

San José State University
Department of Art and Art History
Art 61: Beginning Painting
Fall Semester 2020

Course and Contact Information

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Office Hours: Wednesday 5:50pm-6:50pm
Class Days/Time: Monday, Wednesday. 3pm-5:50pm
Classroom: Online
Prerequisites:

Units: 3

Additional Contact Information

- * E-mail is generally the best method of contact during non-office hours.
- * Please allow 48-hours for an e-mail response.
- * Emergency: 911 Campus Escort: 42222
- * Individuals with disabilities may contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC), Administrative Building 110, 408/ 924-6000, for a variety of formats such as Braille, large print, sign interpreters, assistive listening devices, audio tape and accommodations for physical accessibility.

Course Format: Activity/Studio

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the materials and techniques used in oil painting. This is a studio class where technical demonstrations will be given on a regular basis. Historical as well as contemporary works will be introduced to inspire and demonstrate the possibilities of the medium. Individual instruction will be given throughout the semester, and group critiques will be held regularly. Active participation in discussion is strongly encouraged.

This class will acquaint you with the practical procedures of painting while at the same time serve as an introduction to the history of painting and the relationship of painting to art and society. The emphasis will be on developing skills of seeing and composing in relationships of color and structure, thereby, learning to convey the illusion of space by describing qualities of form, light/value, color, and texture.

Students will learn various applications: alla prima, dry brush, scumbling, application of broken color, impasto, and expressive brushwork. A great emphasis will be focused on the “ownership of the edge,” which refers to the correspondence of subject/background paint space and achievement of the creation of one value or tone or color against another. Students will be introduced to processes and methods that are fundamental to achieve both representational and abstract visual experience, and gain understanding of building strong foundation, seeing totality and wholeness, and avoiding triviality by working with distillation.

Online Class Protocol:

All classes will meet via Zoom during the regular class hours. Questions and comments may be entered anytime during the session in the “chat” box. Students are asked to remain on mute until called on to speak. Students wishing to speak should use the “hand raise” icon in the participant list. Since many of our classes will involve painting together, it’s important that you you’re your video on. However, please be seated and properly dressed for classroom attendance. Students are asked to arrive punctually for the Zoom classes. Late arrivals may have to wait a few minutes before entering the Zoom session as late admission requires intermittently checking the waiting room.

Course Goals

To see the world as a painter and attempt to recreate that world on a two-dimensional surface.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Course Skill Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

CLO1: Work with value contrast and shape as means of composition

CLO2: Demonstrate an understanding of color theory as it pertains to painting

CLO3: Learn processes and methods and techniques that are fundamental to achieve both representational and abstract visual experience.

Course Content Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will have mastered:

CLO4: Identify and discuss the formal aspects of a painting and visual idea.

CLO5: Cultivate an awareness of the function and influence of painting in 20th and 21st century art.

Classwork Activity:

We will be painting for the duration of every class period (my theory being the only way to get better at painting is to practice it...a lot.) There will be slide lectures, and demonstrations. Assignments will be presented at the beginning of class. Be on time! Students will have individual instruction, individual critiques, and group critiques of student work at regular intervals. You will need:

Library Liaison

Gareth Scott

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
4th Floor Administration Offices

Grading Policy:

“Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of forty-five hours over the length of the course (normally 3 hours per unit per week with 1 of the hours used for lecture) for instruction or preparation/studying or course related activities including but not limited to internships, labs, clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.”

University policy F69-24, “Students should 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 se shall not be used as a criterion for grading.”

Grading is determined by the following: Active and serious involvement in all aspects of this class (appointments, studio time, critiques). Individual growth: Finished paintings of high quality. Also determined by: Individual development, commitment, quality of work and assignments adequately fulfilled, and a successful balance of technical and conceptual concerns in each piece.

I expect you to work during regular scheduled classroom hours, two days a week. Critiques will be announced during the semester. Please be prepared and present. No exceptions. If you miss a critique, a full letter grade will be deducted from your work. No Make-up work.

Please notify your friends and family that you are unavailable to taxi them to and from the airport, babysit, run household errands during your scheduled class. Carefully schedule all medical and advising appointments so there is no time conflict.

Classroom Paintings will be 60% of your grade

Final painting will be 20% of your grade

Participation in Critiques will be 20% of your grade

University Grading Policy

http://www.sjsu.edu/registrar/students/grades_grades_changes/grade_symbols_and_values/

LETTER GRADES:

A Exceeding the requirements of the assignment with strong balance of process, content, composition, color exploration, and commitment of execution.

B Good work, but weaknesses either conceptually, technically or compositionally.

C Work is average, but meets the basic requirements of the assignment

D Work that is below requirement or unfinished

F Work that is not turned in to the instructor

A+ = 100-97%	A = 96-93%	A- = 92-90%
B+ = 89-87%	B = 86-83%	B- = 82-80%
C+ = 79-77%	C = 76-73%	C- = 72-70%
D+ = 69-67%	D = 66-63%	D- = 62-60%
F = 59-0% Unsatisfactory		

Final Examination or Evaluation “There shall be an appropriate final examination or evaluation at the scheduled time in every course, unless specifically exempted by the college dean who has curricular responsibility for the course.”

Final Examination or Evaluation

Thursday, December 10th, 12:15pm-2:30pm. Our final exam will consist of a group critique of your final project.

Please note: Except in cases of documented emergencies, incomplete grades are not given in this course.

“All students have the right, within a reasonable time, to know their academic scores, to review their grade-dependent work, and to be provided with explanations for the determination of their course grades.” See University Policy F13-1 at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F13-1.pdf> for more details.

Additional Note:

This syllabus is subject to change, in the event of unforeseen circumstances, or in the case that changes will significantly enhance the quality of the course. Students will collectively have the opportunity to shape the ways in which the course unfolds.

Department Advising

For information about majors and minors in Art & Art History, for change of major/minor forms and a list of advisors: <http://www.sjsu.edu/art/> or the Art & Art History department office in ART(H)/(PHOT) 116, 408-924-4320, art@sjsu.edu

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>."

Course Schedule

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<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines</u>
1	W 8.19	Introduction, Syllabus overview, Materials, Slides
2	M 8.24 W 8.26	Value: Reductive Painting #1, Palette set-up, Demo-2 Values Value: Reductive Painting #2, 2 Values
3	M 8.31 W 9.2	Value: Monochrome Painting #1, key painting, 3 Values Value: Monochrome Painting #2, 3 Values <i>Homework: one-third, two-thirds, little bit.</i>
4	M. 9.7 W 9.9	Labor Day: NO CLASS Value: Zorn Palette, Primary color, Neutral values, Slides
5	M. 9.14 W. 9.16	Color: Full Palette, Fruit arrangement, heavy light Color: Full Palette, Fruit arrangement, heavy light, separating color from value. Use red acetate.
6	M 9.21 W 9.23	Color: Full Palette, Painting Light, Brushwork concentration Color: Full Palette, Painting Light, Local Color, Chiaroscuro

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines</u>
7	M 9.28 W 9.30	Composition: Rule of Thirds, Weight. Composition: Viewfinders, Abstraction, Intuition
8	M 10.5 W. 10.7	All At Once!: Juggling all components we've learned so far. All At Once!: Juggling all components we've learned so far cont. <u>Homework:</u> Consider prompt for Project 1, have short (5 sentence) project proposal ready by beginning of class Monday, 10.12.
9	M 10.12 W10. 14	Project 1: Three objects that describe you (see prompt for specific guidelines, motivation.) Project 1 cont.
10	M 10.19 W 10.21	Project 1 Small group critique Project 1 cont.
11	M 10.26 W 10.28	Project 1 cont. Project 1 cont.
12	M 11.2 W 11.4	Group Critique Group Critique <u>Homework:</u> Consider prompt, be ready to start Final Project by Wednesday, 11.3
13	M 11.9 W 11.11	Veterans Day NO CLASS Final Project
14	M 11.16 W 11.18	Final Project Final Project

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines</u>
15	M 11.23 W 11.25	Final Project Thanksgiving Break
16	M 11.30 W 12.2	Final Project Group Critique
Final Exam	TH 12.10 12:15-2:30pm	Group Critique