ART 1316.001  Drawing I
Instructor Shaun Michael Roberts

Course Time and Location
MW 11:00 am — 1:40 pm, Art 201

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Course Description
This course introduces students to observational drawing, developing the formal qualities of drawing and its concepts. The student will draw from still life, nature and other sources.

Student Learning Outcomes
• Basic drawing elements: line, shape, form, mass, texture, value & volume
• Negative and positive shape
• Intuitive gesture
• Proportional relationships, perceptual grid, and measuring
• Perspective and space relationships
• Gain basic drawing mechanics and skills with various media
• Improve technical efficiency and skill in various media
• Develop problem solving and creative thinking skills

Course Regulations
• Participation in the class is essential for the course. Active Involvement in class critiques and discussions will reflect the students understanding of class materials; likewise receiving feedback from the instructor and classmates will be crucial for every students learning in the class.
• You are responsible for getting information and missed assignments from your classmates.
• You should not wear headphones, or do home work for other classes. Please turn off all your electronic devices (cell phone, ipod etc.)
• Each week assignments or part of assignments will be due. Expect 5 to 9 hours of homework each week, or at least one hour per weekday. Late work will result in lower grades (at least one letter grade from A to B or 4.0 to 3.0).
• Missing assignments will adversely affect your final grade.

Attendance
Attendance is required for this class.
4 absences will result in a 1 full letter grade deduction on your Final Grade
5 absences will result in a 2 full letter grade deduction on your Final Grade
6+ absences will result in an F for this course

Excessive Tardiness will not be tolerated. After 15 min late I will consider you absent.
Students are required to sign-in at the beginning and end of class. Your record of attendance is your responsibility. If you forget to sign-in, you must contact me that same day to get credit for attending.

Please let me know beforehand (when possible) if you will be missing class.

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<td>(A 90-100)</td>
<td>Excellent work that exceeds the requirements of the assignment and performance expectation of the class.</td>
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<td>(B 80-89)</td>
<td>Above average work that demonstrates a thorough understanding of the assignment, with enthusiastic participation in the class.</td>
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<td>(C 70-79)</td>
<td>Average work that meets the minimum course requirements.</td>
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<td>(D 60-69)</td>
<td>Below average work with minimal involvement in the class.</td>
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<td>(F &lt;60)</td>
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<td>• Completing the requirements, demonstrating control of the media to achieve creative results in terms of content and conceptual growth.</td>
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<td>• Using class time to your best advantage to complete work.</td>
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75% In class work  
25% Homework and participation in critiques

A **Excellent:** Displays a strong grasp of the process, concepts and materials that far exceeds normal expectations. Deep understanding of elements and principles of drawing and two-dimensional design conveyed in the work. Drawings convey a solid framework through gesture in the initial stages and of in-depth development in their progression. Handling of materials, rendering of form and approach to composition are mature and convey insight and invention. Self-motivated, disciplined and committed to practice. Comes to class prepared at all times. Work is always on time. Very active in critiques and discussions.

B **Above Average:** Displays a good grasp of the process, concepts and materials that exceeds normal expectations. Solid understanding of elements and principles of drawing and two-dimensional design conveyed in the work. Drawings convey a relatively solid framework through gesture in the initial stages and of good development in their progression. Handling of materials, rendering of form and approach to composition are mature and convey some insight and invention. Mostly self-motivated, disciplined and committed to practice. Comes to class all of the time. Work is on time. Active in critiques and discussions.

C **Average:** Displays an average understanding of the process concepts and materials that meets normal expectations. Some demonstrated understanding of elements and principles of drawing and two-dimensional design. Drawings convey little framework with underdeveloped gesture in the initial stages and development
Late assignments will only be accepted the following class, for a drop of one full letter grade. Projects later than one class period will not be accepted and will receive a 0. If you are absent on a due date because of an excused absence, you may turn your project in the day you return with no grade penalty.

**D Below Average**: Lacks an understanding of or engagement with the process, concepts and materials that falls below normal expectations. Little demonstrated understanding of elements and principles of drawing and two-dimensional design. Drawings lack framework and gesture is generally underdeveloped in the initial stages; drawings feel incomplete. Handling of materials, rendering of form and approach to composition lack maturity and convey little insight and invention. Lacks self-motivation, discipline and commitment to practice. Comes to class prepared most of the time. Work is mostly on time, but lacks in-depth investigation. Not engaged with or active in critiques and discussions.

**F** Failure to turn in projects, excessive absences, not engaged with or active in critiques and discussions.

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**Group Critique Expectations**

Occasionally we will have group critiques over work in progress. This is part of your participation grade. Students will lead the critique and are expected to facilitate the majority of the dialogue. By discussing context, aesthetics, and principles of design, based on the expectations of the particular assignment.

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**Sketchbook Assignments**

A sketchbook is required for this course. Students are expected to take notes during lectures and work outside of class. Continuous drawing is important in order to sharpen one’s perceptual skills. Your sketchbook should be handed in as part of the final examination. Your sketchbook will impact the Final grade. You will hand in your sketchbook during the first class of each week.

Missing sketchbook assignments as well as other homework and in class assignments will adversely affect your final grade. If you have questions about the sketchbook requirements, and want me to look at your sketchbook, please feel free to make an appointment.

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**Readings + Lectures**

There is no specific text for this class. Occasional I will share lectures during class to introduce you to new projects.

It is crucial that you attend class and do not miss these lectures.
**Mid-Semester Review**

Students meet with the Professor for a critique of classwork, both in-class work and outside class assignments. Students’ progress and participation in class will also be discussed.

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**Art Supplies**

Basic drawing materials will be provided for you, using the course fees already applied to the course. You are only responsible for the sketchbook and replacing lost and used materials when necessary.

- 11” x 14” Sketchbook *(Need to provide your own)*
- Vine Charcoal
- Graphite pencils: 2H, HB, 2B/4B
- Charcoal pencil
- White block eraser
- Gray kneaded eraser
- Drawing paper
- Newsprint

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**Academic Integrity (A-9.1)**

Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.

**Definition of 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.

Please read the complete policy at [http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp](http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp)

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**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 coursework 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 to compute the grade point average. For additional information, go to [https://www.sfasu.edu/policies/course-grades-5.5.pdf](https://www.sfasu.edu/policies/course-grades-5.5.pdf).

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**Students with Disabilities**

To obtain disability-related accommodations, alternate formats, and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be
Student Code of Conduct: Policy 10.4

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. 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 policy 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 iCare: Early Alert Program at SFA. Information regarding the iCare program is found at https://www.sfasu.edu/judicial/earlyalert.asp or call the office at 936-468-2703.

Academic Integrity

Articles IV, VI, and VII of the new Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity outline the violations and procedures concerning academic conduct, including cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and misrepresentation. Cheating includes, but is not limited to: (1) Copying from the test paper (or other assignment) of another student, (2) Possession and/or use during a test of materials that are not authorized by the person giving the test, (3) Using, obtaining, or attempting to obtain by any means the whole or any part of a non-administered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program, or using a test that has been administered in prior classes or semesters without permission of the Faculty member, (4) Substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for one’s self, to take a test, (5) Falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other records or academic work offered for credit, (6) Using any sort of unauthorized resources or technology in completion of educational activities.

Plagiarism is the appropriation of material that is attributable in whole or in part to another source or the use of one’s own previous work in another context without citing that it was used previously, without any indication of the original source, including words, ideas, illustrations, structure, computer code, and other expression or media, and presenting that material as one’s own academic work being offered for credit or in conjunction with a program course or degree requirements.

Collusion is the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any provision of the rules on academic dishonesty, including disclosing and/or distributing the contents of an exam.

Misrepresentation is providing false grades or résumés; providing false or misleading information in an effort to receive a postponement or an extension on a test, quiz, or other assignment for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit for oneself or another individual or to injure another student academically or financially.
SFA values students’ overall well-being, mental health and the role it plays in academic and overall student success. Students may experience stressors that can impact both their academic experience and their personal well-being. These may include academic pressure and challenges associated with relationships, emotional well-being, alcohol and other drugs, identities, finances, etc.

If you are experiencing concerns, seeking help, SFA provides a variety of resources to support students’ mental health and wellness. Many of these resources are free, and all of them are confidential.

On-campus Resources:
The Dean of Students Office (Rusk Building, 3rd floor lobby)
www.sfasu.edu/deanofstudents
936.468.7249
dos@sfasu.edu

SFA Human Services Counseling Clinic Human Services, Room 202
www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/139.asp
936.468.1041

The Health and Wellness Hub “The Hub”
Location: corner of E. College and Raguet St.

To support the health and well-being of every Lumberjack, the Health and Wellness Hub offers comprehensive services that treat the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Services include:
- Health Services
- Counseling Services
- Student Outreach and Support
- Food Pantry
- Wellness Coaching
- Alcohol and Other Drug Education

www.sfasu.edu/thehub
936.468.4008
thehub@sfasu.edu

Crisis Resources:
- Burke 24-hour crisis line: 1.800.392.8343
- National Suicide Crisis Prevention: 9-8-8
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1.800.273.TALK (8255)
- johCrisis Text Line:
  Text HELLO to 741-741
Calendar may be adjusted throughout the semester.

Aug 28  Introduction, syllabus, materials
Aug 30  Drawing mechanics, Intuitive Gesture

Sept 4  Intuitive gesture
Sept 6  Perceptual Grid, extended lines, composition

Sept 11 Perceptual Grid continued, Proportion + measuring
Sept 13  Project 1: Still Life

Sept 18 Project continued
Sept 20 Project continued

Sept 25 Intro to Positive/Negative Space, Line Quality
   Project 2: Contour & Silhouette - Figure & Ground
Sept 27 Project continued

Oct 2  Intro to Perspective. Project 3: Perspective Study
Oct 4  Project continued

Oct 9  Project continued
Oct 11  Project continued

Oct 16 Intro to Cross-contour. Project 4: Contour study
Oct 18  Project continued

Oct 23  Midterm, Project continued
Oct 25  Project continued

Oct 30  Intro to Value. Project 5: Full Value study
Nov 1  Project continued

Nov 6  Project continued
Nov 8  Project continued

Nov 13 Final Project: Planes of Head + Skull
Nov 15  Project continued

Nov 20  Thanksgiving Break, No Class
Nov 22  Thanksgiving Break, No Class

Nov 27  Project continued
Nov 29  Project continued

Dec 4  Project continued
Dec 6  Project continued

Dec 11  Exam week, Final Critique