

ART STUDIO

Courses

ARTS 101 - Studio Art Foundation (4 Credit Hours)

Directed at both majors and non-art majors, Studio Art Foundation (SAF) is a basic introduction to artistic practice in contemporary culture.

Through an interdisciplinary approach and a technical understanding of multiple mediums, the course crosses borders between two-dimensional, three-dimensional and time based artistic disciplines. Campus wide events (lectures, concerts, exhibitions) are used as points of departure in the class to emphasize the critical nature of art making with other content areas of study, theory and research.

ARTS 108 - Introduction to Animation (4 Credit Hours)

Animation is the illusion of motion created by the consecutive display of slightly varying drawings or models of static elements. In this course, students we learn the fundamentals of traditional animation techniques, as well as cover many aspects of the more experimental contemporary forms of stop-motion animation processes. Students will be given several animation "studies" over the course of the semester that will offer them experience with different types of stop-motion and computer key-framed techniques, as well as experience in story-boarding, sound recording, character movement and rig development, and post digital effects work. In addition to workshop projects, students will be exposed to outside readings and film viewings.

ARTS 110 - Introduction to Drawing (4 Credit Hours)

A studio course in the fundamentals of drawing in several media. Problems in still life, rendering, and perspective will be covered, along with historical and contemporary approaches to drawing.

ARTS 115 - Introduction to Painting (4 Credit Hours)

Historical and contemporary approaches to painting technique will be covered in readings and discussions and by working with painting materials.

ARTS 117 - Introduction to Photography (4 Credit Hours)

The emphasis of this introductory photography course is to give students a foundational background in the technical and conceptual underpinnings of photography. Students will be exposed to a wide variety of technical and aesthetic concerns involved in making photographs, including: aperture, shutter speed, depth of field, film-less photography, principles of darkroom image creation, composition, camera handling, selecting digital file formats, Lightroom CC, Adobe Photoshop and printing to the Epson printers. Equal to the acquisition of skills, and familiarity with digital SLR camera use, the goal is to enable students to see the photographic world all around us with criticality, and a sense of empowerment that allows students to both critique and respond to the world through photographs.

ARTS 121 - Introduction to Ceramics (4 Credit Hours)

A broad introduction to all ceramics potential. Clay working in sculptural as well as vessel-oriented directions. Slide presentations and discussions with references made to ceramic history as well as to contemporary ceramic art. Students are introduced to a variety of hand building techniques and are encouraged to pursue their individual creative potential.

ARTS 122 - Introduction to Ceramics - The Wheel (4 Credit Hours)

An introduction to producing Ceramic forms, both utilitarian and sculptural, using the potter's wheel. Image presentations and discussions will introduce students to the contemporary and historical role of ceramics in art and material culture. Students are introduced to a variety of throwing techniques and surface treatments and are encouraged to pursue their individual creative potential.

ARTS 131 - Introduction to Printmaking (4 Credit Hours)

As a foundation course, emphasis will be on historical and contemporary concepts in art through the media of printmaking. The course will provide exposure to printmaking processes with direct involvement in one of the following: intaglio, screen printing and relief. Tools, materials and techniques will be fully covered regarding the featured printmaking process. Art issues such as format and content of visual images will be stressed as well as technical procedures for implementing the print.

ARTS 141 - Introduction to Sculpture (4 Credit Hours)

This course is an introductory course into sculpture. It will concentrate on developing sculptural thinking and working habits, the safe use of basic tools, understanding ways of seeing and the translation of experience into an arts practice.

ARTS 165 - Special Topics in Studio Art (4 Credit Hours)

Special topic courses with a focus on particular aspects of studio art at the introductory level.

ARTS 170 - Introduction to Drawing for Majors (4 Credit Hours)

A studio course in the fundamentals of drawing in several media. Problems in still life, rendering, and perspective will be covered, along with historical and contemporary approaches to drawing.

ARTS 199 - Introductory Topics in Art (1-4 Credit Hours)

A general category used only in the evaluation of transfer credit.

ARTS 200 - Artist Books, Zines & Self-Publishing (4 Credit Hours)

With a mix of traditional printmaking processes and digital technologies, students in this class will create a range of thematic handmade books as singular works of art and/or self-published editioned printed matter. In class demonstrations will include a variety of processes ranging from designing, printing, binding and publishing. Students will study the history of not only bookmaking but zines & DIY culture in the context of larger societal issues and contemporary artistic practices. Simple research projects, presentations and visiting artist/publisher talks will complement the primary studio focus of the class. The innovative history of printed matter, small press publishing, artist networks and collectives will be included in this overview. Along with community centered projects, class creative work will subvert expectations of traditional publishing to lead both introductory and advanced art students to make intimate artist books and zines that are topical, personal and interactive.

ARTS 201 - Print Design & Illustration (4 Credit Hours)

Situated in the traditions of printmaking and printed matter, this studio art course introduces students to the elements of visual communication, storytelling and concepts of art-making that are the fundamentals of illustration. Looking to the grand history of pictorial illustration in a variety of literary forms (short stories, novels, nonfiction prose, children's' books) and media (film, music), sequential assignments are structured to not only develop each student's individual artistic goals but also offer insight into issues facing today's contemporary illustrators. The class will examine the ways that stories are told that combine words and pictures, as well as an extended focus on illustration practices that include the collection of research materials, seeing problem solving from multiple perspectives and creative brainstorming on ideas. Technical Printmaking Processes for the class include collage, woodcut (hand crafted and digital Laser cut techniques), Linoleum, screen printing and mixed media processes.

ARTS 209 - Drawing Terrain (4 Credit Hours)

Drawing helps us see! Students will make keen observations and interpretations about the landscape through the immediacy and directness of drawing. This course introduces illustrative methods in a variety of media to render our visual world accurately, but will also include explorative and experimental mark making methods to reveal what we cannot see. We will study a wide range of visual artists who use drawing to tackle the environment as subject matter, inspiration, and even as material. Art projects will occur in the studio and outside. Hands-on art activities about the landscape will be supplemented with various course readings, discussions, and presentations to contextualize an art practice to the broader world.

Crosslisting: ENVS 209.

ARTS 212 - Life Drawing (4 Credit Hours)

Study from the human figure in charcoal and other media with emphasis on structure in line, value and color.

Prerequisite(s): ARTS 110 or consent.

ARTS 213 - Queer Graphix (4 Credit Hours)

Through a series of drawing and printmaking projects, this studio art course seeks to explore and creatively express queer culture, aesthetics and GLBT art history, as well as notions of identity, gender, orientation and sexuality. Art students will employ traditions of journalistic comics, collage, screen-printing, photo-copies, community collaborative artistic work (zines) and research presentation projects to not only celebrate queer artistic practices but also reveal the often damaging impact society and politics has on self-identity and expression.

ARTS 215 - Intermediate Painting (4 Credit Hours)

Continued painting experience with emphasis on developing individual concepts.

Prerequisite(s): ARTS 115 or consent.

ARTS 217 - Photo as Gesture into Time; Past, Present, Future (4 Credit Hours)

In this course we are going to use the tool of photography and video as strategies for intervention into truth making, storytelling and time mapping. This course proposes challenging these dominant paradigms through lens based image making, with a particular focus on feminist and queer methodologies of rupture. We will think about lens based media proving not that something exists, but rather as a place of proposal. Queer theorist, José Estaban Muñoz, speaks of a queer future as “not yet here” and this is a useful way to keep working and imagining towards the potential of imagination and image. The course is intended to encourage students to consider the possibility of new paradigms of information through still and moving image, and as such, students will be evaluated on how thoughtfully they consider theoretical and artistic materials in their creative response. This course fulfills the Power and Justice (P) requirement.

ARTS 218 - Analog & Alchemy/Darkroom Photography (4 Credit Hours)

Intermediate level photography course for students interested in learning how to use film cameras (both 35 mm and medium format) including shooting, developing and printing black and white film in the wet darkroom. This is a studio art course that focuses on techniques of early photography that are tied to a material process using film and darkroom processing. When you leave the course you will understand; analog cameras, film development, darkroom printing, scanning negatives and printing digitally from negatives. You will have been asked to respond to readings that will give you a deeper understanding of the historical and contemporary implications of the medium. You will have made work in response to assignments using your voice, as expressed through photography. You will have been asked to see slowly – and then observed what it is that you have seen.

Prerequisite(s): ARTS 117 or consent of instructor.

ARTS 219 - Writing with Light: Introduction to Studio Lighting (4 Credit Hours)

In this intermediate level class students will gain a greater understanding of the range of possibilities their cameras offer in different lighting situations, as well as become thoughtful and empowered creators of images through manipulating studio and off camera light to achieve individual goals. One of the primary goals of this class is to use studio strobe lighting, tungsten lighting, strobist kits and portable strobe lights in technical and conceptual.

ARTS 220 - Ceramic History and Contemporary Practice (4 Credit Hours)

The history of ceramics very closely parallels the development of civilization and culture across the planet. In this studio course, students will draw upon this long, rich history as inspiration for their own work and gain a deeper understanding of the context in which they and other contemporary artists are creating ceramic art. The primary emphasis of ceramic history and its impact on contemporary practice will be explored through image presentations, research, discussions and studio work. Students will use a variety of construction techniques and surface treatments to transform their ideas and research into objects and are encouraged to pursue their individual creative potential.

ARTS 221 - Intermediate Ceramics (4 Credit Hours)

Students will hone the skills gained in previous ceramic courses and will focus on refining the application of learned techniques to produce visually and conceptually compelling work. Image presentations and discussions will lead to a deeper understanding of contemporary and historical ceramic art. Students will gain experience in different firing technologies and clay and glaze chemistry. Primary emphasis is on students' individual conceptual and technical development.

Prerequisite(s): ARTS 121, ARTS 122 or Ceramic Multiples.

ARTS 222 - Contemporary Comics (4 Credit Hours)

This Studio Art course will examine the relationship of words and pictures through the study and making of autobiographical and nonfiction comics. As other Studio Art courses examine the disciplines of photography, ceramics, sculpture or painting through experiential learning, so too will students realize the potential of this discipline to reveal their creative selves through its unique visual language. Placing practice in context, comics history will be explored with the emphasis on contemporary cartoonists and graphic novelists as artists focused on relevant first person narrative storytelling and comics journalism. Traditional techniques of layout, design and storyboarding will be included along with drawing and writing exercises. Course projects will extend technical exercises to address content concerns through in-class workshops, presentations on cartoonists, critiques, field trips and a range of short and long outside projects that will gradually build to more ambitious creative comic undertakings by semesters end. No previous studio art or drawing experience is required.

ARTS 223 - The Ceramic Surface (4 Credit Hours)

In this studio course students will explore the numerous options for surface expression in ceramic art making. One of clay's unique properties is the ability to faithfully record impressions in its surface - from the fingerprint of a potter to patterned designs stamped into the surface. Today, mark making on clay has caught up with technology, incorporating digital processes into the roster of print technique possibilities. Students will learn to make their own glazes, effectively use slips, glazes, china paints, lustres, print-transfers, photo-decals and alternative firing techniques. Students will explore the relationships between content, form and surface through the creative process, group critiques, readings, image presentations and discussions.

Prerequisite(s): A Denison University ceramic course or consent of instructor.

ARTS 224 - Ceramic Multiples (Ceramics From Molds) (4 Credit Hours)

In this studio course students learn to create ceramic objects using plaster molds, how to make casting slip, and the basics of kiln firing. We will explore the relationship between Art, Design, and Craft, and students will be encouraged to push the boundaries of where these categories begin and end. Producing ceramic objects from molds allows for greater refinement of the object, unlimited possibilities of form and the potential of creating multiple replicas or variations on one form. Because of inherent associations with industry, technology, and mass-production, objects produced from molds offer unique conceptual possibilities that students will pursue through the creative process, group critiques, readings and discussions.

Prerequisite(s): Any Denison University Studio Art course or consent of the instructor.

ARTS 225 - Stop Motion Animation (4 Credit Hours)

Animation is the illusion of motion created by the consecutive display of slightly varying static elements. In this course, students will learn the fundamentals of stop-motion animation techniques as well as explore many aspects of the other more contemporary forms of stop-motion animation processes used by today's animators. This course is focused primarily on the Stop-Motion animated short. Students will learn all aspects of this genre, from the initial development of an idea to the execution and completion of a fully realized animation. Students will be given several assignments over the course of the semester which will give them experience with different types of stop-motion animation styles. These assignments will also give students direct experience with story-boarding, framing and cutting shots, character movement analysis, background audio and Foley (sound effects), and some post digital effects work.

ARTS 229 - Landscape Painting (4 Credit Hours)

This course introduces students to the genre of landscape painting. Art making will be completed in the studio and out in the field. Art projects are devised to have students develop acute observations about the landscape while creating newfound relationships to it. Technical demonstrations in paint application and design are coupled with strategies of research and preparation to produce thoughtful and critical pictorial representations. An introduction to the historical lineage of the painted landscape will be balanced with exposure to contemporary artists and concepts. Students will use painting as an excuse to probe their landscape, to dissect and invert it, to wander off path, and redefine where it starts and ends. Group readings, presentations, and discussions compliment the studio workshop environment by helping to contextualize an art practice to the broader world.

Crosslisting: ENVS 229.

ARTS 231 - Intermediate Printmaking (4 Credit Hours)

Students may work with any printmaking processes in which they have had experience or with the consent of instructor. Processes available to Printmaking II students include: relief, lithography, intaglio or screen printing. Emphasis will be on continued technical and conceptual development.

Prerequisite(s): ARTS 131 or consent.

ARTS 240 - Installation/Site-Specific Art (4 Credit Hours)

In installation art the space is considered like the blank sheet of paper of a drawing. Its goal is the transformation of spaces through the use of objects, images, color, etc. Site-specific art is art that is created in a certain space, where the place is part of the work and adds meaning to it. This Installation/Site-Specific Art studio class will focus on creating objects that will transform a variety of architectural spaces.

ARTS 241 - Intermediate Sculpture (4 Credit Hours)

This course focuses on the search for art practices. The students have to develop projects starting out with specific themes that are discussed by the group, but the end product is personal depending on the individual conceptual and aesthetic development.

ARTS 243 - Mixed Media Sculpture (4 Credit Hours)

Combining theory and practice in the sculpture studio, this topical intermediate sculpture course focuses its central objective around an overarching relevant interdisciplinary theme that varies per semester. Along with theoretical readings and presentations, a series of sculpture projects will be developed by each student to explore the selected research theme created with a range of techniques and materials. Course materials may include plaster, wax, fabric, found objects, wood, and metal. The works will acquire meaning based not only on the form, but also on the material the work is made out of and its connotations. Importance will be given to the investigation on the theme, to the process of sculptural creation and to the end products, the final sculpture.

ARTS 244 - Fiber Arts (4 Credit Hours)

This studio art course is an introduction to the basic expressive potential to create two- and three-dimensional works. The use of natural and/or artificial materials will be introduced and a combination between structural and non-structural materials, to make the composition work as an image, object or installation. The artworks created will be the result of an analytic process guided by information acquired, the interpretation of that information and experiences lived by each participant of this class.

ARTS 264 - Special Topics in Studio Art (4 Credit Hours)

Special Topic courses with a focus on particular aspects of studio art.

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ARTS 267 - Performance Art (4 Credit Hours)

This studio art course will focus on processes of creating and executing actions that may have an artistic content. In this course the participants will generate actions that will be performed. Prior to the execution of artistic actions the participants will be exposed to a wide range of artistic performances. We will be working on the approach to art practices from the production of meaning and the relationship between art and life. The main objective is to use actions as a way of discovering arts practices. This course fulfills the Oral Communication general education requirement and a Fine Arts Division requirement.

ARTS 299 - Intermediate Topics in Art (1-4 Credit Hours)

A general category used only in the evaluation of transfer credit.

ARTS 310 - Advanced Drawing (4 Credit Hours)

Continued drawing experience with emphasis on developing individual skills, concepts and expression.

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

ARTS 311 - Landscape Painting (4 Credit Hours)

This course introduces students to the genre of landscape painting. Art making will be completed in the studio and out in the field. Art projects are devised to have students develop acute observations about the landscape while creating newfound relationships to it. Technical demonstrations in paint application and design are coupled with strategies of research and preparation to produce thoughtful and critical pictorial representations. An introduction to the historical lineage of the painted landscape will be balanced with exposure to contemporary artists and concepts. Students will use painting as an excuse to probe their landscape, to dissect and invert it, to wander off path, and redefine where it starts and ends. Group readings, presentations, and discussions compliment the studio workshop environment by helping to contextualize an art practice to the broader world.

Crosslisting: ENVS 211.

ARTS 315 - Advanced Painting (4 Credit Hours)

Continued painting experience.

Prerequisite(s): ARTS 115 or consent of instructor.

ARTS 317 - Advanced Photography (4 Credit Hours)

An Advanced class that will focus on developing a portfolio of work. Students will be introduced to large format cameras, and the lighting studio will be used for specific technical assignments. Readings and lectures will provide a basis for dialogue as students develop their own lineage of influence and make photographic work that speaks to their own interests and questions.

Prerequisite(s): ARTS 117 and ARTS 217.

ARTS 321 - Advanced Ceramics (4 Credit Hours)

This course requires a working knowledge of the ceramic process. Students work in depth, developing a personal approach to the medium, acquiring greater competency in terms of concept and technique.

Prerequisite(s): ARTS 121 and ARTS 221 or consent of instructor.

ARTS 331 - Advanced Printmaking (4 Credit Hours)

Students may work with any printmaking process in which they have had experience or with the consent of instructor. Processes available to Printmaking III students include: relief, lithography, intaglio or screen printing. Experimentation and innovation, both conceptually and technically, will be stressed for the advanced student.

Prerequisite(s): ARTS 231.

ARTS 341 - Advanced Sculpture (4 Credit Hours)

Continued sculpture experience with emphasis on developing individual skills, concepts, and expression.

Prerequisite(s): ARTS 241.

ARTS 345 - Junior Visual Arts Practicum (4 Credit Hours)

A Junior Visual Arts Practicum is a third year requirement for studio art majors offered fall semester. This course is a first semester of engagement in a self directed art practice using both modalities of research and creation within the Studio Art community. Students will engage in regular critical dialogue with peers, faculty, and visiting artists. The students goal in this course is to focus on generating a steady independent flow of work in the studio, and placing that work within a historical and critical context. Juniors will also work on artist statements and oral presentations of their work to peers and department. Juniors have a mandatory group trip to a midwest city that allows for meeting artists, visiting museums and galleries and creating bonds and community. Juniors have individual studio spaces for the fall semester.

ARTS 361 - Directed Study (1-4 Credit Hours)

For the student of marked creative ability who wishes to pursue advanced subjects not otherwise listed, such as design, graphics, or history and criticism.

ARTS 362 - Directed Study (1-4 Credit Hours)

For the student of marked creative ability who wishes to pursue advanced subjects not otherwise listed, such as design, graphics, or history and criticism.

ARTS 363 - Independent Study (1-4 Credit Hours)**ARTS 364 - Independent Study (1-4 Credit Hours)****ARTS 365 - Advanced Special Topics (4 Credit Hours)**

Special Topic courses with a focus on particular aspects of studio art at the advanced level.

ARTS 399 - Advanced Topics in Art (1-4 Credit Hours)

A general category used only in the evaluation of transfer credit.

ARTS 400 - Senior Art History Project (3 Credit Hours)

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ARTS 401 - Visual Arts Practicum I (4 Credit Hours)

Senior Visual Arts Practicum I & II are together a rigorous, year long, commitment to students developing and refining their individual voice and art practice. Students will engage in regular critical dialogue with classmates and faculty, as well as visiting artists. Focus will be on generating a steady flow of work in the studio, engaging in research that can elaborate upon connections between creative practice and the art historical/theoretical context, as well as drawing connections to the liberal art education. In the fall semester Seniors are required to participate in a group trip to New York City, led by faculty to meet artists, visit museums and galleries, bond together as a class and community and experience one of the art epicenters of the USA. Seniors have individual studios for the entirety of their Senior year. Senior capstone includes a group art show, artist statements and talks about the body of work the student has developed over the year. Senior Visual Arts Practicum I is offered in the fall and Senior Visual Arts Practicum II is offered in the spring.

ARTS 402 - Visual Arts Practicum II (4 Credit Hours)

Senior Visual Arts Practicum I & II are together a rigorous, year long, commitment to students developing and refining their individual voice and art practice. Students will engage in regular critical dialogue with classmates and faculty, as well as visiting artists. Focus will be on generating a steady flow of work in the studio, engaging in research that can elaborate upon connections between creative practice and the art historical/theoretical context, as well as drawing connections to the liberal art education. In the fall semester Seniors are required to participate in a group trip to New York City, led by faculty to meet artists, visit museums and galleries, bond together as a class and community and experience one of the art epicenters of the USA. Seniors have individual studios for the entirety of their Senior year. Senior capstone includes a group art show, artist statements and talks about the body of work the student has developed over the year. Senior Visual Arts Practicum I is offered in the fall and Senior Visual Arts Practicum II is offered in the spring.

ARTS 451 - Senior Research (4 Credit Hours)**ARTS 452 - Senior Research (4 Credit Hours)**

Second semester senior research for BFA major.

Prerequisite(s): ARTS 451.