



Art & Archaeology Department

ARTS 123: Drawing I

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Course Description

Introduction to basic concepts of drawing, developing individual skills and providing practice in using various drawing materials. Problems are given in landscape, still life, figure study and other subject matter. Representational and abstract approaches are used.

Course Structure and Credits

This is a 3-credit course, that will meet on-site, in classroom/studio. Materials will be available directly in the course Blackboard or through a link placed on Blackboard. If we are required at any point to forgo any face-to-face course sessions, lesson plans, course work and related information will be placed online and available to all students enrolled in ARTS 237.

In class, you will meet for two hours twice a week, where you will engage in hands-on studio exercises, writing and research, and take part in discussions with your instructor and classmates. The instructor will give short lectures paired with technical demonstrations.

Blackboard, you will interact with the course content, your peers and instructor in various ways. On Blackboard, you will have access to course related documents, PowerPoints, and an array of videos and websites exploring artists and art resources.

- **Platforms** utilized through links on Blackboard include Miro, OneDrive, and Vimeo.
- **Out of class studio work**, includes technical and conceptual exercises (In your journal or loose paper) as well as experimenting with materials and concepts toward work going into the senior exhibition, writing exercises and digital design for PR materials.

READINGS

- Course materials will be supplied as digital documents, PowerPoints, online links, and the occasional print out.
 - You are not required to purchase a book for this course.
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COURSE OUTLINE

Weeks 1 – 2

Foundation line work: blind contour, cross contour, rapid contour/gesture, axial lines, sighting, and measuring

Weeks 3 – 6

Ellipses and cones, transparent construction, and freehand perspective

Weeks 7– 10

Line weight, line variation to create the illusion of volume in three-dimensional forms, recognizing and rendering value, and various methods of building tone

Weeks 11 – 14

More complex still life arrangements, building detail, working in layers, and an introduction to drawing hands and feet

Week 15

Final critique and portfolio review

**Note: A more detailed course calendar will be added to Blackboard.*

MATERIALS

Materials Provided

Newsprint Paper
Workable Fixative
Powdered Charcoal and Graphite
X-Acto Knife
Drawing Paper and Sketchbook Pad
Chamois Cloth, 5" x 7"
Charcoal (Compressed and Vine)
Erasers (Kneaded, Gum and Plastic Erasers)
Conte Sketching Crayons

Optional Materials

- Drawing Board, 19" x 25" or larger (extremely useful for out of class drawing)
- Large Clips for attaching pad and paper to drawing board
- Portfolio, 19" x 25" or larger, can be paper or cloth, or you can make your own from two pieces of chip board hinged with duct tape. For ease and comfort, I recommend a cloth or vinyl portfolio case with a strap. It is a little more expensive but it's worth it if it's raining or you're carrying heavy pads of paper around.
- Spray Fixative (Workable) for home use
- Art Bin (or tackle box) to hold small supplies

Objectives of the Course

1. Ability to effectively use a variety of drawing tools
2. Accurately translate angles and measure proportion using *Sighting & Measuring* techniques
3. Depict believable volume on a two-dimensional surface
4. Good understanding of, and the ability to accurately render, light and shadow
5. Create convincing illusions of depth using mechanical and freehand *Perspective drawing*
6. Understand and properly implement, the *Principals of Design* and *Elements of Art (Rules and Tools)*
7. Have the command, of an *Art Vocabulary* (Fundamentals Level)

Assignments

Rubrics for assignments will be available in Blackboard
A brief description of the four extended projects is below.

**Do not sign your extended projects; a signature when added to a drawing becomes part of the image and takes away from the other visual elements.*

PROJECT 1: Contour Line Drawing

SHORT DESCRIPTION

- Arrange five objects into a controlled space and construct a design that places varied attention (visual weight) on each object.

PROCESS

- This project is focused on the use of varied line to develop an outline and the interior contour lines of the objects and the space around a still life arrangement.
- Students will compose, light, photograph and then print an image, of a still life arrangement of their own design; sighting and measuring methods and a viewfinder are integral to the development of Project 1. Do not find an image online for your project, the design must be your own. Examples will be provided.
- Take images and clearly label the digital files of all work and process
- Document sketchbook notes, thumbnail sketches, rough drawings, and experiments (leading up to Project 1). Keeping notes and consistently sketching is extremely useful for developing complexity in artwork and increases the ability for students to contribute constructive dialog.

PROJECT 2: Line Drawing Cornucopia

SHORT DESCRIPTION

- Gather several small objects and trinkets into a vessel, then carefully spill the contents into a dynamic visual journey that leads the viewer's eyes around the objects and into the vessel.

PROCESS

- Line Drawing Revealing the Depth of Forms and the Space Around Them
- For this drawing imagine that areas of the skin, shell, wall or outside coating of the

object you are rendering have been turned transparent or semi-transparent; Focus on your attention on the scaffolding of objects/structures. Line is the brick and mortar for building this drawing.

- Take images and clearly label the digital files of all work and process
- Document sketchbook notes, thumbnail sketches, rough drawings, and experiments (leading up to Project 2). Keeping notes and consistently sketching is extremely useful for developing complexity in artwork and increases the ability for students to contribute constructive dialog.

PROJECT 3: Tonal Drawing, City of Simple Forms

SHORT DESCRIPTION

- Organize and light an array of simple forms into an arrangement that closely resembles a city or village.

PROCESS

- Compose, light, and take photographs of objects in a space. This project is your opportunity to use a wide range of values and value transitions. Your objective is to render the illusion of depth and form; choose objects, arrange, and light a scene that gives you the value range, edge type and design that is appealing to you and I recommend you keep the complexity reasonable, so that you can complete the project on time. A large part of this drawing will rely on the intricately of graduated shading and sensitive articulation of line quality. Focus on shading, line quality and a wide range a value.
- Take images and clearly label the digital files of all work and process
- Document sketchbook notes, thumbnail sketches, rough drawings, and experiments (leading up to Project 3). Keeping notes and consistently sketching is extremely useful for developing complexity in artwork and increases the ability for students to contribute constructive dialog.

PROJECT 4: Line and Value Themed Arrangement

SHORT DESCRIPTION

- Select and organize multiple objects that work together as a coordinated theme.

PROCESS

- The final extended project brings together line, value, and sighting and measuring. Render a realistic drawing with correct scale and proportion. Theme and content are left open for each student to choose. Students are required to arrange, light, photograph and print whatever scene they decide on.
- Take images and clearly label the digital files of all work and process
- Document sketchbook notes, thumbnail sketches, rough drawings, and experiments (leading up to Project 4). Keeping notes and consistently sketching is extremely useful for developing complexity in artwork and increases the ability for students to contribute constructive dialog.

PORTFOLIO REVIEW

At the semesters end students will arrange all the digital images of the semesters work into a portfolio for the instructor to review. The instructor will look over all the work, examining the portfolio for effort, quality, and progress. The instructor will also seek out strengths and weaknesses and determine if the student was receptive to feedback. The review will be critical and constructive.

Academic Honor Code

All Hood undergraduates affirm on each class assignment that they “have neither given nor received any unauthorized aid.” Cheating or plagiarism—any unacknowledged use of another person’s language or ideas—is thus both an affront to the general standards of conduct on which an intellectual community depends and a specific violation of the Honor Code. As such, these offenses are treated seriously and may lead to severe disciplinary action, including dismissal from the College. For a full description of the policies and procedures of the Honor Code, contact the dean of students.

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Instructor reserves the right to alter the syllabus.

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Mission

The Student Success Center promotes an accessible, enriching, and supportive community that fosters success for each diverse member of Hood College.

Core Values

-Differences such as age, race, gender, nationality, sexual orientation, ability, preferred learning modality and background enrich Hood's learning and work environments. We promote full equity and inclusion for all community members and believe each student has the potential to be successful and persist to degree completion.

-We believe academic support services should be accessible to every student; they teach fundamentals for college success.

-We work with students to help them create and refine an educational plan through reflection on personal strengths and goals, development of self-advocacy and growth mindset, understanding of campus processes and resources, and active engagement in programs and opportunities.

-We value collaboration and communication with campus colleagues and encourage students to use available support systems.

-We advocate for students within the College community to promote student success.

-We engage in continual assessment and utilize the strengths and ideas of our team members to improve our services.

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Hours of Operation

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