1 Course Details

1.1 Calendar Description

Contemporary issues in sculpture will be addressed through studio projects, readings, research and critique. Students will study various materials and conceptual methodologies in an environment which emphasizes production, independent research and group interaction.

Pre-Requisites: SART*3300
Restrictions: Registration is limited to students registered in the Studio Art Major with an average of 70% in all ARTH and SART course attempts. This is a Priority Access Course. Some restrictions may apply during some time periods.

1.2 Course Description

This course is designed for students who have completed basic training in sculpture and who seek to develop their practical and conceptual skills. Students will explore various material and methodological approaches and will be challenged to think in non-traditional ways about the study and production of sculpture.

For the Fall Semester 2021, students in Sculpture III will focus primarily on individual production in close consultation with the instructor. The option for collaborative projects is open for discussion.

Areas for research will be determined at the start of the semester. Some possibilities include: public/private/social sculpture, virtual/material/digital sculpture, ephemeral/permanent/durational sculpture. The importance of photography and other documentary techniques in sculpture’s recent history will necessarily be an aspect of your research.
Along with studio production, visual literacy is a fundamental concern of this course. Students will develop a good working knowledge of art and artists from the last 100 years, with a focus on the post-minimalist period. Directions for textual and visual research are to be determined on an ongoing basis in both individual and group discussion.

A program of readings and related visual research for the semester are to be determined by the class, with a focus on important art historical movements from the 1960’s to the present. Individual and group reading interests will be discussed at the beginning of the semester.

Students should be developing a strong sense of how their work relates to contemporary sculpture in Canada and internationally. It is expected that students will pursue independent research into the visual, material and cultural reference points relevant to their work and to the contemporary art worlds at home and abroad.

All tutorials, work periods, lectures, critiques and discussions will be conducted in-person for Sculpture III in F21

NOTE: This is a 0.5 credit course. Each week, students are expected to spend approximately 8 – 10 hours outside of class on related course 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

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3 Learning Resources

Students in Sculpture III for F21 will use a variety of technologies in the course including:

- **CourseLink** for accessing course syllabus, assignments and reading outlines, announcements and drop box for submitting reading responses.
- **Microsoft Teams** for asynchronous discussions, sharing of resources and news.
- **Autodesk Fusion 360**, Education edition for 3D design
- **LinkedIn Learning, YouTube** and **Microsoft Streams** for tutorials and related content.

Some basic computer experience is recommended.

3.1 Required Resources

**Autodesk Fusion 360 (Software)**

https://www.autodesk.com/education/edu-software/overview?us_oa=dotcom-us&us_si=ebad4f9b-00c5-462d-9a7b-4037f04d6715&us_st=student%20license&sorting=featured&page=1

Education licenses will be provided at the beginning of the class but you may install the personal license of the software for your own use, which contains a number of non-critical limitations

The Free Personal license to Autodesk Fusion 360 can be found here:


Please review the minimum software and hardware requirements for Autodesk Fusion 360 here:


4 Learning Outcomes

4.1 Course Learning Outcomes

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

1. Think, work, and communicate spatially.
2. identify and critically evaluate the various material and conceptual methodologies
employed in contemporary sculpture
3. conceive and evaluate various working processes, rules-based strategies, and personalized approaches to the creation of 3-dimensional art
4. Safely and independently use all the basic tools in the Sculpture Metal Shop
5. design and build in CAD objects ready for 3D Printing
6. initiate and develop self-directed creative research
7. identify and articulate the critical issues in sculpture and contemporary art

5 Teaching and Learning Activities

6 Assessments
The requirements for the course include:

• All assignments, group exercises and reading responses handed in on time.
• Prompt and regular attendance and participation in all classes
• Timely and thorough preparation for class discussions (written notes)
• Professional presentation of work for critiques
• Willingness to engage with ideas and peers, and to tackle a variety of technical and conceptual challenges

Grades will be assigned according to university grading procedures from the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar found here:

https://calendar.uoguelph.ca/undergraduate-calendar/undergraduate-degree-regulations-procedures/grades/

6.1 Assessment Details

A01: 3D Printing (20%)
Date: Week 9
Learning Outcome: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7
A more detailed description of the assignment will be distributed at the first class.

A02: Independent Project (40%)
Date: Week 24
Learning Outcome: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7
A more detailed description of the assignment will be distributed at the first class.

E01: Metalshop (20%)
Date: Week 19
Learning Outcome: 1, 2, 3, 4
A more detailed description of the assignment will be distributed at the first class.

P01: Independent Project Presentation (10%)
Date: Week 10
Learning Outcome: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7
A more detailed description of the assignment will be distributed at the first class.

Participation (10%)
Learning Outcome: 1, 2, 3, 7
The full participation of each student in this course is integral to its success. Engaged participation allows for the voicing of a variety of ideas and perspectives, the reflective interpretation of works and the effective communication of intentions. Communication is central as a means for creating connections to shared ideas and for re-evaluating our own biases and habits, which can help in creating a productive working foundation to help move the work forward. The necessity of participation is most evident in the critiques at the end of each assignment. Critiques are an essential part of the creative process that divides time in the studio between creation and judgment. They help us develop the necessary skills to uncover the reasons for why a work succeeds or not and to effectively communicate these discoveries and evaluations to our peers in a productive manner.

Each critique functions as an exam.

Projects must be complete before the critique due dates.

Attendance is Mandatory.

6.2 Grading Criteria
Grades are assigned using the following criteria:

- The artwork and preparatory work demonstrate experimentation with materials and processes and meets professional standards.
- The artwork meets or exceeds the challenges posed by the assignment criteria and student objectives of the project.
- The artwork demonstrates relevant links between the aesthetic and the conceptual objectives of the project.
- The student presents evidence of research and preparatory work.
- The artwork demonstrates an innovative use of materials and processes and a novel interpretation of the assignment criteria.
- The artwork and preparatory work demonstrate the development of technical skills.

Participation will be based on the following criteria:
• The student regularly attends and participates in formal and informal critiques and discussions.
• The student shows active participation in class by arriving on time, arriving prepared and ready to work during class time, and fostering a community that is respectful of different opinions and values.
• The student participates or conducts a discussion in a fair and considerate manner.
• The student participates in fostering a creative and dynamic class environment.

7 Course Statements

7.1 Course Expectations

• Each student will complete a thematic project focused on a particular technology and process and one major self-directed project with accompanying presentation for the semester.
• Each project will be thoroughly researched.
• Sculpture III is a studio focused course scheduled twice a week, three hours each class. A range of information from image presentations, material demonstrations to discussions (both formal and informal) will take place in each class making regular attendance necessary. In addition to in-class time, students are expected to devote 8 – 10 hours outside of class in order to adequately realize projects.
• Contributing to a supportive, dynamic studio is essential. This includes active participation in class discussions and critiques, arriving on time and remaining productively involved for each studio class. Participation and practice are essential for the effective study of technical skills.
• Students will participate in group critiques and discussions with a thoughtful, supportive and critical mind. Critiques are an essential part of the creative process that divides time in the studio between creation and judgment. They help us develop the necessary skills to uncover the reasons for why a work is successful or not and to effectively communicate these discoveries and
evaluations to our peers (and ourselves as a form of self-evaluation) in a productive manner that can help move a project forward.

• Projects must be complete before the critique due dates.

7.2 Lab Fees

A compulsory materials fee of $90.00 will be charged for materials and services provided in support of required course projects. The amount will be invoiced by the Office of the Bursar and paid directly with your tuition payment – no additional payment is necessary.

Group and individual orders for specific materials may be facilitated in conversation with the sculpture technician and the instructor. Students are encouraged to submit their orders as soon as possible.

**Items Provided by Lab Fee:**

• Limited supply of 3D printing filament
• Limited supply of metal and metal shop materials
• Limited supply of Carpenter’s Glue
• Limited supply of available Sculpture studio hardware

**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.

7.3 Studio Responsibilities

• Follow all health and safety procedures and always use the appropriate safety equipment. If you are unsure of the proper use or maintenance of equipment or if you note any faults in the functioning of the equipment, check with the sculpture technician or the instructor as soon as possible.
• **Cleaning up your work space and group clean-ups are integral aspects of the course contract.** Please do your part to help keep the sculpture studio clean and tidy.
Studio hours will be posted at the beginning of the semester. You are required to complete 3 hours of studio cleaning before the end of the semester. A schedule will be posted at the beginning of class.

7.4 Safety

Safety in the studio is always a priority. In order to ensure the safety of all participants, the safety procedures/guidelines provided by the instructor and/or Sculpture Technician must be followed. It is your responsibility to attend any safety orientation that is provided. It is imperative that students follow all health and safety procedures and always use the appropriate safety equipment. If you are unsure of the proper use or maintenance of equipment, or if you note any faults in the functioning of the equipment, check with the sculpture technician or an instructor.

7.5 Netiquette

**Online Behaviour**
Inappropriate online behaviour will not be tolerated. Examples of inappropriate online behaviour include:

- Posting inflammatory messages about your instructor or fellow students
- Using obscene or offensive language online
- Copying or presenting someone else's work as your own
- Adapting information from the Internet without using proper citations or references
- Buying or selling term papers or assignments
- Posting or selling course materials to course notes websites
- Having someone else complete your quiz or completing a quiz for/with another student
- Stating false claims about lost quiz answers or other assignment submissions
- Threatening or harassing a student or instructor online
- Discriminating against fellow students, instructors and/or TAs
- Using the course website to promote profit-driven products or services
- Attempting to compromise the security or functionality of the learning management system
- Sharing your user name and password
- Recording lectures without the permission of the instructor
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-reg-regchg.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.uoguelph.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

8.9 Disclaimer

Please note that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic may necessitate a revision of the format of course offerings and academic schedules. Any such changes will be announced via CourseLink and/or class email. All University-wide decisions will be posted on the COVID-19 website (https://news.uoguelph.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus-information/) and circulated by email.

8.10 Illness

The University will not normally require verification of illness (doctor’s notes) for fall 2020 or winter 2021 semester courses. However, requests for Academic Consideration may still require medical documentation as appropriate.