1 Course Details

1.1 Calendar Description
This course provides a foundation in the technical and theoretical aspects of contemporary three-dimensional and time-based media. Through a combination of lectures, studio projects and guest speakers, students will explore perceptual, conceptual and topical dimensions of contemporary art making practices.

Restrictions: Registration in semesters one, two, three or four. May not register in SART*1050 in the same term. This is a Priority Access Course. Enrolment may be restricted to particular programs or specializations during certain periods. Please see the departmental website for more information.

1.2 Course Description
This course consists of a two-hour weekly class and a four-hour studio. Presentations in the lecture part of the course provide an overview of the theoretical and historical foundations of contemporary art, with a focus on 3-dimensional and time-based forms. Students will complete a series of projects, which cover a range of technical skills and creative approaches. Group and individual critiques and discussions with the instructor will form part of the studio time.

NOTE: This is a 0.5 credit course. Each week, students are expected to spend 4–6 hours outside of class on related course work.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
The aim of this course is to develop foundational knowledge of contemporary art making. By experimenting with a variety of production techniques, the student will gain first hand experience with the pleasures and challenges that an artist experiences in the exploration of different materials, methods and concepts. Simultaneously the student will develop a historical understanding of the field.
The objectives of this course are to:

1. Introduce basic concepts and techniques of sculpture and time-based media.
2. Establish an historical context for contemporary art practices.
3. Develop a basis for critically analyzing art work.

1.3 Timetable
Timetable is subject to change. Please see WebAdvisor for the latest information.

1.4 Final Exam
Exam time and location is subject to change. Please see WebAdvisor for the latest information.

2 Instructional Support

2.1 Instructional Support Team

Instructor: Christian Giroux
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Office: ALEX 371
Office Hours: by appointment

3 Learning Resources

4 Learning Outcomes

4.1 Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

1. develop the ability to move from ideation to the realization of forms through drawing and model making; both physical and virtual.
2. foster creative thinking and visual literacy through the examination of the key concepts animating 20th and 21st century visual art.
3. leave this course with an enhanced capacity to evaluate work and articulate critical responses.
4. be prepared to undertake course work in the various areas of the SOFAM studio program.

5 Teaching and Learning Activities

6 Assessments

6.1 Assessment Details

Portfolio 1 (20%)
Due: Fri, Oct 18
Portfolio #1 consists of the following assignments: #1. Cubic Still-Life, #2. Mutant Prism, #3. Variations on a Cluster

Sketchbook Mark 1 (20%)
Due: Fri, Oct 18

Participation Mark 2 (5%)
Due: Fri, Oct 18

Documented Intervention (10%)
Due: Fri, Nov 8

Portfolio 2 (25%)
Due: Fri, Nov 29
Portfolio #2 consists of the following assignments: #6. Research Assignment, #7. The Big Idea

Sketchbook Mark 2 (15%)
Due: Fri, Nov 29

Participation Mark 2 (5%)
Due: Fri, Nov 29

7 Course Statements

7.1 Lab Fee
A compulsory materials fee of $30.00 will be charged for materials provided in support of required course projects. Students will receive a kit comprised of the following: Xacto knife, stainless steel ruler, protractor, pencils, technical pen, eraser, conte, glue sticks, tracing paper and flawboard. The amount will be invoiced by the Office of the Bursar and paid directly with your tuition payment – no additional payment is necessary. **THE LAB FEE WILL NOT BE REFUNDED AFTER THE THIRD WEEK OF CLASSES.**

**Items Provided by the student:**
Students will also be required to purchase a sketchbook.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Under no circumstances should a student be required to pay any additional monies for supplies needed to complete course assignments – excluding items listed under “Items Provided by the Student”. All supplies are to be paid for using Lab Fee monies. If you are being charged additional monies, please report to Nicola Ferguson (nifergus@uoguelph.ca) in the main office (Zavitz Hall rm. 201) immediately.

7.2 STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Students are expected to participate in all exercises, critiques and discussions.
- Students are expected to submit their projects and assignments on time.
- Students are expected to clean up after themselves at the end of each session, and for the open lab periods.

7.3 SAFETY:

Safety in the studio is a priority at all times. In order to ensure the safety of all participants, the safety procedures/guidelines provided by the instructor must be followed. It is the student’s responsibility to attend any safety orientation that is provided. It is imperative that students follow all health and safety procedures and always use appropriate techniques when utilizing equipment. If you are unsure of the proper use or maintenance of any equipment, check with the instructor.

7.4 FACILITIES

A large group class is held in MacKinnon 114. All studio activities take place in room 368 in the Alexander Hall.

**ALEXANDER HALL ACCESS:**
To access the studio after hours, students will need to get their student cards activated as swipe cards (see Barb in Zavitz 201 after the first week of classes). You will require your student ID card, your course code and section number. **NOTE:** it will take **at least 24 hours** for your card to become active.
8 University Statements

8.1 Email Communication

As per university regulations, all students are required to check their e-mail account regularly: e-mail is the official route of communication between the University and its students.

8.2 When You Cannot Meet a Course Requirement

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons please advise the course instructor (or designated person, such as a teaching assistant) in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. The grounds for Academic Consideration are detailed in the Undergraduate and Graduate Calendars.

Undergraduate Calendar - Academic Consideration and Appeals
https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-ac.shtml

Graduate Calendar - Grounds for Academic Consideration
https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/genreg/index.shtml

Associate Diploma Calendar - Academic Consideration, Appeals and Petitions
https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/diploma/current/index.shtml

8.3 Drop Date

Students will have until the last day of classes to drop courses without academic penalty. The deadline to drop two-semester courses will be the last day of classes in the second semester. This applies to all students (undergraduate, graduate and diploma) except for Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (conventional and alternative delivery) students. The regulations and procedures for course registration are available in their respective Academic Calendars.

Undergraduate Calendar - Dropping Courses
https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-drop.shtml

Graduate Calendar - Registration Changes
https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/genreg/genreg-regregchg.shtml

Associate Diploma Calendar - Dropping Courses
https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/diploma/current/c08/c08-drop.shtml

8.4 Copies of Out-of-class Assignments

Keep paper and/or other reliable back-up copies of all out-of-class assignments: you may be asked to resubmit work at any time.
8.5 Accessibility

The University promotes the full participation of students who experience disabilities in their academic programs. To that end, the provision of academic accommodation is a shared responsibility between the University and the student.

When accommodations are needed, the student is required to first register with Student Accessibility Services (SAS). Documentation to substantiate the existence of a disability is required; however, interim accommodations may be possible while that process is underway.

Accommodations are available for both permanent and temporary disabilities. It should be noted that common illnesses such as a cold or the flu do not constitute a disability.

Use of the SAS Exam Centre requires students to book their exams at least 7 days in advance and not later than the 40th Class Day.

For Guelph students, information can be found on the SAS website https://www.uoguelph.ca/sas

For Ridgetown students, information can be found on the Ridgetown SAS website https://www.ridgetownc.com/services/accessibilityservices.cfm

8.6 Academic Integrity

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity, and it is the responsibility of all members of the University community-faculty, staff, and students-to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring. University of Guelph students have the responsibility of abiding by the University's policy on academic misconduct regardless of their location of study; faculty, staff, and students have the responsibility of supporting an environment that encourages academic integrity. Students need to remain aware that instructors have access to and the right to use electronic and other means of detection.

Please note: Whether or not a student intended to commit academic misconduct is not relevant for a finding of guilt. Hurried or careless submission of assignments does not excuse students from responsibility for verifying the academic integrity of their work before submitting it. Students who are in any doubt as to whether an action on their part could be construed as an academic offence should consult with a faculty member or faculty advisor.

Undergraduate Calendar - Academic Misconduct
https://www.uooguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-amisconduct.shtml

Graduate Calendar - Academic Misconduct
https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/genreg/index.shtml

8.7 Recording of Materials
Presentations that are made in relation to course work - including lectures - cannot be recorded or copied without the permission of the presenter, whether the instructor, a student, or guest lecturer. Material recorded with permission is restricted to use for that course unless further permission is granted.

8.8 Resources

The Academic Calendars are the source of information about the University of Guelph’s procedures, policies, and regulations that apply to undergraduate, graduate, and diploma programs.

Academic Calendars
https://www.uoguelph.ca/academics/calendars