

ART 112B Course Outline as of Fall 2025**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: ART 112B Title: ADVANCED FIGURE DRAWING

Full Title: Advanced Figure Drawing

Last Reviewed: 9/9/2024

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	2.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	35.00
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	4.00	6	Lab Scheduled	70.00
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	6.00		Contact Total	105.00
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 70.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 175.00

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Course Completion of ART 112A

Recommended Preparation:**Limits on Enrollment:****Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Recommended:

Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit:

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU GE:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
IGETC:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU Transfer:		Effective:	Inactive:
UC Transfer:		Effective:	Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Major Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Create a portfolio of figure drawings that reveal a range of perceptual insight, organizing strategies, and expressive approaches.
2. Create an array of anatomical, proportional, and expressive figure drawings with a broad variety of wet and dry drawing materials.
3. Synthesize skills and perceptions to comprehensively translate three-dimensional space to two dimensional, illusionistic space.
4. Demonstrate individual metacognitive approaches that access a more open process of inquiry and insightful self-evaluation.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Master the concept of gesture and use gesture to express the essential action of the figure.
2. Analyze and portray the figure accurately in correct proportion.
3. Identify key landmarks of human anatomy and represent them in figure drawings.
4. Experiment with a variety of black and white and colored media to created accurate values and flesh tones.
5. Sustain a drawing from sketch to completion while remaining open to revisions in the drawing.
6. Identify some masters of figure drawing from the past and present.
7. Create a personal approach to drawing the figure.
8. Critique one's own and other students' figure drawings.

Topics and Scope:

All topics relate to both lecture and lab components of this course:

- I. Proportion: Relating Parts to the Whole

- A. Proportion
- B. Perspective
- II. Sight Measuring
 - A. Calculate measurement from the model
 - B. Apply measurement in the drawing
- III. Anatomy of the Human Figure
 - A. Identify skeletal anatomy
 - B. Identify muscular anatomy
- IV. Revision and Correction
 - A. Recognize errors of proportion
 - B. Recognize errors in value development
 - C. Identify and correct common drawing errors
- V. Expression
 - A. Gestural
 - B. Exaggerated
 - C. Personal
 - D. Narrative approaches to long and short poses
- VI. Technique
 - A. Working from the general to the specific
 - B. Avoiding over-emphasizing surface detail
- VII. Study and Interpretation of Master Drawings
- VIII. Individual and Group Critique

Assignment:

Lecture- and Lab-Related Assignments:

1. Portfolio

Required drawing methods:

- a. Vertical and horizontal axis drawings: utilizing axes to define negative spaces
- b. Musculature drawings of the arms, torso, back, and legs
- c. Portrait studies
- d. Erased and re-started drawings

Choose three of the following drawing methods:

- a. Sequential drawings
- b. Series of related figure drawings
- c. Mixed media drawings
- d. Composition: invented settings for the model, working all of the negative space areas
- e. Drawing without outlines

2. Sketchbook or Life drawings studies

- a. Master copy variations
- b. Mass drawings
- c. Drawings of hands and feet
- d. Skeletal analysis
- e. Gesture and contour drawings

3. Oral critique

4. Sight-measuring (ungraded)

5. Gestural warm-ups (ungraded)

6. Charting with straight lines: angles and directions, proportion, bilateral partners, and surface anatomy points of location (ungraded)

7. Attendance and participation

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

None, This is a degree applicable course but assessment tools based on writing are not included because problem solving assessments and skill demonstrations are more appropriate for this course.

Writing
0 - 0%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Sketchbook or Life drawings studies, portfolio, critiques

Problem solving
10 - 30%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Sketchbook or Life drawings studies, critiques

Skill Demonstrations
10 - 30%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

None

Exams
0 - 0%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

A portfolio of completed work will be the major basis for course grade. Other factors: attendance/class participation, attitude, attentiveness, effort, growth

Other Category
60 - 80%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Figure Drawing, The Structure, Anatomy and Expressive Design of Human Form. 7th ed.

Goldstein, Nathan. Pearson Education. 2010. (classic).

The Natural Way to Draw. Nicolaides, Kimon. Souvenir Press Ltd. 2008. (classic).

Drawing From Life. 3rd ed. Brown, Clint and McLean, Cheryl. Wadsworth/Thomson. 2003. (classic).