



## ART 1110

**Division:** Fine Arts

**Department:** Visual Art

**Course:** ART 1110

**Title:** Drawing I

**Catalog Description:**

This is a fundamental art course designed to access and develop the visual capacity of the brain by learning to draw from observation. Students develop the ability to consciously see the visual relationships necessary for the act of rendering a subject with representational accuracy. The course introduces students to a variety of traditional drawing mediums. Visual structure, presentation, and the development of critical thinking skills are also stressed as part of the course. Required of all art majors. *A lab fee is required.*

**General Education Requirements:** N/A

**Semesters Offered:** Fall, Spring

**Credit/Time Requirement:** Credit: 3; Lecture: 3; Lab: 3

**Clock/Hour Requirements:** 0

**Offered for Non-Credit:** No

**Prerequisites:** N/A

**Corequisites:** N/A

**Justification:**

This foundation art course should be completed during the first year of art study for students pursuing any degree in the visual arts. It is pertinent that art majors master the skills taught in this course to be able to succeed in other art classes. It is a prerequisite for most other art classes offered. It is required at most other academic institutions during the first year of art study. This course possesses a common number and title in the U SHE system.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- observe any object from life, execute a visual search and represent it as a two-dimensional drawing on paper.
- recognize the components of a successful drawing and apply this knowledge to their own work.
- know the physical characteristics of dry drawing media and be able to recognize and perform a drawing with each.
- verbally articulate the work of their peers through critical analysis.
- believe that drawing is a process of search in which to better understand their visual world.

- believe that drawing is an important means of visual communication and powerful historical and contemporary form of human expression.
- recognize the importance and application of the drawing process in a variety of art-related fields

### **Content:**

This course will include:

- demonstrations of drawing techniques.
- exercises designed to develop spatial skills by training the mind to consciously recognize angle, size, position and shape relationships.
- development of stronger eye-brain-hand coordination.
- studies in the relationship between positive form and the shape of space which defines it.
- learning history and methods of linear perspective and how these systems derived from critical observational analysis.
- a critical study of light logic--how light affects form and its application of communicating this on a two-dimensional surface with value relationships.
- the study of various drawing mediums and traditional applications of each.
- drawing of inanimate objects and the human form.
- two-dimensional visual structure and presentation.
- slide lectures, discussions, and critiques.

### **General Education Outcomes:**

9) Respond with informed sensitivity to an artistic work or experience.

Each student who has completed this course should be able to look at any drawing and respond to it subjectively and objectively. This evaluation should include a response to both formal and conceptual qualities, composition, and drawing medium. This knowledge will then be utilized to enhance or inform the student's own work.

### **Key Performance Indicators:**

Each student will be evaluated on:

- weekly in-class exercises: 25% of the final grade
- weekly out-of-class drawings assigned to evaluate how well the student can apply what they have learned outside of class instruction: 25% of the final grade
- four drawing assessments 25% of the final grade
- comprehensive final drawings and quizzes: 25% of the final grade.

Percentages are approximate

### **Representative Text and/or Supplies:**

No text is required for this course.

- Required materials include:
  - 18 x 24 drawing pad
  - compressed charcoal
  - spring clips
  - charcoal pencil
  - pencils (6B,4B,2B,HB,H,2H)
  - fixative
  - 6B graphite stick
  - pencil sharpener
  - Conte crayons
  - click eraser
  - Conte crayon pencil
  - kneaded eraser
  - X-acto knife
  - masking tape
  - matte board
  - box
  - foamcore
  - drawing board

Materials may be adjusted according to instructor need

**Optimum Class Size: 15**

**Maximum Class Size: 18**

**Signatures:**

I hereby submit this course syllabus:

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Adam Larsen, MFA, Associate Professor

I hereby find this course consistent with the goals and resources of the Visual Art Department:

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Brad Taggart, MFA, Assistant Professor, Chair

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