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ART 225A - Syllabus

EDMONDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE	INSTRUCTOR
Course Name: ART 225A Number: 0499 A Credit: 5 Hours Location: MDL 210 Time: MW 9:00 AM to 12:10 PM Prerequisites: None	Instructor: Minh Carrico Telephone: 425-640-1390 Email: minh.carrico@email.edcc.edu NOTE: put class name and time in subject line Office: MDL 230 Hours: By appointment only

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Graphic design, its history, imaging and the elements and principles of design in visual communication. An introduction to graphic production tools and processes in graphic presentations. The graphic computer as a visualizing tool in graphic design.

In this lecture/lab course, Modern design theory and techniques will be explained through lectures, in class assignments and out of class projects. You will demonstrate the principal and elements of Modern aesthetics through the use of sketches and Adobe InDesign on an Apple computer platform. Critical thought processes will be demonstrated through presentations and portfolio reviews.

NOTE: This class may view and talk about graphic design and/or photographic works related to adult content for example; sexuality, language and so forth.

RECOMMENDED MATERIALS

- ***EXPLORING THE ELEMENTS OF DESIGN***
Evans/Thomas
ISBN: 978-1-111-64548-9
- 1-USB flash drive (4 GB minimum)
- Pen and Pencil
- 8.5 x 11 Sketch book
- 8.5 x 11 Presentation book with plastic sleeves

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COLLEGE-WIDE ABILITIES (CWAS)

Edmonds Community College emphasizes the following core college-wide abilities to provide a consistent educational focus that encourages students and members of the college community to develop knowledge, habits and skills for lifelong learning.

- **Communication and interact respectfully about graphic design using appropriate vocabulary and symbols.**

Writing will include: written critiques and reflections

Oral presentations will occur in class critiques

- **Reason clearly using varied analytic and creative approaches related to basic principles, ideas and themes relevant to the study of graphic design.**

Generating multiple ideas for a solution

Gathering of information and research

- **Explore critically and creatively.**

Synthesis of ideas and information in the projects generated toward a final solution

Utilizing past information and research in response to assignments

- **Act responsibly both individually and collaboratively, within changing environments.**

Working on specific projects and critiques with respectful attention to the contributions of all participants

Students, who earn any of our two-year degrees or shorter-term certificates, have many opportunities across the curriculum to develop and apply college-wide abilities in preparation for their roles in an increasingly diverse, information-driven society.

HUMANITIES OUTCOMES

Introduce analyzing and critically evaluating major ideas, concepts, or trends in the Humanities

Introduce demonstrating knowledge of cultural practices, intellectual trends, or aesthetic productions of their own culture and other cultures

Introduce critically and imaginatively applying insights from Humanities studies to social, cultural, professional, or political contexts

Introduce developing and communicating their own intellectual, expressive, or aesthetic processes and finished work

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VISUAL ARTS OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this 5-credit course, the student will be able to:

- Effectively apply and discuss specific elements and principles of design to completed course projects and assignments.

Patterns, Grids, Balance, Scale, Proportions, Rhythm, Emphasis

Hue, Tint, Tone, Shade, Monochromatic, Analogous, Complimentary, Split Complimentary, Triad, RGB, CYMK,

Line, Shape, Texture, Value

- Effectively apply techniques and skills of good craftsmanship to completed projects and course assignments.

Typography, Lead, Kerning, Tracking, Fonts, Font Family, Type anatomy

- Effectively generate, consider and evaluate problems in design.

Spatial reasoning, Contrast, Visual Balance, Flow

- Produce quality work through the application of a variety of design techniques and media.

Adobe InDesign CS5.5 and the following tools, direct selection, indirect selection, pen, pencil, type, shape in addition to the appropriate panels and control functions, Apple iMac computers, exporting to PDF, black and white printer along with color printing.

- Demonstrate knowledge of basic compositional guidelines and apply them effectively to completed course projects and assignments

Patterns, Grids, Balance, Scale, Proportions, Rhythm, Emphasis

- Give and receive constructive critiques of design projects created by you and colleagues using language appropriate to the domain and course themes.

Evaluation, Analysis, Exploration, Form, Subject, Content, Objective Criticism, Subjective Criticism, Descriptive Criticism, Cause and Effect Criticism, Compare and Contrast Criticism, Gestalt, Rorschach

- Demonstrate research skills in a specific medium or period for presentation and proper documentation of research.

Research may be accomplished in one or more of the following ways: Writing critiques and assignments.

Presentation may be accomplished in one or more of the following ways: Oral and visual presentations to the class.

Proper documentation will be: Portfolio and writing in FMLA guidelines.

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CLASS WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

Engagement in this course will include:

- All class exercises and assignments must be completed for a final course grade.
- Class attendance is part of your grade. Attendance, being prepared to work and participation in classroom activities will account for 10% of your grade.
- All assignments must be completed and submitted on time. Late work will not be accepted. Due dates will be announced by the instructor.
- As a courtesy to both the instructor and other students **Cell phones, iPods, CD players, laptop computers, SMS devices, personal gaming consoles, playing online gaming, viewing online videos not related to class, other forms of electronic communication, and entertainment devices are to be turned off while class is in session.** There are no exceptions to this rule.
- This class is supplemented with an online Blackboard site. The syllabus, announcements, links to class resources, tests, and other information might be available on the Blackboard class site. For more information about Blackboard, see the Distance Learning Office website at www.edcc.edu/online

COLLEGE WORK ARRANGEMENTS

1. College classes are larger and longer and do not meet every day.
2. College tests are less frequent than in high school.
3. College professors often test students on material not specifically covered in class.
4. College students are expected to do more writing in college than in high school.
5. College professors frequently request homework to be completed but do not always counts it in the final course grade.
6. College classes is LESS "textbook focused."
7. College classes focus on applying concepts and recognizing themes rather than on simply acquiring facts.
8. College students have a much greater quantity of work, both in-class and out-of-class assignments.
9. There are likely to be students in your classes who are very different from you in relation to age and cultural background.

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COURSE GRADE

There are 100.0 accumulative total points possible for this course and are comprised of the following:

10	Weeks of attendance	x 1.0 points per week	= 10.0
1	Journal	x 20.0 points	= 20.0
3	Assignments	x 4.0 points per assignment	= 12.0
3	Written Critiques	x 4.0 points per writing	= 12.0
1	Quiz	x 2.0 points	= 2.0
3	Tests	x 4.0 points per test	= 12.0
1	Final Portfolio	x 32.0 points	= 32.0
Accumulated Total Points			= 100.0

The total accumulated points earned at the end of this course are converted to a 4.0 decimal grade. Divide the total accumulated points by 25 to determine the decimal grade. The chart below shows the conversion between the total accumulated points, a decimal grade, and a letter grade.

Accumulated Total Points	Decimal	Letter
100. - 86.2	4.0 - 3.5	A
86.1 - 62.1	3.4 - 2.5	B
61.0 - 36.2	2.4 - 1.5	C
36.1 - 16.2	1.4 - 0.7	D
16.1 - 0.0	0.6 - 0.0	F

PENALTIES

- **Absences:** 0.5 point will be deducted from your attendance grade for each class missed. After four absences, the instructor has the right to fail you from the class.
- **Arriving to class late:** 0.5 point will be deducted from your attendance grade.
- **Leaving class early:** 0.5 point will be deducted from your attendance grade.
- **Technology usage:** 1.0 point will be deducted from your attendance grade for using cell phones, iPods, CD players, laptop computers, SMS devices, personal gaming consoles, playing online gaming, viewing online videos not related to class, other forms of electronic communication, and entertainment devices.
- **Late work is NOT accepted in this class:** Only under extenuating circumstances will late work be accepted due to medical and/or legal matters. A letter from your Doctor or lawyer must be presented.
- **V and I grades are not generally given**

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GRADING RUBRIC

Outcome Category	Possible points	Vaguely 25%	Adequately 50%	Clearly 75%	Distinctly 100%	Score
Demonstrate an understanding of the creative process by using the elements and principles	50% of the total points					
Demonstrate creative activity in a specific discipline by engaging in the technical process	25% of the total points					
Demonstrate the ability to critique & participation of the creative process	25% of the total points					
TOTAL SCORE						

Example: This is an assignment that is worth 8 points total.

Outcome Category	Possible points	Vaguely 25%	Adequately 50%	Clearly 75%	Distinctly 100%	Score
Demonstrate an understanding of the creative process by using the elements and principles	50% of the total points	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	2.00
Demonstrate creative activity in a specific discipline by engaging in the technical process	25% of the total points	0.50	1.00	1.50	2.00	1.50
Demonstrate the ability to critique & presentation of the creative process	25% of the total points	0.50	1.00	1.50	2.00	1.00
TOTAL SCORE	8.0					4.50

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUCCESS

- Take notes on the assigned material.
- Make the library an important place in your life. Learn to use its resources effectively.
- Plan to spend at least one hour of homework time for every hour of class time. Use this time to work on your project, make sketches for projects, transcribe and review your lecture notes and read relevant art texts.
- If something is confusing you ask questions of me in class or via e-mail.
- Be an active participant in class discussions and critiques. Be prepared to discuss the material, concepts and media we explore.

COLLEGE POLICIES: Be aware if the following college policies:

SAFE ZONE:

EdCC does have a policy on discrimination and harassment. Discrimination, harassment, and abusive conduct that threaten or endanger the physical or psychological health, safety, or welfare of an individual or a group of individuals on the basis of sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, age, gender, sex, religion, nationality, or disability will not be tolerated. This class will operate as a "safe zone" which means everyone in the class is treated respectfully and should anyone feel they are not treated fairly and with respect they should immediately let me know.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Academic honesty is essential to learning in college. Cheating and plagiarism are serious violations of EdCC Student Rights and Responsibilities Code, and will result in college disciplinary action such as formal reprimand, probation, suspension, or dismissal. If you represent the work or ideas of another as your own, zero credit may be given for that assignment. A second violation may result in a failing grade for the course. Whenever you turn in any assignment in this course, the understanding is that what you are turning in is your own original work, except to the extent that you explicitly credit others for their contributions. (For example if you are quoting a source or copying a piece of art for your reflection you will need to cite the source.) Reference for proper citation can be found at:

<http://www.edcc.edu/library/guides/default.htm>

RESOURCES

Services for Students with Disabilities. If you require an accommodation for a disability, please contact Services for Students with Disabilities at WDY 114, 425-640-1320 or ssdmail@edcc.edu

COLLEGE CLOSURE INFORMATION:

You can sign up to receive email or text notifications of college closures or delayed openings due to weather or other emergencies at <http://www.schoolreport.org/>. You can also call the college's switchboard at 425.640.1459. This class will only be cancelled due to whether conditions if the whole school closes.

**** Final Note: Please consider this document our contract for this course. Understand in an effort to respond to the needs of the class and the best use of time, I may need to make some minor changes to this syllabus. The entire class will be involved in this discussion should changes be necessary.

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