Art 4304.001 – Advanced Sculpture, Fall 2012  
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This course is designed to help the art student find his or her own voice or style through the medium of sculpture. The sculpture student will be exposed to different mold making and modeling techniques. The student will also explore different processes used in a foundry to create a cast object. The materials and techniques used in this course will give the student an understanding of the lost wax method of casting, as well as simple mold-making procedures. Sculpture is a creative process and every student has a creative potential. I will encourage this creative growth through assignments that incorporate a suggested theme with a technical problem to be resolved. Achieving this growth will require studio time beyond class hours, oral expression of ideas, and creative decision-making. The purpose of this class is not to create a quantity of objects but to acquire the self-confidence and desire to continue creating sculpture.

The student will also learn the use and care of tools needed for creating a sculpture. Work outside scheduled class hours will be necessary to complete assignments. The open studio situation requires students to be responsible for the safe use of tools and equipment, and for maintaining a clean and safe work environment.

Student Learning Outcomes
Each student will be able to understand the principles of intermediate shop technology and safety.
Each student will be able to create technical strategies in mold making techniques.
The student will develop a vocabulary both in order to explicate works of sculpture and to verbally discuss issues of quality.
The student will develop technical and craftsmanship skills in foundry practices.
Each student will be able to offer an oral critique of sculptural products.
Each student will be able to participate in group critiques.

Critiques
Completion of all assigned projects on time for critiques, cleaning the studio in preparation for the critiques, and active participation in the critiques are required. The students will be asked to explain their projects to the class and defend them on their aesthetic merit. The projects will be evaluated on
craftsmanship, creativity, and the ability to communicate an idea. Each student will be given a project evaluation sheet before each critique. Each project evaluation sheet is to be filled out with a thumb nail sketch of the project. The project evaluation sheet will be returned so the student can see how the project was evaluated. Each student can then make adjustments to the project if needed and turn it back in the day of the final for re-evaluation. The final critique will consist of all projects completed for this course. The body of work is evaluated as a whole to assess the student’s ability to put together a cohesive group of sculptures.

**Attendance**
After three absences a student’s final course grade will be lowered one letter grade. Excessive tardiness (6) will cause a student’s grade to be lowered one letter grade. Leaving class for supplies demonstrates that the student is ill prepared; such departures will count as tardiness. Demonstrations and lectures will not be repeated – it is the student’s responsibility to get the notes from another student.

**Safety**
A failure to conform to safety procedures at any time will cause a student’s grade to be lowered one letter grade, or a student may be asked to drop the course. Students must wear eye protection, and dress in clothes suitable for an art studio. Attendance at the shop orientation is mandatory.

**Grades**
Each project is of equal weight for the final grade. Each project will be graded on 5 criteria which add up to a possible total of 100 points. The final critique is worth 500 points, and all assignments must be presented. The final grade can and will be reduced in cases of excessive absences and tardiness as explained in the section entitled *Attendance*. The grade of A can only be achieved if *all* project criteria are met.

**Supplies**
The Art Department uses material fees to provide supplies for the class as a whole. Students are expected to purchase supplies that are necessary to produce final individual projects.
Project Calendar

August
  22  Found Object Sculpture
  29  Studio Practice

September
  05  Studio Practice
  10  Studio Practice
  12  Studio Practice
  17  Lost Wax Casting
  19  Studio Practice
  24  Studio Practice
  26  Studio Practice

October
  01  Studio Practice
  03  Studio Practice
  08  Studio Practice
  10  Studio Practice
  15  Critique
  17  Individual projects
  22  Studio Practice
  24  Studio Practice
  26  Studio Practice
  29  Studio Practice
  31  Studio Practice

November
  05  Individual projects
  07  Studio Practice
  12  Critique
  14  Individual projects
  19  Studio Practice
  21  Studio Practice
  26  Studio Practice
  28  Studio Practice

December
  03  Last Day of Class
  10  Final critique (all projects presented)
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Project Evaluation Sheet

Project: Final

Content ______________________

Craftsmanship ______________________

Presentation ______________________

Form / Line ______________________

Critiques__, attendance__, shop safety & maintenance__, participation, and collaboration__.

Student name ______________________

Thumbnail drawing of assignment:  ->
ACADEMIC ADVISING
The College of Liberal Arts requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. The Academic Advisor will set up a degree plan, which must be signed by the student, a faculty mentor, and the department chair. The College’s Academic Advising Center is located in Driftwood 203E, and can be reached at 825-3466.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at 361.825.5816 in Driftwood 101.
If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at 361.825.5816.

Grade Appeal Process
As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal.

A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. If the problem cannot be resolved at this level, the student may take the steps below.

1. Presentation of grievance to instructor. (This step must be taken within fourteen calendar days after the beginning of the next term.)
2. Appeal to department chair or area coordinator.
3. Written appeal to the University Academic Standards Grievance Committee.
4. Preliminary review and advising by an ombudsman appointed by the Provost.
5. Submission of file by department chair to the chair of the University Academic Standards Grievance Committee.
6. Review of file by committee chair and submission of case to committee.
7. Proceedings of the University Academic Standards Grievance Committee. (Committee holds hearing, reviews data, presents findings to all parties, and makes recommendation to Provost.)
8. Decision by Provost.
9. Final appeal in writing to the Provost if student or instructor thinks appropriate procedures have not been followed.

For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, and University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules Website at http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.htm. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.