

Department of Art Syllabus

- I. ART 304 *Drawing IV*, 3 Credit Hours
- II. PREREQUISITES
ART 303
- III. TEXTBOOK
Goldstein, N. (2004). *Drawing to see*. London: Pearson.
- IV. COURSE DESCRIPTION
Advanced exploration and experience in drawing with emphasis on form, content, and meaning.
- V. RATIONALE
The purpose of this course is to help students focus on improving structural and expressive content elements within a drawing composition. Meaningful and expressive content within artwork hinges on the ability of the artist to manipulate compositional elements in effective ways. Drawing courses leading up to this course primarily focused on foundational principles, such as linear and modeling perspective, anatomy of the human figure, and varied media techniques. This course will attempt to synthesize foundational principles acquired in earlier courses but with the goal of allowing the students to express themselves in meaningful ways. Therefore, the primary aim of this course will involve a study of ideological, compositional, technical, and expressive content elements in drawing as a method of improving a student's stylistic development.
- VI. LEARNING OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES
 - A. Differentiate between form, content, and meaning in drawing.
 - B. Compare and contrast form, content, and meaning in historical, master, and contemporary drawings.
 - C. Apply ideas of form, content, and meaning in personal drawings.
 - D. Explore thematic solutions to visual problems.
 - E. Develop a visual problem and attempt to solve it in 5 to 7 drawings.
- VII. COURSE TOPICS
 - A. Form in drawing
 - B. Expressing content in drawing
 - C. Themes in drawing
 - D. Problem solving and expressing ideas in drawing
- VIII. ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Sketchpad journal
- B. Drawing exercises and studio work
- C. Extended projects in drawing

IX. GRADING SCALE

See Department of Art Syllabus Addendum for Grading Scale and Evaluation.

X. LIST OF MATERIALS

List of materials will be provided by instructor.

XI. REFERENCES

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