TWO-DIMENSIONAL FUNDAMENTALS

I. Course Description:

This course is a studio class exploring the fundamentals of the formal systems and basic elements of visual organization through two-dimensional design principles and theories using a variety of tactile and digital media.

II. Credit Hours: Three (3) A studio class meeting six (6) clock hours per week

III. Media:

Emphasis on a variety of two-dimensional black and white and color drawing, painting,

collage, and digital media which may include:

Pencil Markers Ink Acrylics

Tempera Various papers image software

IV. Concepts and skills should include, but not be limited to:

Figure/ground Value/Hue/Intensity Space/shallow/deep

Surface effects Shape Composition
Pattern/repetition/motif Color Principles Color mixing
Contrast Implied lines Balance

Unity/harmony Expressive lines Implied Movement

Dominance/subordination Expression/interpretation/meaning

Intentionality/audience awareness Global/multi culturalism

Computer generated practice in 2-D imaging applications such as raster or vector software is encouraged in this class.

Note: It is strongly recommended that students maintain sketchbooks for this class.

V. Critical Analysis:

Class and individual critiques providing for understanding the criteria and standards used in assessing performance.

VI. Historical Reference:

Connect various contemporary, historical, and multi-cultural models to this particular studio/aesthetic practice in the development of visual literacy

VII. Health and Safety:

Students should be made aware of the safety issues involved in working with art materials and techniques for this course work, including proper use, storage, and disposal.

VIII. **Suggested references/texts**, current editions of the following:

Launching the Imagination - Stewart

Design Basics - Lauer, Pentak

Principles of Two-Dimensional Design - Wong

Design Dimensions - Dantzic

Visual Forces - Martinez, Block

Elements of Art - Pumphrey

Art Fundamentals - Ocvirk, Stinson, Wigg, Bone, Clayton

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