

Nashville State Community College
English, Humanities, Arts, & Language
Art

ART-1340 Syllabus

Course Title: Foundations Studio I

Credits: 3

Class Hours: 6

Course Description: Foundations Studio I Introduces students to the basic principles of Two-Dimensional Design. Through a series of assignments students will explore material and medium to create original compositions that utilize the entire picture plane.

Instructor Information:

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Office Hours: Posted

Textbook and Other Materials:

Textbook: N/A

Sketchbook: Students in this design class are required to keep and maintain a sketchbook. I expect to see at least 3 entries per week. The sketchbook is to be used for recording inspirational ideas/observations, resolve aesthetic issues, and research.

Supplies: See List

Course Outcomes:

Students that complete 2-D Design will have the skills necessary to create and evaluate works of art in any venue. Students will have the ability to confidently express their opinion regarding art in contemporary society. The knowledge and skills obtained in this class is crucial for effective visual communication.

Course Competencies:

The following are detailed course competencies intended to support the course outcomes:

- Acquire a fundamental knowledge of the elements of design
- Learn the elements of Design
 - Color theory
 - Rhythm
 - Balance
 - Unity / variety
 - Emphasis / Subordination
 - Focal Point
 - Scale / proportion

- Apply the principals of design to create visually interesting, cohesive, aesthetically pleasing works of art
- Learn a suitable vocabulary with which to describe and evaluate art
- Critically analyze works of art
- Understand how design conveys content

The following are general education competencies intended to support the course outcomes:

1. Write clear, well-organized documents.
2. Prepare and deliver well-organized oral presentations.
3. Apply mathematical concepts to problems and situations.
4. Use critical thinking skills.
5. Apply scientific thought processes to a range of situations.

Topics to Be Covered:

Overview of semester/Folder Construction

Project - Simple Exercises (Dynamic, Stable, Weak, Strong) Shape & Color play

Project – Positive/Negative Confusion

Project – Alter scale and proportion in a Collage

Project – Balanced composition with text and Rhythmic elements

Project – Color/texture and focal- point

Project – The Unified Triptych

Final Project: Product/Image/Logo

Course Assessments:

Work will be assessed at a group critique, upon completion deadline of each assignment. All students are expected to complete assignments on time and participate in the critique process. You must show work at each critique, even if it is incomplete. Failure to show at a critique is an instant reduction of letter grade from your final grade. It is expected that you bring tools and material to every class. Keep all of your work, as your grade will be based on your complete

portfolio at the end of the semester. I do not grade based upon talent or beauty of work. Your grade will reflect the time, effort, and consideration put into your work.

Grading Policy:

- Effort/Performance – 25%
- Knowledge of Parameters - 25%
- Craft in Execution – 25%
- Critique Participation – 25%

Grading Scale:

A =90-100

B =80-89

C =70-79

D =60-69

F =<60

FA (see below)

FN (see below)

According to NSCC policy, an FA is awarded to students who do not officially withdraw from a course and do not attend after the cut-off date provided in the academic calendar.

An FN is awarded to students who never attended class.

Late Work Policy & Make-up Procedures for Missed Assignments and Work:

It is the student's responsibility to pursue and acquire information missed during their absence. If a student is absent for a group critique, unless the absence is excused, the result will be a zero for that assignment. If the absence is excused, work will be assessed upon student's return.

Attendance Policy

A student is expected to attend all scheduled classes and laboratories. Absences in a course may affect a student's final grade. The student is responsible for all assigned work in the course regardless of excused or unexcused absences. Tardiness may also affect a student's final grade. After three unexcused absences I will detract 5 points from your final grade for each additional absence. If a student arrives after I have taken attendance they will be considered late. Arriving late three times counts as an absence. If a student leaves class early, this counts as an absence. If a student misses 6 classes or misses two weeks in a row they will be receive a F for the semester.

D2L Brightspace/NSOnline and myNSCC email

It is the student's responsibility to check D2L and MyNSCC email on a regular basis. These are the official communication channels between the college and students. Students are responsible for the information communicated through those channels. D2L contains specific course information and MyNSCC contains information important for other purposes.

Technology Statement

Nashville State's classes are considered to be web-enhanced. Faculty have an expectation that students will use a computer and the Internet to complete assignments, engage in online discussions, and access various course materials through Desire2Learn (D2L) course shells. Computers are available for student use at each campus during campus open hours.

ADA Compliance Statement

Nashville State complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you wish to request any special accommodations for any courses in which you are enrolled, contact the Access Center at 615.353.3741 or 615.353.3721.

Classroom Misconduct

Nashville State Community College has a zero tolerance policy for disruptive conduct in the classroom. Students whose behavior disrupts the classroom will be subject to disciplinary sanctions. The Nashville State Student Code of Conduct policy is available at http://www.nsc.edu/content/resources/Student_Code_of_Conduct_Policy.pdf.

Please be aware that children are not allowed in class or unattended on campus.

Academic Misconduct

Any form of academic dishonesty, cheating, plagiarizing, or other academic misconduct is prohibited. Students are responsible for understanding and aiding by the Academic Misconduct Policy in the Nashville State Student Code of Conduct that can be found at http://www.nsc.edu/content/resources/Student_Code_of_Conduct_Policy.pdf.

In addition to other possible disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed through regular college procedures as a result of academic dishonesty the instructor has the authority to assign an "F" or a "Zero" for the exercise, paper, or examination or to assign an "F" for the course. Students may appeal through the appropriate college grade appeal procedures.

Academic Early Warning System

Nashville State Community College has implemented an Early Warning System to notify students via e-mail about academic problems such as poor classroom attendance, poor performance on assignments/tests, poor communication skills, late/missing assignments, and/or lack of classroom participation. *Please note that Early Warning Alerts do not affect a student's academic standing.

RAVE Emergency Alert System

Emergency events can happen at any time and Nashville State Community College wants to be able to notify students if and when they occur. For this reason, all students have been enrolled in the free RAVE alert system. If you have not already done so, please log in at <https://getrave.com/login/nscc> to confirm and update your contact information and notification preferences. It is critical that your information be correct so that you will receive any emergency notifications. Your RAVE Username is your NSCC email address. If you've never received an email from RAVE with your password, or if you need to reset your password, select "Forgot your password?" and a new password will be emailed to you. Should the RAVE system indicate "user not found", select Register and create your own RAVE account.

Inclement Weather Policy

Nashville State will use the RAVE alert system to send a text message to students, staff, and faculty about adjusted hours of operation and/or closings at individual campuses. All students should check the Nashville State web site home page at www.nsc.edu for announcements on campus closures, which may vary from campus to campus. Campus closures will also be announced on local television stations.

When classes are cancelled, an online assignment will be posted in NS Online. Check NS Online for a message from your instructor regarding your online assignment requirements.

Students should use their own best judgment in determining whether to report to campus during inclement weather when classes are not cancelled.

Class Cancellation Policy

If the class is cancelled, the instructor will notify all students by posting in the NSOnline/D2L course, e-mailing through NSOnline/D2L, and/or by posting a sign on the classroom door. In the event of class cancellation, students must access NSOnline/D2L to complete classwork and the assignment that will be posted in the course D2L site.