

San José State University
Department of Art and Art History
Art 24 Sec 2, Class#23489 – Drawing 1 – Spring 2017

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Prerequisites: No previous experience or prerequisites required

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Course Website: <http://ad.sjsu.edu/foundations/index.html>

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Course Description

This course, Beginning Drawing, is an introduction to the essential formal and creative aspects of drawing.

Each student will gain a better understanding of the nature and importance of drawing through the investigation of techniques, medias, and basic inherent principles of artmaking. This course is based upon the students ability to learn to begin to see in new ways, and create visual responses through effective analysis and creative inspiration.

The student will analyze their growth through an ongoing process, and by understanding and applying the basic elements of drawing: line, shape, space, value, form, volume, texture, pattern, and composition.

In addition, these basic and combined foundations of drawing will lend themselves to a better appreciation of the processes of artmaking, and will enable the student to begin to use them as different forms of expression. Each class will begin with a presentation concerning one or all of these elements.

The sequential assignments over the course of the semester will culminate in a final drawing problem at the end of the semester, which should reflect the individual student's progress and creative momentum up to that point.

Course Goals and Student Learning Objectives

- ✦ Students will be introduced to a wide range of media and materials, including but not limited to; charcoal, pencil and graphite, conte, various drawing tools, and a variety of papers that are instrumental in making drawing successful.

- ✦ Students will gain knowledge and develop an understanding and awareness of learning how to see, specifically in relation to the process of drawing.

- ✦ Students will learn to expand their knowledge of the picture plane, compositional frameworks, and the overall design of pictorial space throughout the semester.

- ✦ Students will develop an awareness and sensitivity to the nature and importance of line, weight, form, volume, texture and pattern.

- ✦ Students will expand their discernment of the challenging applications of tone and value, and become sensitive to issues regarding light and space.

- ✦ Upon successful completion of the course, students will recognize the importance of drawing as an investigative process, and its many applications, and how they will further their potential for a stronger sense of communication and experience through the act of drawing and practice.

Suggested Texts/Readings

Betti C and Sale T Drawing A Contemporary Approach 4e Holt, Rinehart Winston
De Fiore, Gaspare Learning to See and Draw Watson-Gupthill 1984
Enstice, Wayne, Drawing: Space, Form, Expression Prentice-Hall 2002
Hill, Edward The Language of Drawing Prentice-Hall, 1966
Maier, Manfred Basic Principles of Design Van Nostrand-Reinhold, 1988
Powell, William Perspective Walter Foster Publishing
Norling, Ernest Perspective Made Easy Dover Pub. 1999

Course outline to be covered

Picture plane :

History and identification. Scale and proportion in recognizing spatial relationships. Negative and positive space.

Composition and design of pictorial space : shape, form, balance, edge, and harmony. Overall design.

Line: variety and weight, broken line, and its potential to describe volume. Issues of pressure regarding various mediums.

Value drawing and light source:

Range in value and contrast

Perspective – accuracy of positioning and degree. Volume and weight.

Texture and pattern : Variations in illuminating contrasts and repetition.

Schedule

Jan 26th – Introduction to class, materials, and semester

Jan 31, Feb 2th – Introduction to manipulation of materials: charcoal, pencil, paper, and investigation of pictorial space and edge.

Feb 7th, 9th – Compositional frameworks, positive and negative space. Shape and proportional structure of composition. Introduction to contour line.

Feb 14th, 16th – Cross-contour line, broken-line, weight manipulation of form and volume.

Feb 21st, 23rd - Introduction to One and Two-Point Perspective.

Feb 28th, Mar 2nd – Ellipses, foreshortening, and inclined planes in perspective.

Mar 7th, 9th – Blind contour, continuous line, inversion drawing, mass gesture and volume.

Mar 14th, 16th – Mid-term meetings. Accumulative drawing reflecting last seven weeks.

Mar 21th, 23rd – Introduction to value and value scale, light theory.

Mar 28th, 30th – Spring Break – No class

Apr 4, 6th – Value: Range and articulation of shadow, contrast. Blending, Chiaroscuro, and transitional subtlety.

Apr 11th, Apr 13th – Continuation Of Value analysis

Apr 18th, 20th - Introduction to wet media : Ink, tonal structure, and manipulation.

Apr 25th – Introduction to figure: Head and facial planar deconstruction. Student drawings of each other.

Apr 27th, May 2nd – Continuation of figurative analysis and interpretation. Intro to pattern and texture.

May 4th – Beginning of final drawing project.

May 9th, 11th– Continuation of final drawing.

Dec 16th – Final class critique.

Vocabulary for Drawing 1

Cast shadow – Shadows thrown by objects onto adjacent planes, or a dark shape, created by the absence of light, that results from placement of an opaque object in the path of the light source.

Chiaroscuro – A continuous gradation of value to create the illusion of three-dimensional form. Chiaroscuro, which combines Italian words chiaro (light) and oscuro (dark) involves systematic changes of value. The elements of the system are highlight, light, shadow, reflected light, and cast shadow.

Composition – The combination of multiple parts to create a harmonious whole.

Concept – A general notion or idea. An idea of something formed by mentally combining characteristics or particulars. A construct.

Content – Something that is expressed through some medium, as speech, or any of the various arts. Significance or profundity

Contour line- A line that describes the edges of a form and suggests three-dimensional volume.

Contrast- The degree of difference between compositional parts, or between one image and another.

Cross-contour – Multiple, curving, parallel lines running over the surface of an object horizontally and or/vertically that describe its surface configuration topographically, as in mapping.

Form – Every object has a specific three-dimensional characteristic that consists of form. The simplest forms are spheres, cylinders, cubes, and pyramids.

Gradation – Shading created through the gradation of grays can be used to suggest three-dimensional form.

Highlights – The lightest value present on the surface of an illuminated form, which tends to occur on very smooth and or shiny surfaces. They are the intense spots of light that appear on the crest of the surface facing the light source.

Horizon line – In linear perspective, the line on which all vanishing points are positioned. More accurately described as the eye line or eye level.

Light – A broad intermediate value between the more defined areas of highlight and the core of the shadow.

One point perspective – A form of linear perspective in which the lines receding into space converge at a single vanishing point on the eye level or horizon line.

Perspective – A graphic system used to create the illusion of space on a two-dimensional surface.

Picture plane – The flat surface on which an artist creates a pictorial image.

Proportion – A comparative relationship between the parts to a whole. For example, in figure drawing, the model's head is often compared to the overall height of the body.

below the eye level. Used when the picture plane must be tilted to encompass an object placed above or below the eye level.

Value – The lightness or darkness of a color. The relative lightness or darkness of a surface.

Value scale – A range of grays that are presented in mathematically consistent sequence.

Vanishing Point – Denotes degrees of light and dark. In linear perspective, the point or points on the eye level at which parallel lines appear to converge.

Classroom Protocol

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory and extremely important. Maintaining a level of seriousness and completing the course work is instrumental to success in the course.

Cell Phones: Students will turn their cell phones off or put them on vibrate mode while in class. They **will not** answer their phones in class.

IPODS and MP3 Players: Are allowed in class while drawing, but not during any lectures or critiques.

Requirements

Regular attendance and work during class time, along with participation in class critiques and discussions, is mandatory. All assignments must be handed in on time. Any assignments handed in late will be graded down a whole grade.

(Note: According to University policy F69-24, "Students attend all meetings of their classes, not only because they are responsible for material discussed therein, but because active participation is frequently essential to insure maximum benefit for all members of the class. Attendance per shall not be used as a criterion for grading.")

Homework requirements

Example: Homework is due on Tuesday, but if turned in on Thursday; the best grade a student can receive is a "B". Any projects handed in after the week they are due will be considered either incomplete, or will receive an "F"

Grading

Grades will be determined by the following percentages:

Class work, including participation in discussions and critiques, - 50%

Homework for entire semester– 50%

Grading breakdown:

4.0 – A	2.2 – 2.7 - C
3.7 – 4.0 – A-	2.0 – 2.2 – C-
3.5 – 3.7 – B+	1.7 – 2.0 – D
3.2 – 3.5 – B	0.0 – 1.7 - F
3.0 – 3.2 – B-	
2.7 – 3.0 – C+	

Materials list for Drawing 1

1 Tool box to hold the following items

Masonite drawing board with clips – 20” x 26”

Pencils: HB, 2B, 4B, 6B, and 8B (Brand Staedtler recommended)

Charcoal: Vine and willow charcoal – Soft and extra soft. Both thick and thin sticks

Charcoal pencils: Hard and soft

1 package of black pastel charcoal (alphacolor) –2 Sticks

1 white charcoal pencil

1 small metal pencil sharpener

1 white Staedtler or magic rub eraser

1 Kneaded eraser

1 “Click” eraser

1 Chamois cloth

Various blending stumps

1 bottle of black drawing ink

1 sumi ink brush

1 36” wooden yardstick or 24” ruler

1 roll of masking/white artists tape (one inch width and low tack)

1 18”x 24” Pad of Strathmore drawing paper, containing 25 – 50 sheets. White

1 18” x 24” pad of newsprint (rough)

1 Can of workable fixative

1 Lightweight portfolio

Surgical or rubber gloves for charcoal (optional)

Overall estimated cost for entire semester: \$ 100

Supplies Available at:

University Art, 456 Meridian Ave, San Jose.

SJSU Bookstore

Roberts Bookstore, 10th street, San Jose.

Dropping and Adding

Students are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drop, grade forgiveness, etc. Refer to the current semester’s [Catalog Policies](http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html) section at <http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html>. Add/drop deadlines can be found on the [current academic calendar](http://www.sjsu.edu/academic_programs/calendars/academic_calendar/) web page located at http://www.sjsu.edu/academic_programs/calendars/academic_calendar/. The [Late Drop](#)

[Policy](http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops/policy/) is available at <http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops/policy/>. Students should be aware of the current deadlines and penalties for dropping classes. Information about the latest changes and news is available at the [Advising Hub](http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/>.

Academic integrity

Your commitment as a student to learning is evidenced by your enrollment at San Jose State University. The [University's Academic Integrity policy](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/S07-2.htm), located at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/S07-2.htm>, requires you to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. The [Student Conduct and Ethical Development website](http://www.sa.sjsu.edu/judicial_affairs/index.html) is available at http://www.sa.sjsu.edu/judicial_affairs/index.html.

Instances of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Cheating on exams or plagiarism (presenting the work of another as your own, or the use of another person's ideas without giving proper credit) will result in a failing grade and sanctions by the University. For this class, all assignments are to be completed by the individual student unless otherwise specified. If you would like to include your assignment or any material you have submitted, or plan to submit for another class, please note that SJSU's Academic Policy S07-2 requires approval of instructors.

Campus Policy in Compliance with the American Disabilities Act

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, or see me during office hours. Presidential Directive 97-03 requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must register with the [Disability Resource Center](http://www.drc.sjsu.edu/) (DRC) at <http://www.drc.sjsu.edu/> to establish a record of their disability.

Student Technology Resources

Computer labs for student use are available in the Academic Success Center located on the 1st floor of Clark Hall and on the 2nd floor of the Student Union. Additional computer labs may be available in your department/college. Computers are also available in the Martin Luther King Library.

A wide variety of audio-visual equipment is available for student checkout from Media Services located in IRC 112. These items include digital and VHS camcorders, VHS and Beta video players, 16 mm, slide, overhead, DVD, CD, and audiotape players, sound systems, wireless microphones, projection screens and monitors.

Learning Assistance Resource Center

The Learning Assistance Resource Center (LARC) is located in Room 600 in the Student Services Center. It is designed to assist students in the development of their full academic potential and to motivate them to become self-directed learners. The center provides support services, such as skills assessment, individual or group tutorials, subject advising, learning

assistance, summer academic preparation and basic skills development. The [LARC website](http://www.sjsu.edu/larc/) is located at <http://www.sjsu.edu/larc/>.

SJSU Writing Center

The SJSU Writing Center is located in Room 126 in Clark Hall. It is staffed by professional instructors and upper-division or graduate-level writing specialists from each of the seven SJSU colleges. Our writing specialists have met a rigorous GPA requirement, and they are well trained to assist all students at all levels within all disciplines to become better writers. The [Writing Center website](http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/about/staff/) is located at <http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/about/staff/>.

Peer Mentor Center

The Peer Mentor Center is located on the 1st floor of Clark Hall in the Academic Success Center. The Peer Mentor Center is staffed with Peer Mentors who excel in helping students manage university life, tackling problems that range from academic challenges to interpersonal struggles. On the road to graduation, Peer Mentors are navigators, offering “roadside assistance” to peers who feel a bit lost or simply need help mapping out the locations of campus resources. Peer Mentor services are free and available on a drop –in basis, no reservation required. The [Peer Mentor Center website](http://www.sjsu.edu/muse/peermentor/) is located at <http://www.sjsu.edu/muse/peermentor/>