

Course Information

BASIC DRAWING I / SPRING 2023 / ARTF 1302 / CRN: 20958

Class Location: Fox Fine Arts Center, Room A263

Class Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 AM-11:50 AM

Instructor Contact Information

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*Send me an email or speak to me in person to schedule your meeting time

Instructor Introduction

Marianna Olague holds a Master of Fine Arts in painting from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. She received her Bachelor of Arts from UTEP in 2016. Olague has exhibited in museums and galleries across the United States including in Los Angeles, New York, and Washington, DC. Olague was awarded a Chinati Foundation Residency in 2021 and was a finalist in the 2022 Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition at the Smithsonian Museum's National Portrait Gallery. Olague currently exhibits with David Klein Gallery in Detroit.

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 in class and out of class work.

The majority of class time will be spent working on drawings, with demonstrations and lectures given to provide examples relative to course work. Critiques involving the entire class, or one-on-one critiques with the instructor, will be held regularly for comparative evaluation and critical feedback. ***This course requires additional time be spent outside of class for completion of all assignments.***

Course Prerequisite Information

No prerequisites 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 I concurrently with ARTF 1302 Basic Drawing I.

Course Goals and Objectives

The goals and objectives of Basic Drawing I include:

- 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:

- will gain experience and competency in working with basic black and white drawing materials.
- will be able to effectively use line, value, shape, proportion, perspective and foreshortening to create convincing illusionistic drawings of three-dimensional forms and space.
- will develop an awareness of the aesthetic aspect of drawing through the creative use of the visual art elements and application of compositional principles in their drawings.
- will acquire a basic knowledge of art terminology needed to communicate ideas related to drawing.

Course Requirements

Basic Drawing I (CRN: 20958) is a studio course that meets in-person Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:00am to 11:50am. As this is not an online course, you must be present in class, face-to-face, for a total of 6 hours each week. You will use Blackboard to submit your assignments as well as to check for important announcements, deadlines, and updates. You will submit your drawings on Blackboard in the form of a .jpg image file, but also present the work in person for Critique Day. Assignments are always due both in-person and online on Critique Day. Lectures, demos, and crits will be interwoven during class time. Half-way through each class, we will have a 15-minute break. At the beginning of each class, you will be expected to arrive on time, be prepared with the proper materials, and work through the *entire* class period.

For Critique Days, be prepared to share your thoughts with your classmates. You will bring your drawing(s) to class (I will remind you the week before) and you will hang them up on the walls. Then we will gather around for the critique. Critiques are not a roasting session, but rather a discussion on what makes a work effective as well as what things could be improved. It's a chance to show off your skills, but also a chance to learn how you can do better. Be tactful with your criticism and *speak up*. Participation during critiques will count towards your grade.

Course Evaluation and Grading

Midterm Portfolio: 45%

Final Portfolio + Final Project: 55%

Each graded assignment will be submitted both in-person for Critique Day and virtually via Blackboard every week. Each time we have Critique, please remember that you must also submit an image of the drawing on Blackboard. When photographing your artwork be sure to include the visible edges of the paper. Please label your files as follows:

LastnameFirstname_Assignment#.jpg

Example:

OlagueMarianna_Assignment1.jpg

- **Each day your work is late, reduces it by ten points.** For example, you receive a “95” on an assignment. 1 day late becomes an “85”, 2 days late becomes a “75”, and so on.
- If you do not turn in your work at all, you will receive a 0, which significantly lowers your grade. Better to be late than receive a 0 on an assignment.
- If you cannot meet the assignment deadline because of a documented serious illness, death in the immediate family, or a University sanctioned event with prior approval, please contact me ASAP mtolague@utep.edu
- Work that is done without input from the instructor and is unassigned, will not be accepted.

I strongly suggest that you submit your work on Blackboard with plenty of time to spare in the event that you have a technical issue with Blackboard, Wi-Fi, or with your computer. You may also try emailing me your homework if you encounter problems submitting on Blackboard. If worse comes to worst, contact the [Help Desk](#) and be sure to bring your drawings to class in-person the next time I see you.

Other factors considered in grading are:

- following instructions
- completion of assignments on time while demonstrating a comprehension & application of techniques presented in the course
- participation during critiques & discussions
- work ethic, avoid cell phone use & professional commitment
- progress & growth during the course of the semester
- condition of work i.e., clean, smudge free and unwrinkled
- attendance record

A 90-100 represents outstanding work and is reflective of works and performance of exceptional ability and absolute quality

B 80-89 stands for above average performance, going beyond expectation

C 70-79 is for average and adequate work that fulfills requirements and expectations (the majority of students start at this level). This is the minimum grade required to continue on to the next art foundation course. Students will not receive a grade of “C” for just showing up to class or for turning work in on time.

D 60-69 represents less than average performance and is considered underachieved. Credit given.

F 60 & below is for unacceptable performance. The student will receive no credit.

Course Policies

- Students are allowed 3 unexcused absences during the semester. **If you are absent, it is your responsibility to notify me.** Contact me via email ASAP to find out any pertinent information and assignments you may have missed. Students with more than 3 unexcused absences should consider dropping this course and retaking it at a time when the student can commit the proper attention to the course.
- **Scheduled appointments, transportation problems, and job demands are not excused absences.**
- Excused absences are defined as documented serious illness, death in the immediate family, University sanctioned events with prior approval, testing positive for Covid-19 or having COVID-19 related symptoms.
- **After 3 unexcused absences, your final course grade will be lowered one letter grade per additional absence.** For example, a final grade of “A” becomes a “B” with 4 absences, a “C” with 5 absences, a “D” with 6 absences. After 5 absences you should consider dropping the course.
- Coming to class without the necessary materials or attending class and not working is considered absent.
- **Arriving to class late (after roll is taken) or leaving early counts as ½ an absence. That is, 2 tardies = 1 unexcused absence. Leaving any time before the designated ending of class is counted as leaving early.**
- Returning late from break will be recorded as ½ an absence.
- **No texting or social media during class time.** If student is found violating this policy a verbal warning will be given at first, if found violating policy a second time a ½ absence will be recorded for the day.
- Music is not allowed during any instruction, lecture, or during critique. Students may listen to music at a low volume with headphones (one earbud only) during any other class time as long as it does not disturb other students. **Do not stream video content such as YouTube, Twitch, Netflix, etc. while you work.**
- If you wish to listen to music please use a playlist or music app that does not require your attention. If student is found violating this policy a verbal warning will be given at first, if found violating policy a second time a ½ absence will be recorded for the day.

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 drop date to drop a course with a W (see calendar at the end of the syllabus). Withdrawals made prior to the census day will not count toward the 6-course drop limit. 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.

Lockers

Art students are allowed the use of lockers in the DoART department only. If students wish to use a locker they must:

- place lock on available locker
- write locker number down and proceed to art office
- sign out locker in DoART office located on the 3rd floor of Fox Fine Arts Building
- Lockers are free and available on a first come first reserved basis.

University Policy Statements

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, 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.

Be aware that information missed during an absence is the sole responsibility of the student. It is the student’s responsibility to stay current with missed work, assignments and to stay in contact with the instructor regarding health status, recovery, and anticipated return to class.

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

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.

If you have a disability and need classroom accommodations, please contact [The Center for Accommodations and Support Services](#) (CASS) at (915) 747-5148, or by email to cass@utep.edu or visit their office located in UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at <https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/cass/>

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, please visit [HOOP: Student Conduct and Discipline](#).

Campus Resources

Technology Resources

- [Help Desk](#): Students experiencing technological challenges (email, Blackboard, software, etc.) can submit a ticket to the UTEP Helpdesk for assistance. Contact the Helpdesk via phone, email, chat, or website.

Academic Resources

- [UTEP Library](#): Access a wide range of resources including online, full-text access to thousands of journals and eBooks plus reference service and librarian assistance for enrolled students.

Individual Resources

- [Military Student Success Center](#): Assists personnel in any branch of service to reach their educational goals.
- [Center for Accommodations and Support Services](#): Assists students with ADA-related accommodations for coursework, housing, and internships.
- [Counseling and Psychological Services](#): Provides a variety of counseling services including individual, couples, and group sessions as well as career and disability assessments.

Materials List

Materials to purchase:

- Drawing sketch pad – 18 in x 24 in
- Art portfolio – 20 in x 26 in or larger
- 1 or more White conté crayons or White pastels
- Plastic white eraser (a good brand is Staedtler)
- 24 in. metal ruler
- Pencil sharpener (multiple sharpeners are always good to have)
- 2 sheets of colored drawing paper for pastels – 18 in x 24 in or larger (a good brand is Canson)
 - 1 brown/tan
 - 1 black
- 1 or more ultra-fine point Sharpie markers (or similar) – Black
- 1 or more chisel tip Sharpie markers (or similar) – Black

Materials provided by the DoART department:

- Assortment of drawing pencils: 9B, 8B, 6B, 4B, 2B, and HB
- Pack of soft compressed charcoal sticks
- Charcoal pencils
- Kneaded eraser (this eraser is grey and can be shaped or molded)
- Canson Drawing Paper – Cream, 19 in x 25 in
- Stonehenge Paper – White, 22 in x 30 in
- Single-hole sharpener

Other suggested materials:

- Spray fixative
- Box, art bin, or some sort of carrying case for supplies
- Blending stumps (also called tortillons)
- Sandpaper lead pointer/sharpener

You can find these materials at Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Dick Blick- dickblick.com (my personal favorite), Art Center & Signs (show your ID for a 10% discount), Office Depot, the UTEP Bookstore or Amazon!

Course Schedule

This schedule may be subject to change according to the needs of the instructor and pace of the course. Check Blackboard frequently for assignment instructions, announcements, due dates, and any changes to the calendar.

JANUARY

Week 1 (Jan 16- Jan 22): Classes Begin/Syllabus/Supplies

Week 2 (Jan 23- Jan 29): Positive and Negative Space

Week 3 (Jan 30- Feb 5): Value and Shading

FEBRUARY

Week 4 (Feb 6- Feb 12): Value and Shading Cont.

Week 5 (Feb 13- Feb 19): Texture

Week 6 (Feb 20- Feb 26): Texture Cont.

Week 7 (Feb 27- Mar 5): Midterm Portfolio Review

MARCH

Week 8 (Mar 6- Mar 12): Self-Portrait on Toned Paper

Week 9 (Mar 13- Mar 19): SPRING BREAK

- Spring break is from March 13th- 17th

Week 10 (Mar 20- Mar 26): One & Two-Point Perspective

Week 11 (Mar 27- Apr 2): Perspective Cont.

- Spring drop/withdrawal deadline Thurs, March 30th

APRIL

Week 12 (Apr 3- Apr 9): Reflective Objects

Week 13 (Apr 10- Apr 16): Reflective Objects Cont.

Week 14 (Apr 17- Apr 23): Final Projects

Week 15 (Apr 24- Apr 30): Final Project Cont.

MAY

Week 16 (May 1- May 7): Final Project Due + Final Critique

- Last day of classes Thurs, May 4th

Week 17 (May 8- May 14): Spring Final Exams