Printmaking I - 13007 - ARTS 2333 - 001

Tuesday, Thursday 11:00 am - 1:40 pm

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Course Description:
Printmaking I - Three semester hours, six hours studio, six hours assigned independent study per week. Exploratory studies in the use of basic media and techniques for printmaking. Prerequisites: ARTS 1316, 1311. Fall, spring.

Welcome to Beginning printmaking. Students will be given instruction and time sufficient for the successful completion of five projects ranging through the basic printing processes including screen printing and relief (see calendar at the end of this syllabus):

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Student Learning Outcomes (SLO’s): Students enrolled in ART 2333 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 basic technical skills related to printmaking
• The ability to articulate key concepts and terminology related to printmaking
• 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.

Due to the unpredictable nature of the global Coronavirus pandemic, the traditional format of this face-to-face course has been altered officially to incorporate “hybrid” status. While every effort will be made to meet with students face-to-face as often as twice-a-week, everyone would be wise to be as flexible as possible in the event that the university undertakes such measures as most — if not all — universities did in the spring of this year; namely the rapid transition from in-class instruction to remote delivery. Therefore, this class is structured such that instruction can be delivered synchronously face-to-face, synchronously via Zoom, and/or asynchronously via online videos. In order to do our part to avoid a university wide shut down, we will split the class in two with one half meeting on Mondays and the other on Wednesdays. Should the university shut down and relegate the remainder of the semester to remote content delivery, the class will be instructed asynchronously online via video tutorials. Official communication in all cases will be via e-mail using your “mysfa” email. Those students who so wish can complete this class solely online provided there is weekly communication with the instructor and all assignments are met in a timely manner. Note: those students studying remotely will be required to
purchase all required course tools and materials independently. The instructor will make no effort to ship or otherwise deliver tools and materials.

Masks (cloth face coverings) must be worn over the nose and mouth at all times in this class and appropriate physical distancing must be observed. Students not wearing a mask and/or not observing appropriate physical distancing will be asked to leave the class. All incidents of not wearing a mask and/or not observing appropriate physical distancing will be reported to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Students who are reported for multiple infractions of not wearing a mask and/or not observing appropriate physical distancing may be subject to disciplinary actions.


Social Distancing measures should be taken at all times during class. Please avoid close proximity to others and maintain the CDC-recommended 6-feet distance from others. The printmaking studio is equipped with sinks for washing hands. Please wash hands upon entering the studio at the beginning of face-to-face class meetings and after each break. No food or eating is permitted in the studio.

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
**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.

**Optional Recommended Texts:**


The Complete Printmaker: Techniques, Traditions, Innovations, John Ross

**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 equipment with care. Additionally, the printmaking 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 flat file drawer for use during the semester. Those who are enrolling in a subsequent semester will be able to retain the drawer for continued storage. Those who will not be enrolling in a subsequent semester will need to clean out their drawer at the end of the semester. Failure to do so will result in the confiscation, and potential discarding of the contents of the drawer without notice to the student.

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]
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 and 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:

The materials fee will cover the following consumable items: newsprint, solvents, relief/intaglio inks, screen printing inks, ink additives, photo emulsions, digital film, inkjet ink, linoleum blocks, and printing paper for all five projects.

Students will need to acquire the following:

Tackle box for tool storage (could purchase locally at Walmart, Lowes, Harbor Freight, etc.)
Assortment of watercolor brushes (#6 round, ½” flat; Hobby Lobby)

Speedball 4” soft brayer (dickblick.com jerrysartarama.com etc.)

Wooden spoon (Walmart, etc.)

Utility knife (I highly recommend the Olfa heavy duty snap-off available at Lowes)

#2 pencil

1 pair of Rubber gloves (Lowes or Walmart)

Safety glasses (Lowes or Walmart)

1 roll of 1” masking tape (Lowes or Walmart)

1 box or roll of shop towels (Lowes or Walmart)

Fine tip permanent marker (sharpe)

Optional

Bone Folder (talasonline.com)

Apron

X-acto knife (Hobby Lobby)

18” steel ruler (Hobby Lobby)

Five projects (in order)

Screenprint Monotype

Single Run Screen Print

Multi-Run Screen Print

Single run linocut

Reduction linocut
**Calendar:**

1) 8/25, 8/27: Introduction, print show and tell, drawer assignment. Project 1 monotype screenprint.

2) 9/01, 9/03: Work on project 1

3) 9/08, 9/10: Project 1 due. Introduction to project 2, single run screen print using emulsion. Coat screens. Work on cliché verre drawings on mylar with pen and ink.

4) 9/15, 9/17: Expose, develop screens.


7) 10/06, 10/08: Work on coating, exposing, developing screens.

8) 10/13, 10/15: Paper preparation. Printing in multiple registration with multiple colors


10) 10/27, 10/29: Image transfer, cutting.

11) 11/03, 11/05: Proofing, reworking.


13) 11/17, 11/19: Project 4 due (1/10-10/10). Critique. Introduction to project 5 reduction linocut. Image transfer, carving, punch hole registration, printing run 1 by hand (no press)

14) 11/24, 11/26: Thanksgiving Break

15) 12/01, 12/03: printing runs 2 and 3.

16) 12/08, 12/10: Finals Week Either 12/08 10:45-1:15 or 12/10 10:45-1:15