



## Course Syllabus: Drawing I-1313

MW 9am-1150am

### Contact Information

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### Building Hours

- Monday-Friday: 7am-9:30pm operating hours, 10pm- 1:30am extended hours
  - Saturday: 7am-4:30pm operating hours, 5:30pm-10:30pm extended hours
  - Sunday: CLOSED
- \*(after operating hours students have access using your student ID on door facing soccer field)*

### Course Description

#### Prerequisite(s):

Drawing a variety of subjects in both wet and dry media with emphasis on black and white visual organization and expression.

#### Objective:

In this course students will:

- Demonstrate a competence in the use of a variety of art materials such as pencil, charcoal, ink, conte' crayon and different types of paper.
- Learn to observe, perceive and draw basic forms in space.
- Demonstrate liner perspective in order to delineating space in a drawing.
- Use proportion and tonality to indicate position of a form in space.
- Study the history of drawing from master drawings and its connection to contemporary approaches to making art.
- The focus of this class will be drawing from observation, both inside and outside class.
- Wear comfortable clothes and expect to get your hands dirty!

#### REQUIRED COMPANION WEB SITE(S):

[D2L](#)

### **Course Requirements:**

- 24% Sketchbook practice (approx. 12 to 15)
- 30% Engagement (prepared with materials, participated in class, open to critical thinking)
- 46% Drawing Projects (in depth sustained drawings approx. 2 to 3)  
**\*All drawing projects must be presented mounted on foam core and matted.**

### **Course Lecture Topics:**

- Syllabus and studio safety
- Pre-instruction drawing/drawing test
- What is drawing/drawing grip/line
- Defining Line/contour line/blind contour line drawing
- Gesture drawing
- Sighting/measuring
- Negative space
- Perspective
- Anatomy of a cylinder/cone
- Anatomy of a sphere/torus
- Value
- Texture
- Composition
- Transparency and glass
- Intro to the figure

### **Grading:**

Grade	Points
A	9 to 10
B	7 to 8
C	4 to 6
D	2 to 3
F	0-1

### **Evaluation Explanation:**

- A=Superior work. Excellent development in skill, exploration and expression. B=Above average development in skill; exploration and expression.
- C=Average work. Meeting the assignment requirements. Recommend greater need for study in academic comprehension and technical skills.
- D=Below average performance. Requires greater study to improve academic understanding, perceptual and technical skills.
- F=Performance indicates little or no progress in academic understanding, perceptual and technical skills. Quality of work not on level of necessary time and study. Showing little willingness or effort to improve skills.

**Projects:**

All work is expected to be completed and ready for presentation at the assigned date. It is EXTREMELY important to stay up to date with assignments and projects. Late work is unacceptable. Every effort must be made to turn projects in on time. YOU are responsible for finding out what work was missed during your absence, and turning in work missed due to an absence. Do not email me asking what you missed. You will either ask a classmate or come to my office hours. I will not remind you that a project was due during your absence. IF you are absent on a project due date, and IF you are within the three allowable unexcused absences, work is DUE at the beginning of the next class period attended.

**Critiques:**

Class critiques are intended to help evaluate the strengths and weaknesses within each project by practicing new vocabulary and design concepts presented in class. They will take place on a regular basis and are designed to encourage the development of your technical and conceptual skills. Your participation and the expression of ideas and opinions in critiques are a major part of this course. Missing critique is equivalent to missing an exam and will be penalized via 5% attendance grade reduction.

**Attendance:**

Attendance and attitude are influencing factors. You should come to class prepared to work and work all through class. Attendance is required for the entire class period. Excused absences are those which involve a documented health problem, family emergency, official university function, or religious holiday. Incompletes for the course will only be considered in extreme cases of personal injury or family emergencies.

**\*You are allowed only 3 absences!** After 3 absences your final grade will be reduced by 10pt. and after 5 absences you will receive a failing grade.

**Studio Access:**

The drawing studio is available for your use whenever scheduled classes are not in session. The studio, supply cabinet and other materials are accessible via room and lock codes that will be provided. Please keep this information limited to only other students enrolled in the course.

**\*IF YOU ARE IN THE BUILDING AFTER CLASS HOURS, YOU MUST BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR STUDENT ID AND PROOF OF ENROLLMENT IN CLASS IF AN OFFICER ASKS FOR IT. IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM AND NEED ASSISTANCE, CALL**

THE CAMPUS POLICE AT 397-4239.

### **Studio Maintenance:**

General studio clean-up will be the last 15 minutes of each class session. Students will maintain discipline in studio safety precautions, maintenance and up keep throughout the semester. The instructor will drop those students not willing to take active part in those goals.

### **Recommended Text:**

***A Guide to Drawing*** by D. Mendelowitz, D. Wakeham, & D. Faber (Suggested textbook) New York: Wadsworth/Thomson Learning, Inc., (6th Ed) 2003. ISBN 0-534-62496-0

***Perspective Drawing*** by Kenneth W. Auvil Mountain View: Mayfield Publishing Company, 1997. ISBN 0-87484-943-8

***Perceptual Drawing: Drawing from Observation*** by Brian Curtis New York, NY: McGraw Hill, 2002. ISBN 0-07-241024-8

### **Health and Safety**

Department of Art will endeavor to comply with the intent of state laws or acts and the University Health and Safety Program in an effort to maintain a safe academic and working environment.

### **Services for Mental Health**

#### **Counseling Center:**

Corner of Hampstead and Louis J. Rodriguez Drive Phone: 940-397-4618

#### **Psychology Clinic:**

O'Donohoe Building Room #107 Phone: 940-397-4791

### **Academic Dishonesty and Student Creed**

The university policy and procedures for academic dishonesty are outlined in the current Student Handbook in Appendix E. No cheating, collusion, or plagiarism will be tolerated in this class. Any student engaging in an academically dishonest act will be sanctioned appropriately. Enrollment in this class constitutes an acceptance to adhere to the Student Honor Creed and all other student conduct policies outlined in the university [Student Handbook](#).

## **Conduct Statement**

Classroom 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 an F. Electronic devices (i.e. cell phones, iPods, iPads, personal computers, etc.) are not allowed to be used in class except with the expressed authorization of the instructor. Absolutely no texting will be tolerated. The use of any recording devices or recording media during the class and lectures is strictly prohibited. Students in violation to these rules will be sanctioned at the discretion of the instructor, and penalties may include lowering of the student's grade, up to and including an F, and to include an instructor drop.

*\*The instructor reserves the right to initiate an instructor drop with a grade of W, WF, or F, as specified in the Student Handbook (see link above) for reasons to include attendance issues, academic performance in the class, indifferent attitude, or disruptive conduct.*

## **Change of Schedule**

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

## **Refund and Repayment Policy**

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exists in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

## **Services for Students with Disabilities**

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

Student Handbook Refer to: [Student Handbook](#)

### **Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures**

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct. [Student Handbook](#)

### **College Policies**

#### **Campus Carry Rules/Policies:**

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

#### **Smoking/Tobacco Policy:**

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

#### **Alcohol and Drug Policy:**

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

#### **Grade Appeal Process:**

Update as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [Undergraduate Catalog](#)

Notice: Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.