



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF ART AND ART HISTORY
Art 560A and Art 560B Honours Thesis
Semester Fall 2021 and Winter 2022

Course Delivery Format:	In person
Instructor: Office: Email: Office Hours: TA Name and Email:	Denis Gadbois. AB 612 dgadbois@ucalgary.ca Please email N.A.
Day(s), time(s) and location of class:	Thursday 5:00 PM- 6:30 PM Venue AB 641
Course description:	Independent studio research and production supported by a research paper for BFA Honours Visual Studies students, culminating in a Thesis Exhibition.
Prerequisites and/or co-requisites:	Admission to the BFA Honours Visual Studies program.
Course Objectives:	<p>Through guided studio-based production and reflection, the course complements and enhances creative research produced in ART 561 and ART 563, and will help ensure professional presentation and public dissemination of the Thesis Exhibition.</p> <p>Through a sequence of assignments, you will develop written support material (a research based, thesis support paper) directly related to your creative research. The support paper provides a coherent and articulate context that accounts for the production of your studio work and within which it can be viewed. Such material will be necessary for ongoing artistic projects including exhibitions, grant applications and graduate school applications, etc.</p>
Required Textbooks of Readings:	<p>There is no textbook assigned for this course but students are encouraged to be familiar with Andrew Marks, <i>Writing for Visual Thinkers: A Guide for Artists and Designers</i> (available electronically from TFDL).</p> <p>Directed readings will be assigned by the instructor as needed, or proposed by others in the course.</p>
Course Schedule Fall:	<p>Descriptions of each assignment with detailed expectations will be provided during the course and will be available on D2L.</p> <p>Sept 9 Introduction Sept 16 Show and Tell Sept 23 Discussion on previous support papers Sept 30 Reconciliation no class Oct 7 Colour/Dimension/Scale Oct 14 Medium Oct 21 Medium Group Critique and Review of Work Oct 28 Discussion of Precedent Papers Nov 4 Creating Concept Nov 11 Ready week no class Nov 18 Artist's Writing Presentations Nov 25 Frame/Installation/Presentation</p>

	Dec 2 Arnatt Gallery exhibit
	Course Schedule in the Winter will determined based on completion of project proposals

Assignments & Evaluation

Assignment	Description	Due Date	Worth
Fall Term:	Evaluation of previous support papers	Oct 7	10%
	Precedent Discussion Paper	Oct 29	10%
	Artists' Writing Presentation	Nov 19	10%
	Thesis Project Proposal	Dec 3	20%
Winter Term	Draft of supporting paper	March 17	10%
	Final Supporting paper	April 7	20%
	Installation of Thesis Art (Nickle)	April 14 (TBC)	20%
Registrar Scheduled Final Exam:	N.A.		
Assessment expectations:	<p><u>Guidelines for Submitting Assignments:</u> <i>D2L specific folder submission and exhibits</i></p> <p><u>Missed or Late Assignments:</u> Late assignments will be reduced a grade for each day after the deadline.</p> <p><u>Expectations for Writing:</u> Writing skills are important to academic study across all disciplines. Consequently, instructors may use their assessment of writing quality as a factor in the evaluation of student work. Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.2 Writing Across the Curriculum policy for details.</p>		
Additional Costs and Information:	Cost encounter to produce Artwork for assignments and exhibit is expected.		
Portfolios and Assignments:	The Dept of Art and Art History will not assume responsibility for lost or stolen portfolios or course work given to instructors for grading.		

Other Important Dates

Last day to drop course without financial penalty	Thursday, September 16
End of refund period	Thursday, September 16
Last day to add/swap course	Friday, September 17
Tuition and fee payment deadline	Friday, September 24
Last day to withdraw from course	Thursday, December 9

Grading Method and 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 complete.
70-74	B-	2.7	
65-69	C+	2.3	
60-64	C	2.0	Satisfactory – basic understanding of the subject matter.
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.

Learning Technologies and Requirements:	<p>There is a D2L site for this course which contains required readings and other relevant class resources and materials (d2L.ucalgary.ca).</p> <p>To successfully engage in their learning experiences at the University of Calgary, students taking online, remote, and blended courses are required to have reliable access to the following technology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates • A current and updated web browser • Webcam (built-in or external) • Microphone and speaker (built-in or external) or headset with microphone • Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled • Broadband internet connection
Campus Mental Health Resources:	<p>SU Wellness Centre and the Campus Mental Health Strategy</p> <p>Counselling and mental health support services are offered through Student Wellness Services. During COVID-19, you can access counselling services remotely via Skype for Business, Microsoft Teams and telephone. Single Session Counselling appointments are available on a bookable basis. Book an appointment online or call 403-210-9355. For access to mental health support, email sar@ucalgary.ca. If you are a student in immediate distress, please contact the centre's after-hours partners:</p> <p>The Distress Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call 403-266-4357, available 24/7. • Visit the Distress Centre website to access online chat from 3–10 p.m. on weekdays and 12–10 p.m. on weekends. <p>For additional crisis support from Wood's Homes Community Support Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call 403-299-9699 or 1-800-563-6106, available 24/7. • Text 587-315-5000 between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. • Visit Wood's Homes website for live chat between 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Academic Standing:	For more information go to http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f.html

Academic Accommodation:	<p>It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The Student Accommodations policy is available at https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations.</p> <p>Students needing an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities (https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf). Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than Disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.</p> <p>SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/</p>
Academic integrity, plagiarism:	<p>Academic Misconduct refers to student behavior which compromises proper assessment of a student's academic activities and includes: cheating; fabrication; falsification; plagiarism; unauthorized assistance; failure to comply with an instructor's expectations regarding conduct required of students completing academic assessments in their courses; and failure to comply with exam regulations applied by the Registrar.</p> <p>For more information go to http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html or http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html Additional information is available on the Academic Integrity Website at https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity</p>
Internet and electronic communication device:	<p>The use of laptop and mobile devices is acceptable when used in a manner appropriate to the course and classroom activities. Please refrain from accessing websites and resources that may be distracting to you or for other learners during class time.</p> <p>Students are responsible for being aware of the University's Internet and email use policy, which can be found at https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Acceptable-Use-of-Electronic-Resources-and-Information-Policy.pdf</p>
Deferral of Term work and exams	<p>For more information about deferring a final exam go to https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams</p> <p>For more information about deferral of term work go to http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-7.html https://www.ucalgary.ca/live-uc-ucalgary-site/sites/default/files/teams/14/deferred_termwork-feb-2020_revised.pdf</p>
Intellectual Property & Copyright:	<p>All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright (https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Acceptable-Use-of-Material-Protected-by-Copyright-Policy.pdf) and requirements of the copyright act (https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorized sharing of course materials (including presentations, textbooks, posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments, and exams).</p> <p>Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html</p>

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy:	<p>Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students' assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary.</p> <p>For more information go to https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/student-centre/privacy-policy</p>
Ethics	<p>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.</p> <p>For more information go to http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-5.html or https://www.ucalgary.ca/research/researchers/ethics-compliance/chreb</p>
Additional Student Support:	<p>Please visit this link for important information on UCalgary's student wellness and safety resources: https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines</p>
Models:	<i>If applicable.</i>
Studio Procedures:	<p>Students will have to respect Covid-19 specific procedures pertaining to the lab location. These include circulation patterns, user policy, distancing and keeping the lab space clean and tidy.</p> <p>In addition, students and instructors are expected to follow physical distancing regulations to comply with the University's Covid-19 Re-Entry Protocols. For more information, please refer to the following website: https://ucalgary.ca/risk/sites/default/files/2020-05/UCalgary.COVID19.ReEntryProtocols.pdf</p>
Emergency Evacuation:	<p>For more information go to https://www.ucalgary.ca/risk/emergency-management/evac-drills-assembly-points/assembly-points</p>
Arts Students' Centre Program Advising	<p>Have a question but not sure where to start? The Arts Students' Centre is your information resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts. Call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at ascarts@ucalgary.ca.</p> <p>You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate which has detailed information on common academic concerns.</p>