



## DEPARTMENT FINE ARTS

### COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2020

#### DD1380 (A2): Design Fundamentals – 3 (2-0-4) 90 Hours for 15 Weeks

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**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:** A studio-based introduction to the conceptual and practical concerns of design. Two-dimensional design related studies.

**PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:** None.

**REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:** No textbook is required, although you may be asked to photocopy reserve material at the library. Binder for handouts and photocopies. The auxiliary fee for this course will cover required printing in the lab. You **MUST** purchase some form of storage to back up your files. Recommended: Mac compatible external hard drive or flash drive. Minimum 16GB.

**DELIVERY MODE(S):** Lecture / Lab

**2020 FALL DELIVERY:** Onsite Delivery. This course is delivered onsite at the GPRC [*Grande Prairie*] campus. Students must supply their own mask and follow GPRC Campus Access Guidelines and Expectations (<https://www.gprc.ab.ca/doc.php?d=ACCESSGUIDE>). Some portions of the course **MAY** be delivered remotely.

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

1. Introduction to the fundamentals of the visual language i.e. line, shape, color, texture, static.
2. Introduction to the computer as a creative tool.
3. Introduction to the Macintosh computer platform and learn the basics of software using Raster (Adobe Photoshop) and Vector Drawing (Adobe Illustrator) programs.

#### **LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

During this course, the student will be able to:

1. Exhibit a discovery of an on-going skill set in Raster (Adobe Photoshop) and Vector Drawing (Adobe Illustrator) programs using the Macintosh computer platform.
2. Import photographs, scan various materials, translate a drawing or photograph to create a vector image, and print assignments.
3. Explain the principles of two-dimensional design and illustrate, through progressive implementation,

how graphic design fits into the world of art.

### TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for specific course transfer information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at Alberta Transfer Guide main page <http://www.transferralberta.ca> or use the direct course search at <http://alis.alberta.ca/ps/tsp/ta/tbi/onlineSearch.html?SearchMode=S&step=2>

**Students have the final responsibility for ensuring the transferability of courses taken at Alberta Colleges and Universities.**

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**.

### EVALUATIONS:

All projects/assignments are evaluated based on:

1. The level of creativity and craftsmanship demonstrated.
2. The degree of knowledge and understanding of the elements and principles of this particular studio discipline.
3. Portfolio presentations will be required throughout the duration of this course.
4. Participation grade is established by your level of enthusiasm, commitment, involvement and flexibility in both studio and individual/collective critiques.

**Projects/Assignments (70%): 7 Projects** at 10% each (3 before the midterm and 4 after the midterm), graded on an ongoing basis, for a total of 70% of your final grade. Projects will be evaluated against the stated objectives of each project, in addition to the level of creativity and technical knowledge demonstrated. Please note that overdue projects will be penalized 10% per day.

**Quizzes (20%): 6 take home quizzes** (3 before the mid-term and 3 after the mid-term) of equal value for a total of 20% of your final grade. Please note that these will not be repeated for individuals who are late/absent.

**Participation (10%):** 10% of the final grade is allocated to attendance and participation during class activities, discussions, and critiques including Participation Assignments 1 and 2.

### GRADING CRITERIA:

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines		Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	90-100		C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-89		C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84		C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79		D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76		D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72		F	0.0	00-49

## **COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:**

<b><u>Week</u></b>	<b><u>Topic/Activity</u></b>
W Sep 2	Introduction to Design Fundamentals, expectations, requirements. In-class definition worksheet.
M Sep 7	HOLIDAY – College is closed. NO CLASS.
W Sep 9	Intro to Illustrator; hand out Participation Assignment 1- Basic shapes. Use of basic shapes to create iconographic designs. Complete Participation Assignment 1 in-class.
M Sep 14	Continued exploration of Illustrator. Hand out Assignment 1 – Compound / Complex Form. Pen, pencil and brush tools.
W Sep 16	Continue work on Assignment 1.
M Sep 21	Introduction to typography. Hand out and begin Assignment 2 – Typographic Pattern / Design.
W Sep 23	Continue work on Assignment 2.
M Sep 28	Advanced typography. Hand out Assignment 3 – 27 <sup>th</sup> Letter.
W Sep 30	Continue work on Assignment 3.
M Oct 5	Continue work on Assignment 3.
W Oct 7	Discuss Assignments 2 and 3. Advanced exploration of Illustrator. Hand out Assignment 4 – Flower or insect. Placement and reference to raster (photo) image in the creation of vector graphic using advanced tools available (gradient, gradient mesh).
M Oct 12	HOLIDAY – Thanksgiving. College closed. NO CLASS.
T Oct 13	FALL BREAK. NO CLASSES.
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F OCT 16	
M Oct 19	MIDTERM – Assignments 1, 2, and 3 are due. Continue work on Assignment 4.
W Oct 21	Continue work on Assignment 4.
M Oct 26	Continue work on Assignment 4.
W Oct 28	Introduction to Photoshop. Importing photograph as reference, using brushes, defining colour palette. ; hand out Participation Assignment 2- Photoshop Basics. Use of basic tools to edit images. Complete Participation Assignment 2 in-class. Hand out Assignment 5 – Face Detail.
M Nov 2	Continue work on Assignment 5.
W Nov 4	Continue work on Assignment 5.
M Nov 9	Advanced exploration of Photoshop. Hand out Assignment 6 – Surreal Collage.
W Nov 11	HOLIDAY - REMEMBRANCE DAY. College closed. NO CLASS
M Nov 16	Discussion of Assignment 7 – Infographic Design. Using either Illustrator or Photoshop (or a combination) develop a large format poster based on student's research.
W Nov 18	Continue work on Assignment 6.
M Nov 23	Continue work on Assignment 6.
W Nov 25	Continue work on Assignment 6.
M Nov 30	Begin work on Assignment 7 - Infographic (FINAL ASSIGNMENT)
W Dec 2	Continue work on Assignment 7.
M Dec 7	Continue work on Assignment 7.
W Dec 9	Work on any unfinished assignments. LAST DAY OF CLASSES / ALL ASSIGNMENTS STARTED AFTER MIDTERM ARE DUE (4, 5, 6, and 7).

## **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Please notify the instructor of illness or absence prior to class.
- It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to obtain handouts, lecture notes and assignments from classmates when you are absent. The instructor will not repeat lectures for latecomers.
- Three late arrivals constitute one absence.
- Students are expected to invest a minimum of 3 hours outside of class time on assignments and preparing for quizzes.
- **EQUIPMENT AND LAB USE:** Cameras and tripods: Students are responsible for all equipment while it is signed out.
- Damage, loss or late return of equipment may result in limited access for the remainder of the term. Students are responsible for costs associated with replacing lost or damaged equipment.
- Computers and printers are available for student use in the digital lab. Students are asked to treat equipment with care, keep the lab clean, and respect other lab users by maintaining a quiet and clean workspace.
- Students MUST clean all surfaces before and after use. Cleaning products will be supplied. Please inform the instructor if the supplies are low or empty.
- DO NOT spray any cleaners directly on the computer equipment. Use supplied cloths/wipes ONLY!
- **PREPARATION AND PLANNING:** Assignments will be introduced in advance in order to allow students to collect images etc. and develop concepts. Students are expected to arrive to class prepared.
- **ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES/ SOCIAL MEDIA:** All cell phones and other communication devices should be turned off before class. Exceptions are made for parental responsibilities or emergency situations.
- Social media (Facebook, Skype, etc.) are not to be used during class time.
- MASKS MUST BE WORN IN CLASS AT ALL TIMES if 2-metre distancing cannot be maintained.

## **STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:**

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and there will be penalties. For a more precise definition of plagiarism and its consequences, refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Admission Guide at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/>

**\*\*Note:** all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.