

Professional Art Practices - 12644 - ART 3306 – 003

LART 411

3.000 Credits

Hybrid: 50-85%

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Office Hours: Tuesday: Noon– 1:00 PM LART 411, or by appointment.

Class time will take on the setting of a Seminar / Workshop. Students will work in a collaborative learning environment.

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Objectives

- Awareness, knowledge and use of processes and tools for practical application, so that artists / designers can act on their own behalf and be a vital part of their own careers.

Course Expectations

- You will be participating in a uniquely collaborative learning environment this semester. The creativity, integrity and commitment that you bring to this class will not only impact your final grade, it will also be indicative of the how you will conduct yourself as an arts professional in the future. Engage. Push yourself. Make it count, for yourself and the other artists / designers who are in this class with you.
- Students will demonstrate a resistance for premature assignment completion as exhibited through repeated attempts to rework and improve upon solutions.
- Students will use critical thinking skills to research and identify essential assignment related instruction, manage assignment development, and exhaustively work to solve problems they may encounter, and in advance of requesting instructor help.
- Students are required to think and respond creatively. You will need to be inspired, sift through this inspiration, and work toward identifying a personal creative point of view, both in your work and in writing. You will need to have an opinion about art / graphic design and about **your** work most specifically.
- Students are required to be prepared to participate in class discussions and collaborative group activities. Ask questions. Share ideas. Be curious. Share your perspectives and experiences in a productive and supportive manner. Your thoughts and questions will provide the starting point and fuel the discussions.
- As in all university classes, events and extracurricular activities, students should observe the university code of conduct during discussions by being respectful of

other students, their opinions, and by contributing to an atmosphere of collegial and collaborative learning in the classroom.

Assignments

See Blackboard for listing of assignment details.

What you should expect from me as the Instructor

- I will provide clear instructions on class expectations.
- I will do all I can to ensure your success in this class.
- I will provide feedback on your performance in a timely manner.
- I will leave myself open to suggestions for improvement of the class.
- If any changes in the course are to be implemented, I will ensure that the class is notified in a timely manner.

Important Details

- No assignments will be accepted after the assigned due date and time without penalty, except for a documented serious personal illness or death in the immediate family.
- Assignments submitted on the due date but after the set time has passed, will receive a 15% deduction from the final grade total.
- Assignments submitted the day after the assignment due date, and before 5:00 PM, will have 25% deduction from the final grade total.
- Assignments submitted the day after the assignment due date, and after 5:00 PM, will have not be accepted.
- No assignment will be accepted via regular email. All assignments are submitted digitally via the Blackboard assignment page. Students are required to verify that their submission has been uploaded correctly and will display accurately for grading purposes.
- Cell phone use or monitoring during class is prohibited.
- If at any time a student would like to discuss a grade on an individual assignment, they must send a statement via the Blackboard Messaging System to me explaining in detail their concern and proposed solution along with an assigned grade. The student must wait 24 hours after the grade has been delivered before sending A COURSE MESSAGE. The instructor will respond within 48 hours, Monday – Friday.

Attendance Policy

- Each student is permitted 3 absences during the term without penalty. Information missed during an absence is the sole responsibility of the student.
- Excused absences are defined as documented personal serious illness, death in the immediate family, or university sanctioned events with prior approval.
- In order for an absence to be excused, all previous absences must be excused.

- Students arriving to class after the attendance has been taken, but no later than 10 minutes, will be marked late. 2 late entries constitute 1 full absence.
- Students returning late from a class break will also be marked late for the day. 2 late entries constitute 1 full absence.
- Each unexcused absence after 3 will result in the final class grade being lowered a full letter grade. Consequently, a final grade of “A” becomes a “B” with 4 absences, a “C” with 5 absences, a “D” with 6 absences, an “F” with 7 absences.

NOTE: This course is offered in the hybrid format. As such, students may not be required to attend class on specific days. Nevertheless, students should keep both weekly class meeting time slots clear in their schedule for the duration of the semester. It is recommended that students come to the classroom when there is not a required meeting to work on assignments.

Grading

A final letter grade will be assigned at the end of the term, based upon the total possible points according to the following scale:

A 90-100 Superior

Represents outstanding work reflective of effort and performance of exceptional ability and absolute quality.

B 80-89 Above Average

Represents effort and performance beyond the merely adequate.

C 70-79 Average

Represents adequate work.

D 60-69 Below Average

Represents inadequate work that falls below requirements and expectations.

F Below 60

Unacceptable performance, no credit given.

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Optional Reading

Austin Kleon, *Steal Like an Artist: 10 Things Nobody Told You About Being Creative*. <http://amzn.to/2aNTWrZ> NOT IN BOOKSTORE.

Austin Kleon, *Show Your Work! 10 Ways to Share Your Creativity and Get Discovered*. <http://amzn.to/2aAyRxI> NOT IN BOOKSTORE.

Vicki Krohn Amoroaw, *ART-WRITE: The Writing Guide for Visual Artists*.
<http://amzn.to/2jjkZzp> NOT IN BOOKSTORE.

Heather Darcy Bhandari, *ART/WORK: Everything You Need to Know (and Do) As You Pursue Your Art Career*. NOT IN BOOK STORE
<http://amzn.to/2iMnTfc>

Plagiarism/ Academic Dishonesty Statement

Cheating and Plagiarism: Cheating is unethical and unacceptable. Work done for this course should be done by you and by you alone. Plagiarism, which is the use of information or original wording in a paper without giving credit to the source of that information or wording, is not acceptable. Students should not submit work that 1) was not completed by the student him/herself or 2) that was created for another class. Cheating and plagiarizing, you will be subject to disciplinary action, per UTEP policy. Refer to: <http://www.utep.edu/dos/acadintg.htm> for further information. Any instances of cheating or plagiarism will be reported to the Dean of Students who will initiate disciplinary proceedings.

Student Resources

The Center for Accommodation and Support Services is located at Union Building East Room 106. It is open Monday thru Friday 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Phone:(915) 747-5148, email: cass@utep.edu.

If you have a disability, illness, or special need that you feel would benefit from accommodations or services, please be certain to visit and register with the Center as soon as possible. Do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to me about your concerns, share any special needs or get assistance.

University Writing Center: Your grade in this class is dependent on written assignments. It is important that these are well organized and well written. The University Writing Center (UWC) is a resource for improving the effectiveness of your writing and the quality of your writing assignments. I highly encourage its use during the semester. The UWC provides individualized online and face-to-face writing assistance to all UTEP students, from freshman to graduate and among other things can help you:

- decide on the appropriate format for your writing
- brainstorm ideas and organize your thoughts
- find the right words to express yourself
- decide on the best way to revise your drafts
- learn how to correct grammatical errors
- document your sources

Their services are free for all UTEP students. They are located in the Library, room 227. You can call them at (915) 747-5112 or go to their website <https://www.utep.edu/uwc/> which has their hours and satellite locations, along with a wide variety of writing resources of all kinds.

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