ARTS-3301-002
Life Drawing
Summer 1 2015, Maymester
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Dates: 5/14/15-5/29/15
Schedule: 8:00-4:45 pm MTWR
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Course Description
This is an advanced course focused on drawing from the figure. Students will draw from direct observation. Students will experiment with a variety of mark making materials and supports. Students will study the history of figure drawing. Students will complete a body of work suitable for portfolio review. Students will produce a CD with digital images of their portfolio.

Textbook
In lieu of a textbook, students will be given assigned readings.

Learning Outcomes
• Students will engage in a rigorous investigation of seeing.
• Students will practice constructive criticism and become independently capable of participating in critique.
• Students will experiment with drawing tools, supports, mark making, composition, form and space.
• Students will work from the figure in space.
• Students will investigate the history and application of figure drawing.
• Students will produce and present a final body of work.
• Students will produce a CD of digital images of their final body of work.

Attendance Policy
Attendance and punctuality are mandatory for this class. If you anticipate missing four classes or more, for any reason at all, I urge you to reschedule this class. Your final grade will be lowered if you miss more than 3 classes. If you miss 4 classes, your grade will be lowered by one letter grade. If you miss 5 classes, your grade will be lowered by two letter grades. If you miss 6 classes, you will fail this course. If you are late or leave early this will be counted as a tardy. Three tardies equal one absence. If you miss final critique, you will fail this course.

Lockers
See Art Office to reserve a locker in the hallway.
Academic Honesty
Student handbook: students who violate academic integrity and regulations by plagiarism, other academic dishonesty or disruptive behavior will be held accountable by faculty and may have their grades adjusted accordingly.

Grading and Evaluation
- In-Class Assignments: 50% (This includes in-class motivation, preparation, participation and attitude.)
- CD of Final Portfolio: 25%
- Final Critiques: 25% (You must keep all work from the entire semester. A portion of this work will be presented during Final Critique. This grade includes your participation and attitude during Final Critique.)

**Note: If you are absent during Final Critique, you will fail this course.

Course Conduct
I expect students to be kind and respectful and professional. Mean, bullying or threatening behavior or language will not be tolerated. Homophobic, racist, sexist or hateful language of any kind will not be tolerated. Students participating in threatening, bullying or disrespectful language or behavior of any kind will not be allowed to participate in group critiques or final exhibition and will be asked to drop this class. If a student exhibits mean, bullying, unprofessional or threatening language or behavior during class time or after class in TAMUCC studios (private studios as well as classroom spaces), this student will fail the course and the administration will be notified. Please be a good role model for your fellow students. Please leave the studio cleaner than you found it.

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. Degree plans are prepared in the CLA Academic Advising Center. The University uses an online Degree Audit system. Any amendment must be approved by the Department Chair and the Office of the Dean. All courses and requirements specified in the final degree plan audit must be completed before a degree will be granted. The CLA Academic Advising Office is located in Driftwood #203. For more information please call 361-825-3466.

DISABILITY SERVICES
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 Corpus Christi Hall, Room #116.

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 APPEALS PROCESS
Students who feel that they have not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in this class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details on the process of submitting a formal grade appeal, please visit the College of Liberal Arts website, cla.tamu.edu/students/studentinfo.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Associate Dean’s Office.

Materials List
Pencils (6B, 5B, 4B, 3B, 2B, H, 2H, 4H, 6H)
Plastic Eraser
Kneaded Eraser
Compressed Charcoal
White Charcoal
Soft Vine Charcoal
Black Ink (I suggest Higgins)
Pen and Nib (for Ink)
Acrylics (Black and White)
Acrylic Brushes (Round and Flat, Small/Medium/Large)
Good Drawing Paper (18 by 24)
Newsprint (18 by 24)
Portfolio (for keeping and transporting paper and drawings)
Box Cutter/Utility Knife
Large binder clips or Tape (To Attach drawing paper to board)
Sketchbook
Scissors
Tool box (suggested but not necessary)

Tentative Course Outline

Week 1: Gesture Drawings, 5 Minute Drawings, 1 Hour drawings: Soft Vine Charcoal, Compressed Charcoal, White Charcoal, Conte, Acrylic Paint (Mono Prints)

Week 2: 6-8 Hour Poses: Pencil, Ink and Alternative Media

Final Project: Screen Printing A Figure Drawing and Binding an Artist Book

Last Day of Class: Final Critique

Final Exam Day: Digital Portfolio is Due.