ARTS 4303.001 Advanced Painting

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A. ADVANCED PAINTING (4303.001)
A further investigation of painting with emphasis on alternative materials and individual expression.

B. FOCUS, PURPOSE AND GOALS OF COURSE:

1. COURSE PURPOSE:
The purpose of Advanced Painting is to provide each student with a varied media painting experience beyond those practiced in Painting I and II, as well as to further extend visual thinking skills, increase knowledge of historical and contemporary art forms, and to become further acquainted with the technical approaches to materials and the methods for creating a cohesive body of work.

2. COURSE GOALS:
Advanced Painting is designed to extend each student's basis of visual knowledge, critical thinking skills, and working disciplines so that by the end of the semester he or she will:
   a. possess a higher level of perceptual awareness.
   b. have translated perceptual awareness into a more refined plastic form.
   c. have demonstrated greater confidence in and strategies toward individual creativity.
   d. have demonstrated more open sensitivity for the psycho-physiological "language" of painting.
   e. have demonstrated specific knowledge of contemporary and historic artistic models
   f. have demonstrated specific knowledge of art as cultural information
   g. have designed strategies to enhance visualization and critical thinking
   h. have performed refined, higher level technical practices.
   i. have demonstrated knowledge of and performed safe and effective studio practices.

C. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES - expected student outcomes by domain:
1. COGNITIVE: (Development of critical thinking skills, conceptual constructs, specialized vocabulary and art history.)

a. Each student will be able to understand the principles of relative shop technology and safety.
b. Each student will be able to design effective painting technical strategies
c. Each student will be able to design, shape and scale optimum formats to accommodate individualized expressive concerns for physical, social and psychological aspects of painting form.
d. Each student is required to complete a range of projects that explore the used of alternative media, advanced color composition, perceptual awareness, knowledge of contemporary formal issues and archetypes, creative synergy, and a broad range of painterly effects.
e. Each student will be able to employ appropriate technical processes for expression of physical, social and psychological aspects of painting form.
f. The student will demonstrate interest in painting by seeking design information from a variety of sources such as books, periodicals, exhibitions, museums, etc.
g. The student will demonstrate a capacity for synthesis by making paintings which incorporate & unify disparate elements, processes, motifs and concepts.
h. Each student will be able to write a summary review of her or his own painting form incorporating relative art historical references.
i. Each student will be able to offer an oral critique of painting form.
j. Each student will be able to participate in group critiques.
k. Each student will be able to use vocabulary specific to the painting processes.

2. PSYCHOMOTOR: (Development of manipulative, work-oriented skills; demonstration of specific process skills)

a. The student will develop technical and craftsmanship skills through hands-on work with materials.
b. Each student will be able to assemble a well-crafted strainer and/or stretcher bar system.
c. Each student will be able to stretch canvas.
d. Each student will be able to prepare a stable painting ground.
e. Each student will learn to manipulate paint in order to control color pigment optics and tactile qualities. (Paint media should be determined by responsible faculty members relative to the maintenance of safe, healthy learning environments within each institutional facility.)
f. The student will demonstrate flexibility and adaptability by using a variety of technical and conceptual strategies in resolving painting problems.
g. The student will demonstrate fluency by producing several different solutions to the same problem.
h. The student will be able to create paintings, which explore design concepts.
i. The student will be able to control form so that a finished presentation is accomplished.

j. The student will demonstrate respect for discipline of painting by presenting neat, clean, well-crafted projects.

k. Each student will be able to frame finished paintings.

l. Each student will be able to install paintings for critique exhibit.

m. Each student will be able to orally critique paintings.

3. AFFECTIVE: (Development of behavioral skills which help the student acquire a positive attitude toward self, other students, faculty, facilities and equipment, and attendance.)

b. Each student will observe safe studio and shop practices.

c. The student will demonstrate the ability to follow assignment instructions as well as intrinsic motivation by persistence in staying on task and frequently exceeding the production requirements set by the instructor.

d. Each student will demonstrate the ability to self-initiate tasks.

e. Each student will demonstrate the ability to complete tasks.

f. Each student will demonstrate the ability to focus on group objectives.

g. Each student will demonstrate the ability to focus on personal objectives.

h. The student will demonstrate courage and tenacity by persistence in resolving painting problems and completing assignments in a timely manner - by repeated attempts to resolve or improve upon solutions to painting problems, especially in the face of risk taking and failure.

i. Each student will demonstrate the ability to contribute to the studio working environment.

j. Each student will participate in group critiques.

k. Each student will demonstrate the ability to tolerate diverse views.

l. Each student will demonstrate the ability to dialogue effectively.

m. Each student will demonstrate the ability to offer and receive constructive criticism.

n. The student will demonstrate resistance to premature closure and openness to discovery by allowing technical and conceptual processes to evolve and by permitting and even seeking a variety of sources and processes to generate painting ideas and products.

o. The student will demonstrate awareness by producing paintings in which nuance is evident (nuance in form, nuance in content).

p. The student will demonstrate independence of judgment (and resistance to peer sanctions) by producing paintings which are personally unique or unusual in character.

q. The student will demonstrate confidence by his or her willingness to attempt difficult or complex painting problems.

r. The student will demonstrate persistence in working on problems in which neither the problem or the solution is clearly evident or defined.

s. The student will demonstrate an ability to analyze by verbally identifying and articulating the salient elements in particular paintings.
t. The student will demonstrate the ability to participate in class discussion and demonstrate critical thinking skills.

u. The student will demonstrate interest in painting by asking relevant questions and by participating, without prompting, in group and individual critiques.

v. The student will demonstrate the ability to prepare adequately for examinations.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

The Student will:
- Further research, plan, explore, & develop concepts for making art in alternative materials.
- Develop a strong critical vocabulary for evaluation of personal artwork and to the analysis of relationships among parts (formal design principles: Balance, Rhythm, Proportion, etc)
- Further develop individual skills and techniques towards the development of a style.
- Develop a sketchbook which documents the originality of concept and image, both through ideation and execution.
- Study other artists, their art, philosophies and art processes through computer web site access, publications, and periodical resources.
- Study modern and post modern movements / artists with an emphasis on becoming more aware of various aesthetic philosophies and theory.

**Methods of Evaluation:**

Students will be evaluated on the development and execution of their ideas, attendance, overall improvement, their oral and written participation in critiques and discussions, the completion of each assignment, and the excellence of their total body of work. All work presented in class critiques must be completed unless otherwise discussed with the instructor.

**Grading Criteria:**

Grading will be based on the six works you complete throughout the semester and determined by progress, craftsmanship and creativity. Of the six, the lowest grade will be eliminated. The letter grade and its corresponding numerical value is as follows:

- **“A” (90 – 100)**
  - Excellent work and consistent, exemplary effort
  - A strong compositional sense (ordering of edges, shapes, values, clarity, detail etc.)
  - All illusions of spatial movement and volume are clear and easily understandable
“B” (80 – 89)
- Above average work, shows considerable growth
- Compositional sense is becoming stronger.
- All spatial movement and volume are clear and easily understandable

“C” (70 – 79)
- Satisfactory work, some progress, good attendance

“D” (60 – 69)
- Work needs improvement, poor attendance
- Spaces and volumes are unclear and ambiguous
- Lack of control over materials and illusions

“F” (Below 59)
- Shows little progress and effort
- Insufficient growth in skill

Sample grading: 85 + 75+ 45+ 70 + 90 + 85 = 405 / 5 = 81 (B) Final Grade

Additional requirements:
In addition to the paintings completed in class, there will be two - three required activities with a short paper due:
- Artist studio visit: The instructor will arrange a studio visit with 1-2 local artist(s).
- Critique of an exhibition: Students will be required to view an exhibition and write a short response.

Grading Policies:
Late or incomplete work on the day of the critiques will be lowered by a letter grade, unless otherwise discussed with the instructor. Students who miss critiques will automatically be lowered by a letter grade, unless otherwise discussed with the instructor.

Attendance Policy
The professor is an important facilitator in the student’s development. The student who develops poor attendance habits will not be considered to have taken adequate advantage of the available resources. Students who habitually come to class (or class break) late, leave during class or leave early demonstrate negative interest and energy level. This will always affect the quality of the product in a negative way.
Three unexcused absences will result in your dropping a letter grade in the course. An additional unexcused absence will result in dropping another letter grade.
Five unexcused tardies, leaving during class or leaving early, result in dropping a letter grade in the course.

PROFESSIONAL REQUESTS:
1. Get to class on time and don’t leave early.
2. Be courteous to your fellow students.
3. I do not mind music with headphones, but all music must be turned off while I speak.
4. You are here to paint, not to socialize. Hold conversations until break time.

**Hamlin Studio Policies:** Use of Hamlin Studios is a privilege and not a right, thus the instructor will discuss the rules and regulations of Hamlin Studio use. Students not acting accordingly to the rules will be asked to complete the course on campus in the painting studios until a further notice. In some cases, the student will be asked to remove themselves from the course completely. Students will be asked to sign a document indicating their understanding of these policies and filed with administration.

**Academic Honesty**
*Student Handbook:* Students who violate academic integrity and regulations (see current University Catalog) by plagiarism, other academic dishonesty or disruptive behavior will be held accountable by faculty and may have their grades adjusted accordingly.

**Cleanup**
Keep your area clean. Unnecessary clutter will hinder your productivity and performance. All paint must be properly disposed of. Turn your lights off when you leave. Anything left behind after the cleanup will be discarded (projects, supplies, etc.)

**Disabilities Accommodations***
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 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.

**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.
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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.