U of L ART 2xxx (3)

Canadian UC ART 1xx (3)

U of A ART 134 (3)

U of A — Students with only three units of course weight of Visual Fundamentals courses will need to take DES 135 at the U of A to complete the prerequisites necessary for advancement to 300-level ART or DES courses at the U of A. Students presenting six units of course weight of visual fundamentals course are considered to have met the ART 134/DES 135 prerequisites necessary for advancement to 300-level ART or DES courses at the U of A.

Concordia UC Arts 1xx (3)

U of C ART 231 (3)

Expect to have a portfolio of works when applying for transfer.

— *Double Check Receiving University Transfer Guide*

**** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability**

GRADING CRITERIA:

Assignments (59-64%) Specific assignments are weighted.

Process (10-15%) Process grades includes any day to day activities, these marks are averaged and weight to an appropriate amount about class time ranging from 10-15 percent. If you are absent, there is no opportunity to make up a missed process grade. **NOTE: There will be ‘Open Note Review’ based on lectures (notes) and class handouts. This will be a substantial process mark.**

Artist Research: 5.0% Short 3 page research paper, two per term, each 2.5%

Visiting Artist: 3.0%. Attending ‘The Visitor in the Arts Lectures. You will be required to sign an attendance sheet.

Lecture Notes: 4.0% Fall — mid term
4.0% Winter — end term

Attendance / Participation 10% This is a rather straightforward mathematical formula based on your attendance. There are 25 classes in this course. Attend all classes arriving on time $25/25 = 100 = 10\%$ of the year.

Daily attendance/participation marks:

Class starts at 8:30 am, you have 5 minutes grace

Arrive before 8:35 am — Receive 1.0

Arrive after 8:35 am — Receive .95

Arrive after 8:45 am — Receive .90

Arrive after 9:00 am — Receive .85

Arrive after 9:15 am — Receive .75

Arrive after 9:30 am — Receive .66

Arrive after 10:00 am — Receive .50

Arrive after 10:30 am — Receive .33

Arrive after 10:45 am — Receive .10

Arrive after 11:00 am — Receive -.25 (minus.25)

Absent — Receive -.25 (minus.25)

NLT — No Late Time indicated when you signed in — **default to .25**

LE — Left Early If you leave class early, sign out with the departure time, the difference will be regarded & marked as if it were a late arrival time. **Please inform me at the start of class if you need to leave early.**

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GRADING CONVERSION CHART

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Designation
A⁺	4.0	95 – 100	EXCELLENT
A	4.0	90 – 94	
A⁻	3.7	85 – 89	FIRST CLASS STANDING
B⁺	3.3	80 – 84	
B	3.0	75 – 79	GOOD
B⁻	2.7	70 – 72	
C⁺	2.3	67 – 69	SATISFACTORY
C	2.0	63 – 66	
C⁻	1.7	60 – 62	
D⁺	1.3	55 – 59	MINIMAL PASS
D	1.0	50 – 54	
F	0.0	0 – 49	FAIL
WF	0.0	0	FAIL, withdrawal after the deadline

EVALUATIONS:

No examines, assignment and process grading is on going and as per assignment due dates. Portfolios may be required mid and end term.

Mid-term number based upon assignments completed to date. Mid-term is an **indicator grade only for the student's reference** on his/her performance in the course. The weight between *In Class Process and Project Assignments* will reflect the portion of the class time spent in those areas of study.

In Class Process assignments reflects the activity in class that day and they will be short. Hence they will be due at the end of the specific class for marking. **(There will be no extensions for any reason)** Failure to finish projects on time for class critiques will affect student's final evaluation. Students will be expected to invest a minimum of four hours a week in the class.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Bring the required supplies for every class.** If you have missed a previous class it is your responsibility to ask your fellow students or the instructor before the start of class to insure that you have the appropriate supplies and materials ready.
- **Be punctual!** If you arrive late you will have to ask your classmates for the information. You are fully responsible for the material covered in class, projects and due dates. I will not be delivering one to one classes or lectures.

Sign the Attendance Sheet immediately as you come into the classroom.
If you are late for class, returning from break or departing from class early, you must also log in the time.

- **Be prepared to take notes** and save class handouts. Handouts will not be given out twice.
- **Take home assignments are due promptly at the start of due class.** If you cannot attend class have a classmate hand it to me personally in class and identify the situation. I will initial the sign in this situation
- **Returned Process and Assignments Works** will only be handed back once; if you are absent they will be placed in the return drawer for your class. After which I will no longer be responsible for their safekeeping. Ask for your Assignment Grade Sheet, they will be in my office.
- As this is a shared studio space and due to **health and safety reasons** it is expected that you will put your materials, drawings, easels and drawing boards away at the end of class. **Any materials left outside of storage may not be there when you return.**
- **Respect and take pride and care of your work.** You will need examples for your **portfolios** to apply to other institutions.
Expect to have a portfolio of works when applying for transfer
- **Late assignments will lose 10% grade for each day late. (includes week ends) After 10 days, you will receive a zero grade. It is your responsibility to get your work to me. I will not be asking you for late work! Late work must be handed to in person.**
- **No use of iPods or MP3 players in the studio/classroom, all cell phones must be turned off, no texting.**
- If you are **absent for an extended time** period to due health reasons a doctor's slip is required

Cell phones, texting and music are not permitted in the classroom. Need to text, do it at break time outside with the smokers

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Refer to the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at

https://www.gprc.ab.ca/files/forms_documents/Student_Misconduct.pdf

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available at

<https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/>

COURSE SCHEDULE / TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

AR1360 will cover the basic elements of design, including the following: form, line, shape, value, texture, composition and space. The principles of organization including rhythm, balance, scale/proportion and movement will also be covered. These principles will be investigated and applied to both two and three-dimensional work. Students will be introduced to seeing and working from observation, being able to identify and to work on correcting problems in a piece of work. The elements studied in this course are intended to provide a broad foundation of experience and knowledge for students to apply in future visual courses.

The instructor directs course projects and/or assignments. Following an assignment's deadline, no further class time can be devoted, although students are encouraged to improve their work based on insights and comments expressed during class discussions and critiques. Students are expected to work outside of class time approximately 4 -6 hours per week. Overdue portfolios/ assignments are penalized 10% per day.

Over View

Enquiry and Revelation

- Two short, three page **research papers**
- **Visiting artists presentations**, use the sign in sheet

Lecture Notes (on going)

- Become active in your learning process, learn to listen, take notes and ask questions.
- Notes will be marked at mid and end term. Missing notes not submitted at grading time and not be added to bring up your mark.
- If you are absent from the lecture, it will not be repeated, ask a class mate for their notes
- **If you are absent from lectures, you will loose continuity.**

— It is about being present, engaged and involved.

A. 2D Design, Flat or Decorative Space

- Gestalt
- Basic Elements and Principles
- Shape & Line
- Positive and Negative Space
- Balance
- Tension
- Contrast & Unity
- Texture
- Terms and Definitions (hand out)

Extension Projects *2D Design*

B. 3D Design, 3D Physical Space

- Projects of relationship to 2D Gestalt with 2D, flat space to
- 3D Gestalt
- Basic Principles and terms
- Shape & Line
- Positive and Negative Space
- Balance
- Tension
- Contrast & Unity
- Texture
- Mass

Extension Projects, Constructive Exploration *3D Design*

C. 2D Design, Perspective and Pictorial or Illusionistic Space

- Linear Perspective, 1,2, & 3 point
- Tonal Scale
- Balance
- Positive and Negative Space
- Perception of Depth, visual indicators

Basic Volumes and the fall of light on a form

Materials — Do not purchase materials until asked to do so.

Cost \$300.00 to \$350.00

- Masking tape, scissors, retractable blade/knife
- 24" or 30" stainless steel rule
- Compass, if you have one
- Rubber cement, white glue
- Kneaded eraser
- Set of pencils (box) 2H, HB, 2B, 4B, 6B, 8B
- Sharpie permanent marker fine point
- Other assorted markers if you have any
- Colored pencils and chalks with workable fixative
- Set of acrylic paint for colour study, list to be given out later (\$100.00)
- Brushes (\$1 5.00 - 20.00)
- Opus paper and insignia paper throughout course
- Mat board, gray stock
- Portfolio, a home made version will be fine
- A bag/knapsack/tackle box to carry small items
- Wood to be announced as needed
- Drawing board 1/8 inch Masonite, 24" x 32 "
- Notebook

Students are expected to set up prior to class commencing. So, that lectures and demonstrations can proceed uninterrupted at 8:35 AM