

**ARTF 1301: Basic Design I**

**CRN: 12425**

**Fall 2022**

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**Office Hours:** Office hours are by appointment only. **Students may email their questions directly to me during weekdays and I will respond as soon as possible.**

### **Course Description**

**Basic Design I** is a foundation level class structured for the needs of art majors who plan to pursue a career in art. Students are introduced to the visual elements and principles of design which consist of: point and line; shape and mass; texture; light; color; and space. The Principles of Design include: unity and variety; balance; emphasis and focal point; proportion and scale; movement, stability and rhythm.

Discussion will expand upon these topics to include include straight, curved and implied line; geometric and organic shapes; positive and negative space; approximate symmetry, symmetrical, asymmetrical and radial balance; illusion of depth; simulated and actual texture; and color theory. Students will be expected to apply these introductory concepts to create 2-dimensional visual compositions.

### **Course Objectives or Expected Learning Outcomes**

- Development and understanding of the basic terminology of art and design.
- Development and understanding of good composition principles.
- Create properly composed, well balanced 2-dimensional designs using various materials.
- Explore various art movements and concepts through exposure to various artists.
- Effectively use the visual elements and apply the principles of design to artwork.
- Acquire a basic knowledge of art terminology to express their ideas.
- Develop good craftsmanship and work ethic succeed in achieving the above stated goals.

### **Technology Requirements**

This class will primarily meet face-to-face, but supplementary content, materials and announcements may be posted to Blackboard through out the semester. Ensure your UTEP e-mail account is working and that you have access to a stable web browser, such as Google Chrome.

## **Course Assignments, Evaluation and Grading**

Grade Distribution, Standards and Criteria:

A - Excellent, B - Good, C- Average, D- Below Average, F - Failure

Mid-Term Portfolio: 40 %

Final Portfolio: 40%

Course Participation: 20%

### **Course Participation includes:**

- Development and execution of assignments during class meetings.
- Projects executed solely outside of class will not be accepted.
- Contribution and participation in Mid-term and Final portfolio critiques.

**Your grade for each assignment and final letter grade at the end of the term will be determined by the following factors:**

- Understanding of conceptual ideas and application of techniques associated with each assignment.
- Presentation and physical condition of projects.
- Participation in group critiques and overall work ethic.
- Cumulative effort, improvement and quality.

### **Course Requirements: Midterm and Final Portfolio**

**All assignments should be seen as progress towards your mid-term portfolio and final portfolio, where they will be graded and reviewed.** There will be a midterm critique where you will collect and bring in all your assignments for an evaluation and discussion. At the end of the semester you will bring in all the work you have done since mid-term for a final evaluation and critique.

## **COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS**

**Please stay home if you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.**

If you are feeling unwell, please let me know as soon as possible, so that we can work on appropriate accommodations. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you are encouraged to report your results to [covidaction@utep.edu](mailto:covidaction@utep.edu), so that the Dean of Students Office can provide you with support and help with communication with your professors. The Student Health Center is equipped to provide COVID 19 testing.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people in areas of substantial or high COVID-19 transmission wear face masks when indoors in groups of people. The best way that Miners can take care of Miners is to get the vaccine. If you still need the vaccine, it is widely available in the El Paso area, and will be available at no charge on campus during the first week of classes. For more information about the current rates, testing, and vaccinations, please visit [epstrong.org](http://epstrong.org).

## Attendance Policy

Attendance is determined by punctuality, appropriate class conduct, preparation of materials for each class, and participation in mid-term and final critiques.

**If you are not feeling well, or if you are sick, DO NOT come to class under any circumstances.** Seek medical care and/or recuperate at home. **E-mail me in regards to your circumstances as soon as you are able - that way I can help you catch up.**

- Each student is permitted 3 absences during the semester without penalty.
- All students are required to attend class on time and to remain in class the entire time. Entering class late and leaving early is disruptive, disrespectful, and sets an unacceptable standard.
- Excused absences are defined as documented illness or serious illness or death in the immediate family.
- **Students are responsible for contacting & staying in touch if they need to leave for health risk.**
- Each unexcused absence after 3 will result in the final course grade being lowered 1 full letter grade (i.e. with 4 absences an A becomes B, D becomes F, etc.) **After 5 unexcused absences it is the student's responsibility to consider dropping from the course by contacting the Registrar's Office to initiate the process.**

## Class Conduct:

- Students may listen to music at a low volume with headphones during class time as long as it does not disturb other students. Music must be turned off during lectures, demos, and critiques.
- Cell phones and tablets- **NO Netflix, Hulu, Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok) Youtube, Twitch, etc. during class time.** Calls on cell phones can be made for emergencies or during break time.
- Guests are not permitted at any time during class. You are expected to remain in class rather than step-out and visit with guests during class time.
- There will be a 15 min. break in the middle of class for restroom breaks, snacks, and stretching.
- Studio safety- Some aspects of using certain tools can be hazardous if proper precautions are not taken. All safety procedures will be explained throughout the semester.
- Cleanliness - You are required to clean up your work area when you are finished working in the studio. Please put all of your tools, materials, etc. away in your lockers, and wipe down your table area.

### **Late Policy**

Late and make-up work are only afforded in the case of an excused absence by arrangement and approval of the instructor.

### **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 Department Chair.
- Students hold 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". Students missing this deadline will be issued a grade for the performance in the course.
- This is a grade based course and is not available for audit or pass/fail options.

### **Drop Policy**

To drop this class, please contact the [Registrar's Office](#) to initiate the drop process. If you cannot complete this course for whatever reason, please contact me. If you do not, you are at risk of receiving an "F" for the course.

### **Accommodations Policy**

The University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations and auxiliary services to students, staff, faculty, job applicants, applicants for admissions, and other beneficiaries of University programs, services and activities with documented disabilities in order to provide them with equal opportunities to participate in programs, services, and activities in compliance with sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) of 2008. Reasonable accommodations will be made unless it is determined that doing so would cause undue hardship on the University. Students requesting an accommodation based on a disability must register with the [UTEP Center for Accommodations and Support Services](#).

### **Scholastic Integrity**

Academic dishonesty is prohibited and is considered a violation of the UTEP Handbook of Operating Procedures. It includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion. Cheating may involve copying from or providing information to another student, possessing unauthorized materials during a test, or falsifying research data on laboratory reports. Plagiarism occurs when someone intentionally or knowingly represents the words or ideas of another as ones' own. Collusion involves collaborating with another person to commit any academically dishonest act. Any act of academic dishonesty attempted by a UTEP student is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. All suspected violations of academic integrity at The University of Texas at El Paso must be reported to the [Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution \(OSCCR\)](#) for possible disciplinary action. To learn more [HOOP: Student Conduct and Discipline](#).

## Required Materials

**Studio Supplies Provided by UTEP** (I will distribute these supplies to students):

Sheets of Blick Studio Bristol Smooth Paper, 19"x24"  
Artist-tac sheets, 11"x17"  
Crescent No. 99 University Grade Cold Press Illustration Board - 15"x 20"  
Basics Acrylic Set of 6 Assorted 4oz tubes  
Blick Construction Paper - 12" x 18", Scotch Gray sheets  
Blick Construction Paper - 12" x 18", Black sheets

**Additional supplies needed** (students will obtain these on their own):

Sketchbook (11"x14" recommended)  
Illustration Mat Board (2-3 sheets) - 20" x 30" ( Will check supply closet first to see if we have stock)  
Cutting surface – self-healing cutting mat 18" x 24"  
X-acto knife with blades  
Black Sharpie Markers (a variety of tips such as fine and ultra fine)  
Metal Ruler – 24" or 36" (wood is not acceptable!)  
Drawing Pencils – (a small variety such as 5H, HB, 2B, 6B)  
Rubber Cement  
Erasers  
Rubber Cement Eraser or Gum Eraser  
Utility knife (for cutting mat board)  
Palette (for mixing paints)  
Container for water  
Drafting Tape or Masking Tape (blue one works best)  
Clear/transparent tape

Additional supplies may be available at: The Art Center, Hobby Lobby, Office Depot, Office Max.

**Online stores:** Utrecht, DickBlick Art Materials

## COURSE SCHEDULE

\*This schedule may be subject to change according to the needs and pace of the class.

### August

Week 1: Classes Begin/Syllabus/Demo/Lecture  
Week 2: Introduction/ Points, Lines Planes

### September

Week 3: Principles of Composition  
Week 4: Picture Analysis/Scale  
Week 5: Picture Analysis cont.  
Week 6: Shape Relationships

### October

Week 7: Midterm critiques/portfolios Due  
Week 8: Depth

Week 9: Depth cont.

Week 10: Color Basics

### November

Week 11: Color Basics cont.  
Week 12: Picture Analysis 2  
Week 13: Picture Analysis 2 cont.  
Week 14: Invented Shapes  
Thanksgiving Break

### December

Week 15: Final portfolios due  
Week 16: Studio clean up and portfolio return

**ARTF 1301 Basic Design I** syllabus acknowledgement and course contract acceptance.

I have received and reviewed the attached syllabus. I have had the opportunity to e-mail questions for clarification and I understand and agree to the conditions of this syllabus.

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Signature

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