

Independent Study - Drawing V

Midwestern State University

Course Numbers: Art 4913 Independent Study (Drawing V)

Fall 2025, Friday 9:00 - 11:50 am, Fain C106

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 6 per week

Prerequisites: see descriptions

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C106 Painting

Course Description

Drawing V is an extension of Drawing I, II, III, and IV, and promotes more individual interests in drawing. Personal thematic approaches are encouraged, as well use of imagery, media, and process to communicate these personally driven themes. Individual and group conversation and critique is expected, as well as maintaining a strong work ethic and daily practice of art making. Imagery and conversations in art are supported through art historical and contemporary approaches to gain a broad perspective of drawing.

Prerequisites: Art 1313 Drawing I, Art 1323 Drawing II, Art 3213 Drawing III, or consent of instructor

Course Objectives

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will have gained a further understanding and appreciation from the drawing discipline and its applications. A broad spectrum of approaches and outcomes are explored through studies as well as finished works.

Requirements and Expectations

Drawings and Critiques:

Finished drawings will be completed on appropriate surfaces, using quality media choices, all determined through early conversations with the Instructor and receiving input from the rest of the class. Size, media, imagery, and other factors, while individual in their approach, will be informed through these conversations as well. No less than 5 major works will be completed and 5 studies. One work will be large scale, while one will be multi-panel.

Sketchbooks:

Students are expected to maintain a sketchbook specific to this class. There will be required work to be completed within the sketchbook, but mainly, students are expected to work independently in their sketchbooks (thumbnail sketches, studies, gestures, more complete drawings, notes, planning out projects, etc.) Please do not tear pages out of your sketchbook – undesired ends and failures are necessary in all processes, and they should be preserved the same as desirable outcomes and successes.

Homework Environment:

Students should create a studio environment in which to execute homework. In an ideal studio, a student should be able to work at various distances, heights, and angles from the subject; move away from the drawing to view it at a distance; control lighting; work at various sizes, and create a desired environment – loud or quiet, bright or dark, etc. It is also advisable to work at an easel or pin drawings onto the wall – make sure whatever surface you use to draw upon, it is smooth, having no texture. If a space such as this is unavailable, students are always welcome to use the drawing studios. (They should refer to the posted class schedules to know the class times they need to work around.) Working outside of class is an essential factor in successful completion of this course.

Work Ethic:

Personal motivation and discipline are keys to a student's success in this course. These qualities are demonstrated to me by actions - such as preparation for each class, thoughtful inquiry, involvement in projects, discussions, and critiques, and the successful resolution of various problems and challenges presented throughout the course. Students should expect to spend at least seven hours per week on homework in addition to studio/class time. Further, all work should be

stored and transported in a manner that preserves it for critiques and portfolio reviews. Late work will be lower in grade.

Evaluation

Student work will be reviewed by means of formal critique evaluations and portfolio reviews. Students will be evaluated according to predetermined requirements for all drawings. For projects a “100 point scale” is used. Individual grades and average grades given out throughout the semester.

Final Grade Summary:

A = 90 –100% B = 80 – 89 % C = 70 – 79% D = 60 – 69% F = 59 % OR LESS

Please save all work in an organized, chronological manner.

No Final Exam will be given; your final grade will be calculated from the entirety of work produced.

All due dates will be provided with assignments as they are given out. It is the student’s responsibility to maintain a calendar of due dates, upcoming critiques, and academic events. Note that dates may change from those listed on the syllabus.

Late work will be counted against; one letter grade for each class period after it is due. Ex: An A grade is lowered to B after one period late, after two periods late the A is lowered to C, etc.

Students should never miss a class critique. Apart from late grades on projects, this counts against overall participation.

Plagiarism is unacceptable and will result in a 0 for the project. No exceptions. Any students found guilty of academic dishonesty is subject to disciplinary action as per the student handbook.

Attendance, Absence, and Late Policy

Students enrolled in the Juanita and Ralph Harvey School of Visual Arts must comply with the following department-wide Attendance, Absence, and Lateness Policy:

- Students arriving 10 minutes after class begins will be considered late, and will be counted absent.
- Three late arrivals count as a single absence.
- Students may be absent from class 3 times without penalty and without providing any documentation regarding the absence.
- If a student incurs a 4th absence, his or her final course evaluation will be reduced by a full letter grade.
- If a student is absent 5 times, whatever the reason, he or she will receive a failing grade (F) for the course, dropped from class roll, and be asked to stop attending class
- Students are required to remain in class for the entire class session. Students will earn an absence if they leave before the professor has dismissed class.
- Excused absences must be brought before me prior to the absence, or if later, the student must have supporting documentation (academic, medical, or family emergency) in the case of excessive absences.

Gallery Attendance Policy

If the student cannot attend the gallery opening, they must meet following requirements:

The student must write a paper on the artist exhibited in the Juanita Harvey gallery.

The paper should emphasize the student’s reaction to the work.

The paper must be formatted in Times New Roman, 12-pt. font, and be double-spaced. The paper must consist of 500 words.

The paper must be submitted to the art office one week after the exhibition opening.

If the exhibition extends past the final class day of the semester, the paper will be due one week before the final class day of the semester.

If a student does not attend the show nor submit a paper, their final grade will be dropped 3.3% per gallery opening.

If a student misses all of the gallery openings and does not write a paper for each required exhibition, the student’s final grade will be dropped by 10%.

Weather Closure Policy

In case of impending weather or related cases, check MSU Alerts and msutexas.edu for updates. Note that some instances may impact a full day closure while others may delay or close for only a portion of the day. Class will take place if university is open. Use wise judgement in special cases as safety is a priority, such as driving outside city limits. Class updates will continue to be posted on D2L.

Conduct Statement

Behavior that interferes with either the instructor's ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to benefit from the instruction will result in the instructor's removing the disruptive student(s) from the class, either temporarily or permanently (instructor drop), and receive a final lower grade, up to and including F. In addition, and depending on the nature of the behavior or conduct, the student(s) may be subject to further disciplinary actions as per MSU policies.

Student Honor Creed

"As an MSU Student, I pledge not to lie, cheat, steal, or help anyone else do so."

As students at MSU, we recognize that any great society must be composed of empowered, responsible citizens. We also recognize universities play an important role in helping mold these responsible citizens. We believe students themselves play an important part in developing responsible citizenship by maintaining a community where integrity and honorable character are the norm, not the exception.

Thus, We, the Students of Midwestern State University, resolve to uphold the honor of the University by affirming our commitment to complete academic honesty. We resolve not only to be honest but also to hold our peers accountable for complete honesty in all university matters.

We consider it dishonest to ask for, give, or receive help in examinations or quizzes, to use any unauthorized material in examinations, or to present, as one's own, work or ideas which are not entirely one's own. We recognize that any instructor has the right to expect that all student work is honest, original work. We accept and acknowledge that responsibility for lying, cheating, stealing, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty fundamentally rests within each individual student.

We expect of ourselves academic integrity, personal professionalism, and ethical character. We appreciate steps taken by University officials to protect the honor of the University against any who would disgrace the MSU student body by violating the spirit of this creed.

Written and adopted by the 2002-2003 MSU Student Senate.

AI Generated Text or Imagery

All artwork and text will be constructed without the use of AI unless otherwise stated. This is to maintain academic integrity as well as respecting a strong ethical foundation regarding unique works and original authorship in the arts. That being said, conversation about this topic is encouraged for those interested as it pertains to class material and greater topics of plagiarism, ethical copies, appropriation, and sourced inspiration.

Campus Concealed Carry

Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University's webpage at <https://mwsu.edu/campus-carry/rules-policies>.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact MSU Chief of Police Patrick Coggins at patrick.coggins@mwsu.edu.

MSU Alcohol Policy

Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on campus except in Bridwell Courts, Sundance Court and Sunwatcher Village apartment residences (see the current edition of the Housing and Residence Life Handbook for the specific policy guidelines regulating the use of alcoholic beverages in university housing) and at social functions which have been registered and approved through the Dean of Students office. Open containers are not allowed in public areas.

1. Alcoholic beverage functions must conform to state law.
2. State law prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages without a liquor license. This shall include the free distribution of alcoholic beverages in connection with a function for which a cover charge has been assessed.
3. Public intoxication is considered to be offensive and in violation of this policy. Inappropriate and imprudent behavior will result in disciplinary sanctions.
4. Texas state law prohibits the consumption of alcoholic beverages in a public place at any time on Sunday between the hours of 2:15 a.m. and 12:00 noon and on all other days at any time between the hours of 2:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.
5. Alcoholic beverages may be served at scheduled university events only with prior approval by the Dean of Students. Applications for approval must be submitted in writing ten days prior to the event. Approval will be

based upon organization planning, frequency of the event, groups served by the activity, activity focus, and the use and distribution of alcohol.

6. Alcoholic beverages at approved university events must be distributed under conditions which ensure compliance with state law with regard to consumption, intoxication, drinking age, distribution, sale, etc. The Dean of Students provides appropriate guidelines.
7. It shall be a violation to possess, sell, distribute, or consume alcoholic beverages at athletic events, while on property owned or leased by Northwestern State University, whether the event is sponsored by the university or an outside organization.
8. It is the responsibility of university organizations, organizational officers and advisors, and individuals to be aware of these guidelines and their application to individual, as well as organizational, activities. The Clark Student Center office will provide information to student organizations as to duties and responsibilities of advisors.

MSU Tobacco Policy

USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS Date Adopted/Most Recent Revision: 08/07/2013 - Effective Date: 01/01/2010

A. Policy

Northwestern State University seeks to provide a safe, healthy, pleasant environment for its faculty, staff, and students. To this end, the use of tobacco products, including smoke and smokeless tobacco, and the advertising, sale, free distribution, and discarding of tobacco products shall be prohibited in all indoor and outdoor facilities and in all university vehicles. The policy extends to faculty, staff, students, vendors, guests, and visitors.

B. Specifications

1. "Use of tobacco products" shall include
 - a. Possession of a lighted tobacco product
 - b. Use of smokeless tobacco products
 - c. Use of e-cigarettes and other tobacco derived products
2. "Indoor and outdoor facilities and university vehicles" shall include
 - a. All buildings and facilities owned or leased by Northwestern State University, including residential homes
 - b. All outdoor areas owned or leased by Northwestern State University, including the grounds of the Main Campus and the South Campus and the grounds of residential homes owned by the university
 - c. All university-owned or leased vehicles, including cars, pick-up trucks, vans, box trucks, and carts
 - d. All private vehicles parked on property owned or leased by Northwestern State University

C. Enforcement

1. It is the responsibility of all members of the campus community & campus visitors to observe the provisions of this policy.
2. It is the responsibility of all students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors to uphold the honor of the university by affirming its commitment to this policy.
3. Courtesy and consideration will be exercised when informing violators of this policy. No person will be retaliated against for informing others of the policy or asking others to comply with the policy.
4. A complaint against a violator who fails to comply with the policy after being asked by another to do so, may be referred to a provost, vice president, associate vice president, dean, or director. Appropriate disciplinary action may be applied to a violator against whom multiple complaints have been received.

Students with Disabilities and Medical Concerns

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations are provided for students who have documented physical, learning, and other disabilities. Students with any medical concerns, present or future, may speak privately with the instructor. Accommodations can be made after conversation and students may review the Materials Safety Data Sheets to present to a doctor.

Other

- Food and drink are not acceptable in class. If you have bottled drinks or snacks, bring them in a sealed bag and they can be taken into the hallway during breaks.
- No open toed shoes or sandals, due to safety concerns.
- No solvent based media in Drawing Classrooms allowed.
- No aerosols in Drawing Classroom; spray outside of the building, 100 ft from any entryway.
- Open studio hours for the Drawing area is generally 7 am - 1:30 am (see posted signage for full hours). Students are not to be alone in rooms. Use M-cards or passcode to access if locked.

- In case of accident involving physical injury, report immediately to instructor or main office, or call police.
- Headphones are not acceptable. Anyone can, however, bring in music to play; be sensitive to others in the room.
- Talking while working is also ok, if not a distraction to the class. There will be no talking while I am giving instruction, lectures, one-on-one help during studio time, etc. Talking during critique must pertain to the discussion.
- Also, make sure your cell phones are off; no texting. No audio or video recording.
- We will have breaks during class. Do not leave unexpectedly. If you have an emergency or need to leave early, talk to me before doing so.
- Clean up is always required. Do not leave until you clean up your individual area. This includes clean up outside of class hours, weekends, etc.

Course Calendar – Drawing 4 and 5

Week 1	August 26	intro, materials, slide show, semester plans	
	August 28	Project 1	
Week 2	September 2	Project 1	
	September 4	no class	Art Camp Sep 4, Faculty Show Sept 5
Week 3	September 9	Project 1	
	September 11	Project 1	
Week 4	September 16	Project 1	
	September 18	Project 2	
Week 5	September 23	Project 2	
	September 25	Project 2	
Week 6	September 30	Project 2	
	October 2	Project 2	
Week 7	October 7	Project 2	
	October 9	Project 3	
Week 8	October 14	Project 3	
	October 16	Project 3	
Week 9	October 21	Project 3	
	October 23	Project 3	
Week 10	October 28	Project 3	
	October 30	Project 4	Field Trip Oct 29
Week 11	November 4	Project 4	
	November 6	Project 4	
Week 12	November 11	Project 4	
	November 13	Project 4	
Week 13	November 18	Project 4	
	November 20	Project 5	Senior Show Nov 21
Week 14	November 25	Project 5	
	November 27	no class	Thanksgiving
Week 15	December 2	Project 5	
	December 4	Project 5	
Week 16	December 9	Finals Week	Senior Presentations Dec 11
	December 11	Finals Week	Senior Show Reception Dec 12

Materials

Materials are determined through discussion with instructor and peers. Since individual needs will vary, they may extend beyond the list below. Options include: dry media, wet media, color media, digital drawing, common paper surfaces, non-paper surfaces, mixed media. It is important that the media fulfill the needs of the imagery, concepts, and formal aspects of the work.

Sketchbook, approx 8.5 in x 11 in.
 Newsprint pad 18 x 24 (rough)
 Charcoal drawing pad 18 x 24
 Archival paper 22 x 30 or larger
 Dark Charcoal Pencil

Vine Charcoal (soft)
Compressed Charcoal Sticks
Conte sticks or pencils (sanguine/red, sepia/brown, black)
Brushes for ink wash
India Ink, 3 oz
Small containers with lids for ink and water
Color Pencils, white and select colors
Art-box and Art-bag
Drawing clips or Masking tape
Pencil Sharpener and small sandwich bags
Heavy Pink Eraser, Kneaded Eraser
Measuring stick (dowel rod)
Fixative