Art 3304.001 -Intermediate Sculpture
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Course Description

At this intermediate level of sculpture, the student will be exposed to new material and processes, balanced with the generation of ideas based upon individual expression. In this area, the professional aspects of the sculptural experience, quality of the work, concept, content and craftsmanship from piece to piece is important. Also of utmost importance is the completion of work. Finishing pieces allows the artist the ability to reflect upon decision-making processes in the building of sculptural form. Unfinished work does a tremendous disservice in the growth and learning experience.

The method by which I deal with students is a one on one individualized problem solving style, so I expect a continuous dialogue over the semester. Remember that you will be expected to maintain a high level of productivity and quality of work. Ideas and the ability to articulate them verbally are crucial in the understanding of self-expression, I expect all students to participate actively during critiques in a lively, informed and intelligent fashion.

Student Learning Outcomes

In successfully completing this course, the student will:

- demonstrate an understanding of the basic principles, language, techniques and processes of sculpture
- exhibit a level of proficiency in sculptural processes and material manipulation.

These outcomes will be fully measured and assessed by the quality of the finished work presented during each critique and at the final.

Policy

*For all casting exercises, you must be present to make molds, load and unload the kiln if necessary and to cast your work (no exceptions!) You must attend the pour and help to clean up afterwards.*

There will be 3 critiques in the semester with finished work only to be reviewed. I will not discuss work in progress!!! 4 pieces from each student is the requirement for a semester's effort.

You are expected to arrive at your own imagery and conceptual direction. I am here to help you solve problems and to guide you, so please take advantage of my expertise.
Communication is the key so if there are any problems regarding anything during the semester please talk to me first.

Three unexcused absences constitute a drop of one full grade for the final grade for this course.

All process will be demonstrated and you must be able to pass a competency test before being allowed to proceed to braze or weld. 
A full shop orientation with safety procedures will be conducted and everyone must attend.

**Grades**

80% of the final grades will be determined by the quality of work that is produced and presented, complete and on time. The remaining 20% will be determined thusly, 10% by class participation and 10% attendance. **For every class period that work is turned in late a drop of one letter grade will result for that piece.**

No incompletes will be awarded to any student without sufficient medical excuses.

You will need your own respirator, safety glasses, leather work boots, and work clothes. Please choose a locker and keep these items available to you when class begins. 
Have materials ready for class. Leaving to go get materials will constitute an absence. 
Come ready to work! 
Mark all of your tools and materials with your name, class and semester-year. 
Clean up after you are finished working. I will ask that everyone help to clean the shop before each critique.

Return all tools to the tool room and remove all pieces in progress from tables and blocking the work areas. Failure to comply in this area will result in me throwing your stuff out. 
Sketchbooks are required for everyone in the class. I will ask to see sketches of your ideas routinely so be prepared. Carry your book with you at all times and use it! 
Drawing is highly important in making art and I expect everyone to draw constantly.

I will meet with all students at the beginning of each class. This time is used to discuss ideas, solve problems, and conduct demonstrations. You are expected to be in class on time and prepared to work.

**Have a great semester. Get to Work!**

*Assignments*
There are 4 projects due for this course. The first one has two components. Each assignment will be discussed in detail prior to beginning via a handout and class dialogue. This will also include the due date and specifics for each assignment.

1. **Cast relief** - socio-political statement modeled in clay, then cast in aluminum, 12X12"

2. **Found object assemblage**, - this is an introduction to brazing metal. Must be freestanding; 3' minimum in height and comprised of found metal parts. with 1 non metal component.

3. **Welded pencil rod composition** - gas welding introduction. 3'minimum

4. **Psychological self portrait** - mixed media processes. The scale is as tall as the artist.

I would recommend that you take the time for independent research. Sculpture magazine, Art In America and Art Forum are great recourses for current trends in contemporary sculpture.

* assignments may be subject to change

**Course Outline**

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<td>wood and metal shop orientations</td>
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<td>demonstration and discussion, review concept drawings</td>
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<td>discussion and studio practices</td>
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Nov.7  finishing welded assignment
Nov.12  **Critique on third assignment**- distribute next assignment
Nov.14  review concept drawings –begin working
Nov.19  studio practices- work on final
Nov.21  studio practices-continue working
Nov.26  finishing of final
Dec.3   continue studio work
Dec.7   begin finishing techniques
Dec.10  finish 4th project
Dec.12  **Final Critique of 4th assignment**
Dec.17  shop clean up!

*The above dates are an approximation and may change pending allowance for casting schedules, equipment problems, weather etc. Any change will be announced well in advance.*

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**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.

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