

## Department of Art Syllabus

- I. ART 315 *Graphic Design III*, 3 Credit Hours
- II. PREREQUISITES  
ART 216
- III. TEXTBOOK  
Cohen, S. (2014). *Indesign CC: Visual quickstart guide*. Berkeley, CA: PeachPit Press.  
  
Weinmann, E. (2014). *Illustrator CC: Visual quickstart guide*. Berkeley, CA: PeachPit Press.  
  
Weinmann, E. (2015). *Photoshop CC: Visual quickstart guide*. Berkeley, CA: PeachPit Press.
- IV. COURSE DESCRIPTION  
Advanced application of graphic design fundamentals and computer technology with emphasis on advertising, publication, and project production. Projects in this studio class will focus on graphic design problem solving for business and social needs as well as pre-press problem solving. (Lab fees required)
- V. RATIONALE  
The projects for this course offer students the opportunity to practice the hands-on skills needed should they pursue a career as a graphic designer. Emphasis is placed on communicating ideas, offering solutions, and understanding professional practices. Students are encouraged to develop their personal style in a variety of digital media and traditional.
- VI. LEARNING OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES  
This course will enable the student to:
  - A. Articulate the need for and benefits of desktop publishing software in the graphic arts industry.
  - B. Identify key concepts related to graphic design and professional document creation.
  - C. Distinguish between developmental stages of graphic design documents and the finished, camera-ready document.
  - D. Discuss, in general, the concepts of professional vector-based document creation.
  - E. Demonstrate awareness of the need for developing problem-solving skills by creating professional work utilizing graphic software.
  - F. Analyze relationship between graphic design needs and available

computer software and how it relates to the job market.

- G. Be able to meet pending deadlines and understand the importance of having work completed on schedule and how this relates to the job market in graphic design.

The major goal of this class is to provide the student with the basic fundamentals of graphic design on the Macintosh computer. Design and execution of assignments related to business and industry will be created using both drawing and related desktop publishing software. This knowledge will be applied to solve publication needs that the student might face in the future in the position as a graphic designer.

VII. COURSE TOPICS

- A. Basic poster design
- B. Basic branding and visual identity
- C. Basic advertising design
- D. Basic corporate design
- E. Basic t-shirt design
- F. Basic package design

VIII. INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS AND ACTIVITIES

- A. Lecture/demonstration/discussion
- B. Practical learning activities and projects
- C. Evaluation: written critiques
- D. Online questions

IX. GRADING SCALE

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

X. LIST OF MATERIALS

Materials list will be provided by the instructor.

XI. REFERENCES

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Cullen, K. (2007). *Layout workbook: A real-world guide to building pages in graphic design*. Gloucester, MA: Rockport Publishers.

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