Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi  
Department of Art  

ARTS-1316.B01 - DRAWING I  

Term: Fall 2020  
Meeting Times: 12:30 pm – 3:20 pm, Monday, Wednesday  
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CA Building Hours:  
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am – 11:45 pm  
Saturday: Noon – 9:45 pm  
Sunday: Noon – 5:45 pm  
Studios are not available during other scheduled classes. Lists are posted outside doors to notify when rooms are open. If the classroom is locked during open building hours, the building attendant in CA 115 will happily open it for you.

***This syllabus is a binding contract and is subject to change at any time. Students will be notified of any changes and an updated syllabus will be available on blackboard.***

Course Description  
Students learn basic skills and techniques for drawing from direct observation using subjects such as still life, landscape and architecture. The description of form, light and special depth is emphasized along with accurate proportion and scale. Research tool such as thumbnail sketches, quick studies and sketchbooks are used to develop ideas. Analysis of drawings, critiques and classroom discussions build vocabulary and enrich the students' understanding of drawing.

Course Goals  
The purpose of this course is to provide each student with specific drawing media experiences and to build basic perceptual skills and drawing techniques from direct observation. Principle goals include an introduction to the elements of art: line, value, shape/volume and texture. The depiction of form, light and special depth is emphasized along with accurate proportion and scale. Writing, critiques, and applications of art history will broaden the understanding of drawing as a visual language.

Student Learning Outcomes  
- Ability to draw from direct observation  
- Successfully use line, value and linear perspective to depict form and space  
- Students will demonstrate competence with limited black and whitemedia  
- Students will demonstrate professional presentation skills and craftsmanship  
- Students will integrate appropriate terminology in the analysis and critique of drawings

Adjustments for COVID-19  
Due to current circumstances and university guidelines, classes are limited to less than 10 people (including instructor). This class will be divided into two sections, each group will only meet in the studio once per week. Course content is supplemented with online assignments and sketchbook exercises which should be executed outside the classroom.

Textbook  
In lieu of a textbook, students will be given handouts. Keep these handouts in a folder and bring them to every class.
Cell Phones and Screens
Cell phones should be stowed away during any lectures, discussions, demonstrations, or critiques. Listening to music on your phone during open studio time is permitted however watching videos is not. Browsing the internet and social media is only allowed during breaks.

Lockers
See Art Office to reserve a locker in the hallway.

Grading Opportunities
- Classroom exercises 15%
- Blackboard assignments 15%
- Sketchbook exercises 25%
- Mid-term Project 10/19 15%
- Final Project 12/7 20%
- Participation 5%
- Post Test 12/7 5%

Sketchbook Homework
Sketchbook drawings are asynchronous weekly assignments for you to complete outside of class. Specific parameters for assignments are posted on blackboard announced in class. If a student misses class, it is their responsibility to seek out the information online and ask for clarifications. All sketchbook assignments must be dated. Sketchbook drawings will be graded during subsequent in-class sessions, sketchbooks must be brought to class each week.

Blackboard
There will be additional readings and assignments throughout the semester. These assignments are accessed via the Blackboard discussion forum and are graded based on a brief written response posted in the discussion forum. Readings may be completed late for partial credit.

(Blackboard is also your portal for grades, some feedback, attendance, and course information)

Classwork
Apart from the two major in-class projects, all in-class exercises are graded based on engagement, effort, and execution. Exercises span either one or two class periods. If a student misses class, there is no way to make up that grade.

Participation in Critiques, Late Work Policy and Expectations Outside of Class
Critiques are an essential part of the creative process. Students should be open to hearing feedback about the quality of their work on an ongoing basis throughout the semester. When receiving criticism, listen with an open mind. The value of being in school, and in a small studio class, is not only to give and receive as much feedback as possible, but to learn how to make the most of it. Do not take what is said about your work personally, no matter how difficult this seems. These assignments require that you take risks and try new things.

- You must be present on the day of critique. Participation is factored into the grade for each assignment.
- Late Work Policy: One class period late: 10% deduction, two class periods late: 20% deduction. After that you will receive a ZERO.
- Students are expected to work a minimum of three to five hours a week outside of class on drawing, this is the only way to improve and master the skills.
Attendance
Attendance is mandatory for your success, will be recorded during each class session and is considered as part of the professionalism element of your final grade.
- You will lose a single letter grade on your fourth (4) absence.
- Five (5) absences will result in the drop of another letter grade.
- Six (6) absences will result in the failure of the course.
- Three (3) late arrivals or early departures will result in recording one (1) full absence.
- Students are required to attend class for the duration of the scheduled time or until the Professor dismisses the class.

Weekly Schedule of Classes
- Week 1: Introduction to drawing and drawing materials, basic motions, pre-test
  Homework: Blackboard Assignment
- Week 2: Drawing basic objects with line; ellipses, sighting and measuring, etc.
  Homework: Blackboard Assignment, Sketchbook assignment
- Week 3: Foreshortening, drawing boxes
  Homework: Blackboard Assignment, Sketchbook assignment
- Week 4: Cross-contour
  Homework: Blackboard Assignment, Sketchbook assignment- perspective
- Week 5: Cross-contour
  Homework: Blackboard Assignment, Sketchbook assignment- perspective
- Week 6: Mid-term Project- Linear still life, perspective assignment DUE
  Homework: Blackboard Assignment
- Week 7: Mid-term Project- Linear Still Life
  Homework: Blackboard Assignment
- Week 8: Mid-term Project- Linear Still Life
  Homework: Blackboard Assignment
- Week 9: Mid-term Project- Linear Still life DUE, critique, introduction to value, chiaroscuro
  Homework: Blackboard Assignment, Sketchbook: value scales
- Week 10: Shadows, values and shapes
  Homework: Blackboard Assignment, Sketchbook Assignment
- Week 11: Reduction Drawing: complex object
  Homework: Blackboard Assignment, Sketchbook Assignment: complex object
- Week 13: Final Project
- Week 14: Final project
- Week 15: Final Project, Holiday Break
- Final: MONDAY December 7, 11:00 AM, Final Project Due, critique; Post Test
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.

Grade Appeals
As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C0.03, 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.C0.03, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Dean’s office in the college in which the course is taught or the Office of the Provost. These documents are accessible through the University Rules Web site at: http://academicaffairs.tamucc.edu/rules_procedures/assets/13.02.99.c0.03_student_grade_appeals.pdf

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.

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.

Classroom/professional behavior
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, as an academic community, requires that each individual respect the needs of others to study and learn in a peaceful atmosphere. Under Article III of the Student Code of Conduct, classroom behavior that interferes with either (a) the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or (b) the ability of other students to profit from the instructional program may be considered a breach of the peace and is subject to disciplinary sanction outlined in article VII of the Student Code of Conduct. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior may be instructed to leave the classroom. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including classrooms, electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc.

Statement of Civility
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has a diverse student population that represents the population of the state. Our goal is to provide you with a high-quality educational experience that is free from repression. You are responsible for following the rules of the University, city, state and federal government. We expect that you will behave in a manner that is dignified, respectful and courteous to all people, regardless of sex, ethnic/racial origin, religious background, sexual orientation or disability. Behaviors that infringe on the rights of another individual will not be tolerated.

Academic Integrity/Plagiarism
University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, falsification, forgery, complicity or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one’s own work.) In this class, academic misconduct or complicity in an act of academic misconduct on an assignment or test will result in a failing grade for the class.

Statement of Academic Continuity
In the event of an unforeseen adverse event, such as a major hurricane and classes could not be held on the campus of Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi, this course would continue through the use of Blackboard and/or email. In addition, the syllabus and class activities may be modified to allow continuation of the course. Ideally, University facilities (i.e., emails, web sites, and Blackboard) will be operational within two days of the closing of the physical campus. However, students need to make certain that the course instructor has a primary and a secondary means of contacting each student.
Materials List:

Mandatory:
Sketchbook 11” x 14”
Drawing Pad: 18” x 24” white, smooth surface
Portfolio (to transport drawings) store-bought or DIY
Storage Box for supplies
Drawing Pencils - 4B, 2B, HB: 1 each (the instructor supply one pencil)
Compressed Charcoal Sticks, soft
Charcoal pencils: soft and medium (2 each)
3 Erasers (White Plastic, Kneaded, and Pink pearl)
Blending Stumps
24” Metal Ruler

Optional:
Plastic Triangle
Pencil sharpener
Drafting templates

Provided:
Vine Charcoal, soft (student must purchase more)
X-ACTO Knife with Blades
White Artist Tape 1”
Tracing Paper Pad: 18” x 24”
Sandpaper Sharpener
Drawing paper

COVID-19 Temporary Amendment to Syllabus

Campus Safety Measures

To promote public safety and protect students, faculty, and staff during the coronavirus pandemic, Texas A&M University has adopted policies and practices for the Fall 2020 academic term to limit virus transmission. Students must observe the following practices while participating in face-to-face courses and course-related activities (office hours, help sessions, transitioning to and between classes, study spaces, academic services, etc.):

- Self-monitoring—Students should follow CDC recommendations for self-monitoring. **Students who have a fever or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 should participate in class remotely and should not participate in face-to-face instruction.**
- Face Coverings—**Face coverings** (cloth face covering, surgical mask, etc.) must be properly worn in all non-private spaces including classrooms, teaching laboratories, common spaces such as lobbies and hallways, public study spaces, libraries, academic resource and support offices, and outdoor spaces where 6 feet of physical distancing is difficult to reliably maintain. Description of face coverings and additional guidance are provided in the **Face Covering policy** and **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** available on the **Provost website.**
- Physical Distancing—Physical distancing must be maintained between students, instructors, and others in course and course-related activities.
- Classroom Ingress/Egress—Students must follow marked pathways for entering and exiting classrooms and other teaching spaces. Leave classrooms promptly after course activities have
concluded. Do not congregate in hallways and maintain 6-foot physical distancing when waiting to enter classrooms and other instructional spaces.

- To attend a face-to-face class, students must wear a face covering (or a face shield if they have an exemption letter). If a student refuses to wear a face covering, the instructor should ask the student to leave and join the class remotely. If the student does not leave the class, the faculty member should report that student to the Student Conduct office for sanctions. Additionally, the faculty member may choose to teach that day’s class remotely for all students.

TAMU-CC Face Coverings
TAMUCC Face Coverings Policy and FAQs:
https://www.tamucc.edu/fall-2020/face-coverings-faq/

Rule and Procedure:
https://academicaffairs.tamucc.edu/rules_procedures/assets/34.99.99.c0.02_use_of_face_coverings.pdf