

SYLLABUS

I. COURSE TITLE
Art 6513 Acrylic/Oil Painting- Non-Figurative **3 semester hours**

II. PREREQUISITES
Art 211 or equivalent

III. TEXTBOOK (none required)

IV. COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is an advanced oil and acrylic painting course designed to focus on the development of painting skills related to still life, landscapes, and design oriented composition.

V. RATIONALE
Non-Figurative 6513, in oils and acrylics, needs its own arena for focus and practice. This course provides the student with an emphasis in the exploration of oil techniques as a traditional media and the exploration of a contemporary media such as acrylics. This course provides the student with an opportunity to study non-figurative subject matter through a variety of settings and conditions. The student will explore these sketching and painting techniques not only in the studio, but also work at actual locations apart from the usual studio environment.

VI. LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. To become familiar with tools and techniques associated with the selected painting medium.
2. Successful composition- to creatively select from sketches, still life, etc. and arrange the elements into a pleasing composition for painting.
3. Through the study of Light and Shadow, help the student to increase their mastery of rendering the illusion of 3-dimensional reality on a 2-dim. surface.
4. To apply the use of color perspective to aerial, linear, and modeling perspective in order to produce the illusion of depth in painting compositions.
5. To participate in classroom critiques and oral reports.
6. To grasp an understanding of the power of color and its ability to entertain.
7. To increase the students awareness of how to safely handle related hazardous art materials.
8. To help the student gain knowledge in the area of preservation and presentation of their art work.
9. To help the student find their "Artistic Voice."

VII. COURSE TOPICS
The major topics to be considered are:
A. The importance of good basic forms and how to render them

effectively.

- B. The understanding of laying an appropriate palette for achieving a successful color composition.
- C. Strong emphasis on the use of *The Elements of Art and Principles of Organization* in building a dynamic composition.

VIII. INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS AND ACTIVITIES

- A. Lectures and Demonstrations
- B. Class critique and discussion
- C. Oral and or written reports on painting information related to current objectives.
- D. Audiovisuals, slides, etc.
- C. Written tests

IX. ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Painting of basic forms, **cone, sphere, and cube.**
- B. Tonal painting of Still-life subject
- C. Color painting of Still-life subject
- D. Painting of pure landscape (color)
- E. Painting of landscape with architecture (color)
- F. Painting of still-life, interior, and landscape composite.

X. EVALUATION

The student will be responsible for the following:

- A. Notebook (3ring binder) containing class lectures and handouts.
- B. Painting projects will each be accompanied by a written critique by the instructor.
- C. Student's working habits; on time, has needed materials etc.
- D. Use of the medium.
- E. Understanding of the principles put forth by the instructor.
- F. Presentation of art work.

XI. GRADING SCALE

- A. = 93-100
- B. = 85-92
- C. = 76-84
- D. = 65-75
- F. = 0-64
- I. = A incomplete may be given to a student who has been providentially hindered from completing work required in a course, provided that:
 - 1. Semester attendance requirements have been met;

2. Most of the required work has been done;
3. The student is doing passing work and the student has made prior arrangements with the faculty member to complete the remaining work at a later date. The grade of I must be removed promptly or it becomes an F; it cannot be removed by repeating the course.” (Graduate Bulletin)

XII. LIST OF MATERIALS (The instructor will give more specifics on materials during the 1st class meeting.)

- A. A basic set of artist acrylic or oil paints including the primaries, red, yellow, blue, and neutrals white and black.
- B. Assorted set of paint brushes for acrylic or oil painting
- C. Canvas pad at least 16x20 inches and 4 to 6 canvas boards or stretched canvas.
- D. Suitable Palette (large 12x16 inches) and storage box for wet paint
- E. Rags (cotton/soft/lint free)
- F. #2B pencil
- G. Kneaded eraser
- H. Ruler at least 24”
- I. Water bucket 1.5 gallon (for acrylic painting only)
- J. Painting knife, trowel type approx. ¾ by 2 and ¾ inches.
- K. Vine charcoal
- L. Masking tape
- M. Odorless Mineral Spirits for cleaning brushes with oil paint on them
- N. Artist Linseed Oil
- O. Container for painting medium and for cleaning brushes
- P. Apron
- Q. Gesso

Other items may be necessary as the course progresses.

*** Instructor’s 1st lecture is often about “Supplies Needed”**

XIII. REFERENCES

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