ART 220.001 Basic Printmaking

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Course Description:

Printmaking I - Three semester hours, six hours studio, six hours assigned independent study per week. Exploratory studies in the use of basic media and techniques for printmaking. Prerequisites: art 100, 110. Fall, spring.

Welcome to Beginning printmaking. Students will be given instruction and time sufficient for the successful completion of six projects ranging through the basic printing processes including relief, screen printing, and etching (see calendar at the end of this syllabus):

Program Learning Outcomes (PLO’s):

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Student Learning Outcomes (SLO’s): Students enrolled in ART 220 should be able to demonstrate through the successful completion of projects and other coursework (including possible exams, quizzes, readings, and writing samples) the acquisition of the following:

- Proficiency in the basic technical skills related to printmaking
- The ability to articulate key concepts and terminology related to printmaking
- The ability to develop and execute a cohesive body of work

Course Outline: A typical class day will consist of lecture, demonstration, and studio time, in that order. As noted below, there will be a series of reviews held throughout the semester, wherein students will be required to display their work for the purpose of gaining valuable group feedback. It is expected that students will need to spend up to six hours outside of class working on their projects.

Grading and Attendance: Formal evaluation of coursework will proceed as follows: Grades will be assigned on a scale of 0-4, 0 being low and 4 being high. Each project will be compared to the grading rubric (see below). In addition, there will be a number of formal critiques held throughout the semester. Participation in critiques will be noted and weighed against grades. I reserve the right to assign occasional readings, including written responses, and administer quizzes and/or exams as I see fit and will include the grades of such along-side project grades. Since this class is based largely on studio experience, attendance is mandatory. I expect students to arrive to class on time, every time, just as I expect for myself. Students who miss class will fall behind and the ultimate result will show in poorly executed prints. Students who miss six classes or more will receive a failing grade. I reserve the right to decide whether or not I will repeat lectures and or
demonstrations for students who missed them by not coming to class. At the end of the semester, all project/exam/written assignment grades will be averaged to determine the final grade. Below is the grading scale:

- 3.5 - 4   A
- 3 – 3.4  B
- 2 – 2.9  C
- 1 – 1.9  D
- 0 - .9 F

As the instructor, I will keep a record of attendance, noting the arrival and departure times of each student. In order to avoid factual error and to be able to verify my own record, students will also be required to sign in and out on a designated sign-in sheet each day. Students who neglect to sign in and out, for whatever reason, may be counted absent, tardy, or as having left early.

**Grading Rubric:**

An assignment receiving a grade of “A” (a numerical grade of 4) represents the best possible example of that assignment. The work is excellent. There are no technical problems. The parameters of the assignment, such as they are, have been met with exactness. Content is both creative and ambitious and goes well beyond simple imitation of the demonstration. The work exhibits a sound understanding on the part of the student.

An assignment receiving a grade of “B” (a numerical grade of 3) represents work that is good, but could be better. The work has some technical errors, but overall is satisfactory and above average. Possibly not all of the parameters of the assignment have been fulfilled, but most have. The content is thought out to a certain point, but it is slightly evident that further inquiry could have been used on the part of the student.

An assignment receiving a grade of “C” (a numerical grade of 2) represents work that is average. The work has several errors, both technical and conceptual. The work betrays a general lack of understanding on the part of the student. Not all parameters have been met. The assignment lacks creativity beyond the demonstration of the assignment.

An assignment receiving a grade of “D” (a numerical grade of 1) represents work that is below average and that is in need of reconsideration. There are many glaring errors in both technique and conceptual rigor. The work doesn’t satisfy the parameters of the assignment, but should be given some credit based on a low level of effort. The work displays that the student does not grasp the assigned content very well at all.

An assignment receiving a grade of “F” (a numerical grade of 0) represents the type of work that can in no way be accepted for credit. The parameters of the
assignment are not met. The technical errors are gratuitous. The portrayed attitude is one of “blowing off.” The work should be redone.

**Late Work:** As the instructor, I reserve the right to accept or reject late work (work that is turned in past the published due date) at my own discretion without explanation to the student turning in late work. Late work may be given full, partial or no credit. This includes work that has been revised and re-submitted. It is in the students’ best interest to turn in quality work on time.

**Acceptable Student Behavior:** Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (see the Student Conduct Code, policy D-34.1). Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the Early Alert Program. This program provides students with recommendations for resources or other assistance that is available to help SFA students succeed.

**Music Policy:** I allow students the privilege of listening to music on a personal listening device such as an ipod provided that the volume isn’t high enough for anyone else in the room to hear. However, I strongly recommend that everyone studying printmaking in a community setting such as this learn how to do so without the obstruction provided by ear buds playing music. Much of the learning during class happens as a result of social exchange of ideas during the work period. I may make no special effort to communicate to students who cannot hear me due to the use of ear buds.

**Optional Recommended Texts:**


The Complete Printmaker: Techniques, Traditions, Innovations, John Ross
**Lab Policies:** This lab is a shared lab. It is every student’s responsibility to clean up after each work session and to use the equipment with care. Additionally, the printmaking studio is not a storage area. Every student should check out a locker from the School of Art. Consult the office staff for locker assignment. Students will also be assigned a flat file drawer for use during the semester. Those who are enrolling in a subsequent semester will be able to retain the drawer for continued storage. Those who will not be enrolling in a subsequent semester will need to clean out their drawer at the end of the semester. Failure to do so will result in the confiscation, and potential discarding of the contents of the drawer without notice to the student.

Since we use materials that have the potential for causing physical harm, we have instituted a strict policy prohibiting consumption of food and beverages in the classroom.

**Academic Policies:**

**Academic Dishonesty:** Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one's own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper without giving the author due credit. For more information visit [http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp](http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp)

**Students with disabilities:** No qualified student with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any ... postsecondary education program or activity ... [Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, 84.43]

and

An institution shall make such modifications to its academic requirements as are necessary to ensure that such requirements do not discriminate or have the effect of discrimination on the basis of handicap, against a qualified handicapped applicant or student ...
Pregnancy Clause: If you are pregnant or should become pregnant while taking this course, or have a medical condition that could increase your sensitivity to chemical exposure, it is important for you to take all precautions concerning your own personal safety. While reasonable measures have been taken to insure your safety, there is a risk in this class of exposure to materials that could prove harmful to persons at risk. Please contact the professor should you have questions or concerns. Students who need accommodations for certified disabilities should work through the Office of Disability Services and then your professor.

Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (A-54):

Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes and F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

Course Evaluations: Near the conclusion of each semester, students in the School of Art electronically evaluate courses taken within the COFA. As you evaluate this course, please be thoughtful, thorough, and accurate in completing the evaluation. Please know that the COFA faculty is committed to excellence in teaching and continued improvement. Therefore, your response is critical! In the School of Art, the course evaluation process has been simplified and is completed electronically through MySFA. Although the instructor will be able to view the names of students who complete the survey, all ratings and comments are confidential and anonymous, and will not be available to the instructor until after final grades are posted.

Materials List:

The materials fee will cover the following consumable items: newsprint, solvents, inks, ink additives, photo emulsions, digital film, inkjet ink, linoleum blocks, photo-polymer plates, and printing paper for all six projects.

Students will need to acquire the following:

Tackle box for tool storage
Assortment of watercolor brushes (#6 round, ½” flat)
Cheap 2” house painting brush
Utility knife
#2 pencil
1 pair of Rubber gloves
Safety glasses
1 roll of 1” masking tape
1 box of shop towels
Fine tip permanent marker (sharpe)

**Optional**
Bone Folder
Apron
X-acto knife
18” steel ruler

Six editions
Single run linocut
Two run linocut
Single run photorelief
Single run photo screen print
Reduction screen print
Copper-Plate Etching

Calendar (subject to change with or without notice):
T 1-19: Introduction, syllabus review, drawer assignment, print show and tell.
Adhering Linoleum to blocks.
Th 1-21: **Introduction to project 1: Single Run Linocut.** Trimming Blocks. Image preparation and transfer; sealing the block; basic cutting techniques.


Th 1-28: Demonstration on Printing linoleum block. Clean up.

T 2-02: Work Day.


T 2-09: **Project 1 due at the beginning of class. Introduction to project 2: Multi-color linocut.** Paper calendaring, key image transfer. Clean up.

Th 2-11: Registration and printing multi-color linocut (printing support block). Clean up.

*Friday, 2-12 School of Art Bus Trip to Ft. Worth. Sign up in the office.

T 2-16: Registration and printing multi-color linocut (key image over support block). Clean up.


T 2-23: Work Day.

Th 2-25: **Project 2 due at the beginning of class. Introduction to project 3: Line Etching on Copper Plate.** Demonstration on plate preparation (beveling and degreasing); Applying a hard-ground resist; Drawing on the plate with an etching needle.

T 3-01: Work Day.


Th 3-10: **Project 3 due at the beginning of class.** Mid-Term Critique of all prints done to this point. No wet prints!

*Friday 3-11 Special workshop in ART 125 on the process of Carbon Transfer. All students invited.

T 3-15: Spring Break.

Th 3-17: Spring Break.

T 3-22: **Introduction to project 4: Photo Screen Print.** Preparation of digital photo positive transparency. Coating, exposing, and developing a screen. Clean up.

Th 3-24: Easter Holiday
T 3-29: Registration and printing for single-run screen printing. Clean up

Th 3-31: Work day.

T 4-05: **Project 4 due at the beginning of class. Introduction to Project 5: Multi Color Reduction Screen Print.** Screen preparation and drawing. Clean up.

Th 4-07: Printing a flat with mid tone color. Clean up. Reduction.

T 4-12: Printing a second, reduced run with darker color. Clean up.

Th 4-14: Work Day.

T 4-19: **Project 5 due at the beginning of class. Introduction to Project 6: Final Project Proposal (Student Choice). Critique of Projects 4 and 5.**

Th 4-21: Work Day.

T 4-26: Work Day.

Th 4-28: Matt Cutting and Print Mounting demonstration.

T 5-03: Work Day

Th 5-05: **Final Project due at the beginning of class.** Final Critique. Last Day of regularly scheduled class.

T 5-10: Clean up 10:30-12:30.

M 5-16: Beginning of Maymester Trip to Santa Fe (see me if you’d like to sign up).