

## COURSE INFORMATION

**FALL 2016: ARTF1302 BASIC DRAWING 1 SECTION 003  
MW CRN 11835 11:30-2:20 pm PROSPECT HALL 218**

## INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Instructor's Name: Hector Romero  
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## INSTRUCTOR INTRODUCTION

Hector Romero received his BFA in Painting and Drawing from the University of Texas at El Paso and his MFA in Painting from the University of California, Los Angeles. He lived in New York City from 1996 to 2011 before returning to El Paso.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

**BASIC DRAWING I** is the first course in a sequence of foundation level drawing classes structured for the needs of Art Majors who plan to pursue a career in art. This studio course emphasizes basic aesthetic and technical drawing skills that enable students to represent three-dimensional objects in an environment. Topics to be covered include perspective, eye-hand coordination, correct proportions and scale, positive and negative space, as well as compositional structure and effectiveness. Contour line and value are explored as compositional devices and tools to build volume, mass, and illusionistic space. In this course students will be introduced to methods of using traditional black and white drawing media such as pencil, charcoal, and ink. Drawings will be developed based on three-dimensional sources such as still-lives, architectural interiors and exteriors, landscapes, the human figure, etc. Students will be given specific drawing assignments for both class and out of class work.

The majority of class time will be spent working on drawings, with demonstrations and slide lectures given to provide examples relative to course work. Critiques will be held regularly for comparative evaluation and critical feedback.

This course requires additional time to be spent outside of class hours for completion of homework assignments and in class work.

## COURSE PRE-REQUISITE INFORMATION

No pre-requisites are required as this is the first drawing course offered within the structure of the foundations for a BFA or BA degree in Art. It is recommended that art majors take **ARTF 1301 Basic Design *concurrently*** with this course (**ARTF 1302**).

## COURSE GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Development of technical and aesthetic drawing skills needed to render three-dimensional forms and space in a convincing illusionistic manner.

Develop expertise in working with a variety of black and white drawing media.

Gain an understanding of the importance of aesthetic issues such as composition and the formal characteristics of line, shape, value and space in creating visual interest in a drawing.

Develop the ability to think and speak critically about artworks through participation in critiques and introduction to art terminology.

Develop an outstanding work ethic and the commitment necessary to succeed in achieving the above stated goals and objectives.

## COURSE OUTCOMES

Students who successfully complete this class can gain experience and competency in working with basic black and white drawing materials. These students will be able to effectively use line, value, shape, proportion, perspective and foreshortening to create convincing illusionistic drawings of three-dimensional forms and space. In addition, an awareness of the aesthetic aspect of drawing will be achieved through the creative use of the visual art elements and application of compositional principles in their drawings. Through exposure to critique situations and slide lectures, students can acquire a basic knowledge of art terminology and an awareness of important artists and the drawings they make.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

You will be required to submit two portfolios during the semester. Due dates for portfolios will be announced one week in advance.

Students are expected to have a strong ethic, participate in class critiques, discussions, complete assignments on time, and become familiar with the language & terms applicable to the issues, history, and techniques of drawing. Weekend assignments will be given on a regular basis which will elaborate on topics covered in class.

## COURSE EVALUATION

### Grading:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Review/Participation</b>	<b>Mid-Term</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Review/Participation</b>	<b>Final Term</b>	<b>50%</b>

Other factors considered in grading are:

- completion of assignments on time while demonstrating a comprehension & application of techniques presented in the course
- participation during critiques & discussions
- work ethic, avoiding cell phone use & professional commitment
- progress & growth during the course of the semester
- attendance

**NO LATE PORTFOLIOS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

## COURSE POLICIES

### **Attendance:**

Regular attendance is required. Roll will be taken every day. It is important that you attend every class, arrive to class on time with the materials needed for class, and stay until the end of class. Still life settings & ideas discussed in critiques, slides, and lectures are impossible to make up.

### **Art Department Attendance Policy:**

After 3 absences your final course grade will be lowered one letter grade per additional absence. Example: a final grade of "A" becomes a "B" with 4 absences, a "C" with 5 absences, a "D" with 6 absences. Absences may be excused with proper notification for documented serious illness, death in the immediate family, or university sanctioned events.

Arriving late to class or leaving early counts as ½ an absence.

Arriving any time past the designated start time of class is counted as late; leaving any time before class is over will count as leaving early.

Coming to class without the necessary materials to work with will count as one absence.

Students with excessive absences and/or problems with arriving to class on time should consider dropping this course and retaking it at a time when the student can commit the proper attention to the course. Students whose attendance & work are considered below average may be withdrawn from the class by the instructor.

### **Homework Assignments:**

Homework will usually be given on \_\_\_\_\_ and will be picked up on the following \_\_\_\_\_. Please be aware, if your homework assignment is late your grade will be lowered accordingly.

If you miss class, it is your responsibility to contact me via email (**hgromero@utep.edu**) to find out any important information regarding the class. Once I receive your email, I will respond to you via email within 24 hours with the homework assignment.

### **Additional Course Policies:**

Please turn off your cell phones during class. There is to be **ABSOLUTELY NO TEXTING or USAGE OF CELL PHONES**, unless it is an emergency.

Please keep the drawing studio clean by cleaning up after yourself at the end of each class session.

### **Incompletes, Withdrawals, Pass/Fail:**

**Incompletes or "I"** grades will be considered for students completing satisfactory or better work and having serious legitimate situations beyond their control requiring additional time to complete the course requirements. All "I" grades are at the discretion of the instructor and the approval of the Departmental Chair.

Students hold the full responsibility for withdrawing from this course if that procedure is elected. Withdrawals must be completed on or before the final date to drop a course with a **W**. (See calendar at the end of the syllabus.) Students missing this deadline will be issued a grade for their performance in the course.

This is a grade-based course and is not available for audit or pass/fail options.

## **MATERIALS & PERSONAL EQUIPMENT**

**Each student must have his or her own set of materials. Borrowing from other students is not acceptable.**

### **Drawing Pads & Paper:**

- 18" x 24" newsprint pad, 50 sheets, rough or smooth surface
- 18" x 24" drawing pad, 80 lb. or heavier, 24-30 sheets
- two sheets of 22"x30" Stonehenge white paper **Available at Art Center/ 3101 E. Yandell Ph# 566-2410**

### **Drawing Materials:**

- an assortment of the following drawing pencils (any brand): **8B, 6B, 4B, 2B, B, HB**
- one box of alphascolor char-koleor prisma color compressed charcoal sticks
- one pack of white conte crayons (2 sticks per pack)
- sharpie fine point & ultra-fine point pen
- large kneaded eraser
- Staedtler Mars plastic eraser, large or small

**Other required materials:**

- 24" or 36" metal ruler
- X-acto knife #5211 or similar (uses #11 blade)
- one can of workable fixative
- Art portfolio, 22" x 30" or larger
- Art bin or box for supplies
- 1" role of Blue Painters Tape

**Suggested Additional Supplies:**

1/2" or 3/4" drafting tape, pencil sharpener or razor blades, blending tools (sometimes called stumps or tortillions)

Supplies available at ART Center on Yandell, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, UTEP Bookstore or Office Depot. Additional supplies are also available on line at Dick Blick, Utrecht Art Supplies, Daniel Smith.

**Additional supplies may be needed.**

**Students can sign up for a locker in the Art Office, Room 350 Fox Fine Arts.**

**PLAGIARISM/ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

**CHEATING/PLAGIARISM:** Cheating is unethical and not acceptable. Plagiarism is using information or original wording in a paper without giving credit to the source of that information or wording; it is also not acceptable. Do not submit work under your name that you did not do yourself. You may not submit work for this class that you did for another class. If you are found to be cheating or plagiarizing, you will be subject to disciplinary action per UTEP catalog policy. Refer to <http://www.utep.edu/dos/acadintg.htm> for further information.

**DISABILITIES STATEMENT**

**Disabilities:** I will make any reasonable accommodations for students with limitations due to disabilities, including learning disabilities. Please see me personally before or after class in the first two weeks or make an appointment to discuss any special needs you might have. If you have a documented disability and require specific accommodations, you will need to contact the Disabled Student Services Office in the East Union Bldg., Room 106 within the first two weeks of classes. The Disabled Student Services Office can also be reached in the following ways:

Web: <http://www.utep.edu/dsso>

Phone: (915)747-5148 voice or TTY

Fax: (915)747-8712

E-Mail: [dss@utep.edu](mailto:dss@utep.edu)

**After you have read the syllabus, please sign and return this sheet today (before leaving class.)**

**I have read the syllabus in its entirety and understand what is expected of me as a student in this course. My signature below indicates that I agree to abide by the said policies.**

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**Signature**

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**Date**

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