ART 401.001 Expressive Drawing  
Course Syllabus for Fall 2018

Tuesday, Thursday 8:00 am – 10:40 am

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Course Description: Expressive Drawing - Three semester hours, six hours studio, six hours independent study per week. Emphasis given to the creative process and to drawing as an expression. Levels A-F. Prerequisites: ART 100, 101, 110.

Welcome to Expressive Drawing. This is essentially an open drawing course designed for students to work on their ideas executed through the medium, materials, and practices related to drawing and gain valuable group feedback.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLO’s):

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**Student Learning Outcomes (SLO’s):** Students enrolled in ART 401 should be able to demonstrate through the successful completion of projects and other coursework (including possible exams, quizzes, readings, and writing samples) the acquisition of the following:

- Proficiency in the technical skills related to drawing
- The ability to articulate key concepts and terminology related to drawing
- The ability to develop and execute a cohesive body of work

**Course Outline:** A typical class day will consist of lecture, demonstration, and studio time, in that order. As noted below, there will be a series of reviews held throughout the semester, wherein students will be required to display their work for the purpose of gaining valuable group feedback. It is expected that students will need to spend up to six hours each week outside of class working on their projects.

**Grading and Attendance:** Formal evaluation of coursework will proceed as follows: Grades will be assigned on a scale of 0-4, 0 being low and 4 being high. Each project will be compared to the grading rubric (see below). In addition, there will be a number of formal critiques held throughout the semester. Participation in critiques will be noted and weighed against grades. I reserve the right to assign occasional readings, including written responses, and administer quizzes and/or exams as I see fit and will include the grades of such along-side project grades. Since this class is based largely on studio experience, attendance is mandatory. I expect students to arrive to class on time, every time, just as I expect for myself. Students who miss class will fall behind and the ultimate result will show in poorly executed projects. Students who miss four classes or more will receive a failing grade. I reserve the right to decide whether or not I will repeat lectures and or demonstrations for students who missed them by not coming to class. At the end of the semester, all project/exam/written assignment grades will be averaged to determine the final grade. Below is the grading scale:

- 3.5 - 4      A
- 3 – 3.4      B
- 2 – 2.9      C
- 1 – 1.9      D
- 0 - .9       F
As the instructor, I will keep a record of attendance, noting the arrival and departure times of each student. In order to avoid factual error and to be able to verify my own record, students will also be required to sign in and out on a designated sign-in sheet each day. Students who neglect to sign in and out, for whatever reason, may be counted absent, tardy, or as having left early.

**Grading Rubric:**
An assignment receiving a grade of “A” (a numerical grade of 4) represents the best possible example of that assignment. The work is excellent. There are no technical problems. The parameters of the assignment, such as they are, have been met with exactness. Content is both creative and ambitious and goes well beyond simple imitation of the demonstration. The work exhibits a sound understanding on the part of the student.
An assignment receiving a grade of “B” (a numerical grade of 3) represents work that is good, but could be better. The work has some technical errors, but overall is satisfactory and above average. Possibly not all of the parameters of the assignment have been fulfilled, but most have. The content is thought out to a certain point, but it is slightly evident that further inquiry could have been used on the part of the student.
An assignment receiving a grade of “C” (a numerical grade of 2) represents work that is average. The work has several errors, both technical and conceptual. The work betrays a general lack of understanding on the part of the student. Not all parameters have been met. The assignment lacks creativity beyond the demonstration of the assignment.
An assignment receiving a grade of “D” (a numerical grade of 1) represents work that is below average and that is in need of reconsideration. There are many glaring errors in both technique and conceptual rigor. The work doesn’t satisfy the parameters of the assignment, but should be given some credit based on a low level of effort. The work displays that the student does not grasp the assigned content very well at all.
An assignment receiving a grade of “F” (a numerical grade of 0) represents the type of work that can in no way be accepted for credit. The parameters of the assignment are not met. The technical errors are gratuitous. The portrayed attitude is one of “blowing off.” The work should be redone.

**Late Work:** As the instructor, I reserve the right to accept or reject late work (work that is turned in past the published due date) at my own discretion without explanation to the student turning in late work. Late work may be given full, partial or no credit. This includes work that has been revised and re-submitted. It is in the students’ best interest to turn in quality work on time.
**Acceptable Student Behavior:** Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (see the Student Conduct Code, policy D-34.1). Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the i-Care Early Alert Program. This program provides students with recommendations for resources or other assistance that is available to help SFA students succeed.

**Lab Policies:** This lab is a shared lab. It is every student’s responsibility to clean up after each work session and to use the studio with care. Additionally, the drawing studio is not a storage area. Every student should check out a locker from the School of Art. Consult the office staff for locker assignment. Students will also be assigned a vertical file for use during the semester.

Since we use materials that have the potential for causing physical harm, we have instituted a strict policy prohibiting consumption of food and beverages in the classroom.

**Academic Policies:**

**Academic Dishonesty:** Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one's own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper without giving the author due credit. For more information visit [http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp](http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp)

**Students with disabilities:** No qualified student with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any ... postsecondary education program or activity ... [Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, 84.43] and

An institution shall make such modifications to its academic requirements as are necessary to ensure that such requirements do not discriminate or have the
effect of discrimination on the basis of handicap, against a qualified handicapped applicant or student ...

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Pregnancy Clause: If you are pregnant or should become pregnant while taking this course, or have a medical condition that could increase your sensitivity to chemical exposure, it is important for you to take all precautions concerning your own personal safety. While reasonable measures have been taken to insure your safety, there is a risk in this class of exposure to materials that could prove harmful to persons at risk. Please contact the professor should you have questions or concerns. Students who need accommodations for certified disabilities should work through the Office of Disability Services and then your professor.

**Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (A-54):**

Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

**Course Evaluations:** Near the conclusion of each semester, students in the School of Art electronically evaluate courses taken within the COFA. As you evaluate this course, please be thoughtful, thorough, and accurate in completing the evaluation. Please know that the COFA faculty is committed to excellence in teaching and continued improvement. Therefore, your response is critical! In the School of Art, the course evaluation process has been simplified and is completed electronically through MySFA. Although the instructor will be able to view the names of students who complete the survey, all ratings and comments are confidential and anonymous, and will not be available to the instructor until after final grades are posted.

**Materials List:** Aside from materials students have already acquired just by being involved in the arts, each student has paid a materials fee which will cover assigned project needs and some individual needs. Each student will need to provide for themselves the following supplies:

Matboard, lumber, hanging hardware, plexiglass for framing as detailed toward the end of the semester
Multi-color ballpoint pen

Sketchbook (any brand/size/structure)

Optional: Watercolors and brushes, gouache

Structure: Total of 10 projects as listed below.

Project 1: Doodling
Project 2: Expanded Doodle
Project 3: Cliche transformation into work of fine art
Project 4: Exquisite Corpse
Project 5: Chance Operations and limitations
Project 6: Monotypes (Reduction drawings)
Project 7: Cliché verre via gum bichromate
Project 8: Flip Book
Project 9: Stop Frame Animation
Project 10: Matting and Framing

Calendar (subject to change with or without notice):

Week 1
T 8-28: Introduction, syllabus review, faculty slide presentation (Sketchbook to finished drawing series). Introduction to project # 1: Doodling

Th 8-30: Work Day

Week 2
T 9-04: Project 1 due at beginning of class. Intro to project 2: Enlarged and Refined Doodle

Th 9-06: Work Day

Week 3
T 9-11: Project 2 due at beginning of class. Intro to project 3: Cliche project. Turn a cliche into a work of art.

Th 9-13: Work day
**Week 4**

T 9-18: Project due 3 at the beginning of class. Intro to project 4: Exquisite Corpse

Th 9-20: Work Day

**Week 5**

T 9-25: Project 4 due at beginning of class. Intro to project 5: Chance Operations

Th 9-27: Work Day

**Week 6**

T 10-02: Project 5 due at beginning of class. Intro to project 6: Monotypes (Reductive Drawings)

Th 10-04: Work Day

**Week 7**

T 10-09: Project 6 due at beginning of class. Intro to project 7: Cliché verre via gum bichromate

Th 10-11: Work Day

**Week 8**

T 10-16: Work Day

Th 10-18: Project 7 due at beginning of class. Midterm Critique of all projects to date.

**Week 9**

T 10-23: Intro to Project 8: Flip Book

Th 10-25: Work Day

**Week 10**

T 10-30: Project 8 Due at beginning of class. Intro to project 9: Stop Frame Animation

Th 11-01: Work Day

**Week 11**

T 11-06: Work Day

Th 11-08: Work Day
**Week 12**

T 11-13: Work Day

Th 11-15: Project 9 due at the end of class

**Week 13**

T 11-20: Thanksgiving Holiday. No class.

Th 11-22: Thanksgiving Holiday. No class.

**Week 14**

T 11-27: Matting and framing demo

Th 11-29: Matting and framing demo continued

**Week 15**

T 12-04: Work day.

Th 12-06: Final Critique (at least one work matted and framed in the critique as well as all other work from midterm to final)

**Week 16**

Th 12-13: Final Exam Scheduled for 8-10 am. Individual meetings regarding grades.