

University of Calgary  
DEPARTMENT OF ART

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE**

**Art (ART) 341 L01  
DRAWING THE FIGURE  
Winter 2020**

Tuesday and Thursday 11:15-1:45; AB 743

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**Course Description**

Theory and practice of drawing the human figure at a developing level, involving an extended range of drawing media.

**Prerequisites**

Art 241

**Objectives of the Course**

This course is designed to provide the student with an opportunity to explore the range of materials, processes and ideas related to figure drawing. While it is a studio-based course, there will also be opportunities to engage in viewing and responding to historical and contemporary works of art.

Students will explore various aspects of art history and criticism so as to become more knowledgeable about the importance of the human figure in the fine arts and to develop skills in representing the figure in two-dimensional art.

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, the student will demonstrate understanding of , compositional vocabulary and concepts. Growth in skill in handling of art materials and processes, awareness of, and appreciation for, the role of the human figure in fine art

**Textbooks and Readings**

Book of "Projects & Practice" prepared by instructor. Distributed in second week of classes at no cost to students.

**Assignments and Evaluation**

Practice 1 Nude male figure in line only (HB / 6B pencil) Due: Tu Jan 21  
Practice 2: Nude female figure in line only (HB pencil) Due: Tu Jan 28

**PROJECT 1** Due: **Thur Jan 30**

Practice 3 Nude male figure and a box in line and shading  
(Long pose in HB pencil; short pose in 6B pencil). Due: Tue Feb 4

Practice 4 Nude female figure and a box in line and shading  
(Long pose in HB pencil; short pose in black conte) Due: Tue Feb 11

Practice 5 Still life with nude male figure (Long pose in HB pencil;  
short pose in white conte on grey paper) Due: Tue. Feb 25

(February 16 – Sunday February 22: Mid-term break: NO CLASSES)

**PROJECT 2** Due: **Thur Feb 27**

Practice 6 Still life with nude female figure in line only  
(Long pose in HB pencil; short pose in 6B pencil) Due: Tue Mar 3

Practice 7 Nude male figure drawn large  
( Long pose in any medium except charcoal;  
Short pose in any medium except charcoal) Due: Tue Mar 10

**PROJECT 3** Due **Thur Mar 12**

Practice 8 Still life with nude female figure in shading only. Due: Tue Mar.17

Practice 9 Monochrome ink wash drawing from a nude male  
Figure on illustration board or water-colour board. Due: Tue Mar 24

Practice 10 Nude female figure in shading or colour Due: Tue Mar 31

Practice 11 Due: Tue Apr 7

**PROJECT 4** Due **Thur Apr 9**

Practice 12 Still life with nude female figure in shading only Due: Tue Apr 14

**All Projects are weighted equally. All Practice drawings are weighted equally.  
The four Projects account for 50% of the Final Grade.  
The 12 Practice drawings account for 50% of the Final Grade.**

No projects are to be submitted in an electronic format.

**It is NOT essential to attain a passing grade on any particular component of the course in order to pass the course as a whole.**

### **Writing**

Writing and the grading thereof is **NOT** a factor in the evaluation of the student's work.

### **Registrar-Scheduled Final Exam – NO**

**Note: It is the student's responsibility to keep a copy of or any relevant documentation regarding each submitted assignment.**

Please hand in your assignments directly to your instructor. If this is not possible, you can use the drop box outside of AB 608. Assignments that are put into the drop box will be date-stamped and placed in the instructor's mailbox.

### **Late Assignment Policy**

Extensions will be given only in extreme circumstances and must be accompanied by supporting documentation.

### **Materials and Equipment**

1. Drawing boards:  
Plywood, slightly larger than 26" x 20" to fit Mayfair paper  
[Masonite, 48" x 32" to be borrowed from the instructor]

2. Cardboard portfolio(s): The 24" x 33" portfolio has the double advantage that it will accommodate the regular size of Mayfair paper comfortably and will fit in your locker, but it will not accommodate the larger size without folding. If you wish to buy your own large cardboard portfolio (30" x 43"), you may keep it in the instructor's office AT YOUR OWN RISK. Alternatively, you may leave the one large drawing we will be doing this semester in the large portfolio I will set aside for these drawings, once again AT YOUR OWN RISK.
3. White Mayfair paper 26" x 20" .  
As required, white Mayfair paper 40" x 60" (to be used folded in half).
4. HB pencil (optional mechanical pencil), pencil crayons (coloured pencils); oil pastels; acrylics in red, yellow and blue.
5. An eraser. My preference is for the pink kind that slopes to a sharp angle at each end.
6. A long ruler (not less than 30")
7. A pocket calculator.
8. Scissors.

Also: such other materials as may be needed for particular projects.

### Course Activities

**TUESDAYS:** Tuesday classes are devoted to drawing from the nude model. Characteristically, a Long Pose will extend from 2 to 4:15. A Short Pose/Poses of varying length will take up the remainder of the class.

**THURSDAYS:** Thursday classes will be devoted to Projects and their critique. Students, individually, may determine the form and content of their Projects, provided only that nude or clothed figures feature prominently in all Project drawings.

See **SCHEDULE OF CLASSES**

### Grading Method/Grading Scale:

Percentage	Grade	G.P.V.	Grade Definition
96-100	A+	4.0	Outstanding
90-95	A	4.0	Excellent-superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of subject matter.
85-89	A-	3.7	
80-84	B+	3.3	
75-79	B	3.0	Good – clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally
70-74	B-	2.7	
65-69	C+	2.3	
60-64	C	2.0	Satisfactory – basic understanding of the subject
55-59	C-	1.7	
53-54	D+	1.3	
50-52	D	1.0	Minimal pass – marginal performance; generally insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject
0-49	F	0	Fail – unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet course requirements.

Each assignment will be graded directly in letter grades according to the above scale. Grades will be averaged according to the grade point values indicated, though for purposes of computation A+ is accorded a numerical value of 4.3.

At Mid-term, the grades for Project 1 and Project 2 will be averaged to produce the **Mid-term Projects Grade**.

If all six Practice drawings in the first half of the semester (Practice 1 – 6) have been completed, only

the best five grades will be averaged to determine the **Mid-term Practice Grade**. If fewer than six practice drawings have been completed, a grade of 0(F) will be assigned to each Practice drawing not completed and all six grades will be averaged,

The mid-term Projects Grade and the Mid Term Practice Grade will be averaged to produce the **MID-TERM GRADE**.

Likewise in the second half of the semester: the grades for Project 3 and Project 4 will be averaged to produce the **End-of term Projects Grade**. If all six Practice drawings have been completed (Practice 7 - 12), only the best five grades will be averaged to determine the **End-of-term Practice Grade**. If fewer than six projects have been completed, a grade of 0(F) will be assigned to each Practice drawing not completed and all six grades will be averaged. The End-of-term Projects Grade and the End-of-term Practice Grade will be averaged to produce the **END-OF-TERM GRADE**.

**The Mid-term grade and the End-of-term grade will be averaged to determine the FINAL GRADE.**

### **Studio Procedures**

The creation of art can be a dirty process and a studio is only workable if everyone cooperates in keeping it clean. Out of respect and consideration for your classmates and other users of the space, it is expected that everyone will participate in keeping the studio clean and tidy.

### **Internet and Electronic Communication Device Information**

Please try to keep the use of the internet and electronic devices (laptops, cell phones, etc.) within reasonable bounds during class time.

Please feel free to use any source material you wish. However, if you do rely heavily on any particular source, you should explain in writing on the back of the drawing concerned.

### **Academic Accommodation**

The student accommodation policy can be found at [ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy](http://ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy)

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedures for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities [ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy](http://ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy)

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the course instructor.

### **Academic Standing**

For information go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f.htm/>

#### **Deferral of Exams/Term work**

It is possible to request a deferral of term work or final examination(s) for reasons of illness, accident, family or domestic affliction, or religious obligations. Please check with Enrolment Services if any of these issues make it impossible for you to sit an exam or finish term work by stated deadlines.

For more information about deferring a final exam go to <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams>

For more information about the deferral of term work go to <https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-7.html>  
[http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/files/registrar/deferred\\_termwork15.pdf](http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/files/registrar/deferred_termwork15.pdf)

## **F.O.I.P.**

For information go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>

## **Writing/Plagiarism**

Writing skills are not exclusive to English courses and, in fact, should cross all disciplines. The University supports the belief that throughout their University careers, students should be taught how to write well so that when they graduate their writing abilities will be far above the minimal standards required at entrance. Consistent with this belief, students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their University courses and, where appropriate, members of faculty can and should use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Support Services can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.

For more information go to  
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support>  
or  
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e2-html>

Using any source whatsoever without clearly documenting it is a serious academic offense. Consequences include failure on the assignment, failure in the course and possibly suspension or expulsion from the University. Visual art projects submitted for course credit must be produced by the student specifically for this class. Students must not submit projects if credit has or will be provided for it in another class. This includes re-worked assignments from previous or concurrent courses, unless permission is provided in writing by the instructor. Additionally, the student is asked to be mindful of using visual sources from the internet, ensuring that that material is not derived from any on-line or other available source, and that appropriate copyright permission is granted, when required.

For more information go to  
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2-1.html/>

## **\_Student Misconduct**

For information go to  
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>

## **Student Union**

For information go to <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/>

## **Student Ombudsman**

For information go to  
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>

## **Lockers**

The Art Building lockers are administered through the Student's Union's used bookstore, Bound and Copied. Lockers are rented on a first come, first served basis. Due to the shortage of lockers, and the high demand, students cannot hold more than one locker at a time. All of the details on renting a locker and your responsibilities can be found on the Locker Rental Agreement at

<https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/llocker.rental.agreement.2010.pdf>

**Lockers for all sessions** can be rented through [my.ucalgary.ca](http://my.ucalgary.ca). Once you're in the Student Centre, click on **Other Academic Services** and choose **Locker Reservation**.

**Lockers must be vacated by the end of term.**

For more information go to <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca>

## **Models**

In this class students may be expected to draw from nude models. **A student electing not to do so must notify the instructors IN WRITING of his/her concerns.**

## **Portfolios and Assignments**

The Department of Art will not assume responsibility for lost or stolen portfolios or course work given to instructors for grading, or for work posted on bulletin boards in the Art Building.

**Note - All unclaimed work will be disposed of.**

**Note - Studio spaces, bulletin boards and display areas need to be cleared 2 weeks after the last day of classes.**

## **Ethics**

Whenever you perform research with human participants (i.e., surveys, interviews or observation) as part of your university studies, you are responsible for following university research ethics guidelines. Your instructor must review and approve of your research plans and supervise your research.

For more information go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-5.html>  
or  
<https://www.ucalgary.ca/research/researchers/ethics-compliance/cheb>

## **Campus Mental Health Resources**

[SU Wellness Centre](#) and [Campus Mental Health Strategy](#)

## **Campus Security/Safewalk**

Call 220-5333 anytime. Help phones are located throughout campus, parking lots and elevators; they connect directly to Campus Security - in case of emergency, press the red button.

For more information go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk>

## **Emergency Evacuation**

For more information go to <https://live-risk.ucalgary.ca/risk/emergency-management/evac-drills-assembly-points/assembly-points>

## **Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources**

Have a question but not sure where to start? The Arts Students' Centre is your information resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts. Stop by SS102, call us at 220-3580 or email us at [ascarts@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ascarts@ucalgary.ca) or [artsads@ucalgary.ca](mailto:artsads@ucalgary.ca). You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.

For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre at 220-5881 or visit them on the 3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library. For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

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Wk 1	Tu Jan 14	Introduction of course content.
	Th Jan 17	Practice 1 Nude male figure in line only (HB/6B pen) Work on Project 1
Wk 2	Tu Jan 21	Practice 2. Nude female figure in line only (HB pencil)
	Th Jan 23	Work on Project 1
Wk 3	Tu Jan 28	Practice 3 :Nude male figure and a box in line and shading
	Th Jan 30	<b>Project 1 due; class critique</b>
Wk 4	Tu Feb 4	Practice 4: Nude female figure and a box in line and shading (Long Pose in HB pencil;Short Pose in black conte).
	Th Feb 6	Work on Project 2
Wk 5	Tu Feb 11	Practice 5: Still life with nude male figure (Long Pose in HB pencil: Short Pose in white conte on grey paper)
	Th Feb 13	Work on Project 2
(Wk 6 Feb 16 – Feb 22: Reading Week: NO CLAS		
Wk 7	Tu Feb 25	Practice 7: Nude male figure drawn large (Long Pose in any medium except charcoal; Short Pose in any medium except charcoal)
	Th Feb 27	<b>Project 2 due; class critique</b>
Wk 8	Tu Mar 3	Practice 8: Still life with nude female figure in shading only
	Th Mar 5	Work on Project 3
Wk 9	Tu Mar 10	Practice 9 Monochrome ink wash drawing from a male figure on illustration board or water-colour board
	Th Mar 12	<b>Project 3 due; class critique</b>
Wk 10	Tu Mar 17	Practice 10 Nude female figure in shading or colour
	Th Mar 19	Work on Project 4
Wk 11	Tu Mar 24	Practice 11: Still life with nude female figure in shading only
	Th Mar 26	Work on Project 4
Wk.12	Tu Mar 31	Practice 12: Your choice
	Th Ap 9	<b>Project 4 due; class critique</b>