ARTS 5317.001 – M.F.A. STUDIO IN ART: PRINTMAKING Fall 2018
12:30-3:20pm T/TR CA 204-205

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
The M.F.A. with emphasis in Printmaking is a terminal degree consisting of 30 graduate hours of study in Printmaking. This course provides an environment for technical and aesthetic growth as a student and professional artist. Students are expected to explore a variety of printmaking methods in order to design and complete a body of work showing maturity and consistency in technique and content. This intensive exploration culminates in a thesis exhibition and equips the student with visual, verbal and professional tools to continue working as a professional artist.

RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS:
The Complete Printmaker Ross and Romano

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
- Successful adherence and completion of all work pertaining course or toward a thesis exhibition
- Active participation in class discussions and critiques
- Maintaining an up-to-date sketchbook and notebook
- Being on time and adequately prepared with materials for each class
- Attendance record that meets TAMUCC and instructor policies
- Safe and careful use of all materials, tools, equipment, and studio space
- Strict adherence to safety and clean-up procedures
- Maintaining a positive and respectful attitude toward others and work area

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
- Demonstrated expertise in various forms of printmaking
- Demonstrated understanding of historical and contemporary applications of printmaking with regards to fine art, dissemination and activism, popular culture, etc
- Successful application of new and learned techniques to produce high quality prints pertaining to thesis research
- Professional development through entering juried exhibitions, attending conference or workshops, participation in extracurricular creative endeavors
- Complex conceptual development, problem solving skills, risk taking, imagination, creativity and inventiveness
- Cohesiveness in idea and execution – translating concept into tangible printed results
- Professional and career oriented development
- Continued development of visual, verbal and critical communication skills
- Sense of pride in ones work with reference to presentation and craftsmanship
- Setting tone for undergraduate and beginning students through work ethic, craftsmanship and adherence to attendance and safety policies.

ATTENDANCE (Departmental Policy)
Attendance is mandatory and will be recorded during each class session. Students are required to attend for the duration of the scheduled class period or until dismissal by the instructor. Critique attendance is mandatory.
• (4) Absences drops final grade by one letter.
• (5) Absences drops final grade by an additional letter.
• (6) Absences results in failure of the course.
• (3) Late arrivals or early departures (tardies) equals (1) full absence
• Attending unprepared for class is equal to (1) tardy

DEMONSTRATIONS:
Demonstrations – scheduled or impromptu – demand full attention and note-taking in a notebook specific for the course. Scheduled demos will not be repeated for tardy, absent or negligent students.

CRITIQUES
Critiques are crucial to the development and advancement of ideas and learning the language of constructive criticism. Students are required to fully participate. Prints must meet the instructor’s required level of completion and presentation to be considered.

PORTFOLIOS/CRAFTSMANSHIP:
Printed Editions must be clean and flat – submitted for each grade between interleaving in a presentable portfolio.

SAFETY/CLEAN-UP:
STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO CLEAN AT THE END OF EACH WORK SESSION. Stones, plates, screens, inks, tools, etc are not to be left out during student absence. Chronic negligence will affect your final grade. Be considerate and respectful of the studio space, instructors, and fellow classmates. Individuals engaging in uncooperative and/or unsafe behavior will be warned once by the instructor. Upon second violation, the student will be withdrawn from the course and given a "wd" with no refund of tuition or fees.

All tools on loan must be returned at the end of the semester. Lost or damaged tools will be replaced at the student’s expense. A mandatory cleanup is held on the final class. All litho stones must have the image removed and grained flat to 80 grit at the end of the semester. Screens must be blown out and placed in appropriate area. Failure to do so will result in a final grade of C.

ACADEMIC HONESTY:
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.

The following are considered violations:
• Submitting work that is not of your own making.
• Submitting work created for other classes or prior to the first meeting of this class.
• Copying in part or whole existing works of art/photographs/advertsements unless specifically outlined as part of the assignment by the instructor.
• Disruptive or negligent behavior

CELL PHONES: Are to be turned off or put on silent during class. The first incident warrants a warning. Subsequent violations are equivalent to a tardy.

GRADING CRITERIA: Grades provide indication of growth and offer a record of achievement. Simply fulfilling class requirements warrants a grade of (C). Showing initiative and ambition in developing skills, ideas, imagery, and presentation warrants above average grades. Evaluative factors include:
- Creativity and inventiveness of imagery
- Development and execution of ideas
- Sensitivity in handling materials and process
- Demonstrated understanding and application of art elements (line, shape, space, texture and composition)
- Content: synthesis and compatibility of design, media, and concept
- Craftsmanship and presentation
- Critique participation

GRADE INTERPRETATION:
A  Superior work, distinguished mastery of course material – inventiveness, execution, craftsmanship, participation
B  Average work, mastery of course material, active participation
C  Minimally acceptable execution of course material and participation for Graduate Level work

ASSIGNMENT GRADING SCALE (5):  Average of 300 possible points
At least (5) editioned prints or completed mixed media works must be submitted for consideration of a (B) grade for each 3 credit hour course (Includes MFA Exhibition ARTS 5398). The scope and quality of additional works will be considered for additional merit.

Technique   (100 points): Synthesis of materials/tools/process and application of drawing/design elements
Content     (100 points): Creative interpretation of the assignment – research and risk taking.
Craft       (100 points): Cleanliness and presentation of work.

LAB HOURS/STUDENT CONFERENCES:
Much of class time is reserved for demonstrations and critiques. A minimum of (10) additional hours a week is required for success. Do not wait until the day before critiques to finish work, PACE YOURSELVES! Instructors will be available during office hours and by appointment.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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
As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures, 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.
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 Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures (available at http://academicaffairs.tamucc.edu/rules_procedures/assets/13.02.99.C2.01_student_grade_appeal_procedure.pdf). For complete details on the process of submitting a formal grade appeal, please visit the College of Liberal Arts website, http://cla.tamucc.edu/about/student-resources.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Associate Dean’s Office.

**Dropping a Class**
I hope that you never find it necessary to drop this or any other class. However, events can sometimes occur that make dropping a course necessary or wise. Please consult with your academic advisor, the Financial Aid Office, and me, before you decide to drop this course. Should dropping the course be the best course of action, you must initiate the process to drop the course by going to the Student Services Center and filling out a course drop form. Just stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. November 9, 2018 is the last day to drop a class with an automatic grade of “W” this term.

**This syllabus is a binding contract between Professor and Student. It is the student’s responsibility to thoroughly read and understand all rules, expectations and guidelines. Keep this document with you during all class meetings.**

**MFA PRINTMAKING CLASS SCHEDULE**

**AUGUST**
28TH    Roll/ Q&A followed by workday. **Introduce Assignment**
30TH    Roll/ Q&A followed by workday. **View Preliminary Compositions**

**LOCAL SUPPLY ORDERS DUE**

**SEPTEMBER**
4TH    Roll/ Q&A followed by workday. **View Final Compositions**.
6TH    Roll/ Q&A followed by workday
7TH    **INK SLINGERS BALL!!!**
11TH    Roll/ Q&A followed by workday
13TH    **CRITIQUE.**
18TH    Roll/ Q&A followed by workday
20TH    Roll/ Q&A followed by workday. **DEMO’N DAYS**
25TH    Roll/ Q&A followed by workday
27TH Roll/ Q&A followed by workday

OCTOBER

2ND Roll/ Q&A followed by workday
4TH Roll/ Q&A followed by workday. MID-AMERICAN PRINT CONFERENCE, LARAMIE, WYOMING
5TH MID-AMERICAN PRINT CONFERENCE, LARAMIE, WYOMING
9TH CRITIQUE
11TH Roll/ Q&A followed by workday
15TH Roll/ Q&A followed by workday
18TH Roll/ Q&A followed by workday
23RD Roll/ Q&A followed by workday. DEMO’N DAYS
25TH CRITIQUE
27TH DIA DE LOS MUERTOS FESTIVAL
30TH Roll/ Q&A followed by workday

NOVEMBER

1ST Roll/ Q&A followed by workday
6TH Roll/ Q&A followed by workday
8TH Roll/ Q&A followed by workday
13TH Roll/ Q&A followed by workday. DEMO’N DAYS
15TH CRITIQUE
20TH Roll/ Q&A followed by workday
22ND THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
27TH Roll/ Q&A followed by workday.
29TH Roll/ Q&A followed by workday. DEMO’N DAYS

DECEMBER

4TH Roll/ Q&A followed by workday
5TH READING DAY

FINAL CRITIQUE AND MANDATORY CLEANUP TBD