WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

I am your teacher, Marilyn McCall. You will be studying drawing with me this semester. During this time I hope you will become skillful in perceiving edges, spaces, relationships, light and shadows and the gestalt. I also hope your drawing skills will improve along with your perceptual skills. By the completion of this course the professor hopes that each student will be able to:

1. Differentiate between interpretations of form which rely primarily on line (as boundary or contour) from those which emphasize value (light and dark areas between edges.)
2. Objectively analyze a drawing’s composition as an abstract organization of varying visual contrasts.
3. Use qualities of visual activity as a means of first arousing, and then structuring a viewer’s interest in a drawing.
4. Identify the esthetic concepts of order, unity, and balance, and utilize them in forming creative judgments.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of perspective and be capable of accurately representing the visual world.
6. Produce “blind” and “Modified” contour drawings.
7. Rapidly capture the formal essence of a visual event through the use of gesture drawing.
8. Discover numerous methods of producing value with graphite, crayon and ink.
9. Distinguish between negative and positive space, figure and ground, both in the environment and within an artistic format.
10. Discover the variety of visual as well as expressive qualities line may possess.
11. See the world as a structure of intertwined visual relationships, as distinct from signs and symbols, objects and things.”
SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS

MONDAY

1  W AUG 31  INTRODUCTIONS

M SEP 5  NO CLASS

2  W. SEPT 7  CONTOUR LINE

3. W. SEPT 14  NEGATIVE SPACE

4. W. SEPT 21  SHADING

5, W, SEPT 28  SHADING

OCT 5  NO CLASS

6. W. OCT 12 SHADING

7, W, OCT 19  ART IN THE BOX

8 W. OCT 26  ART IN THE BOX

9. W. NOV 2  COLOR

10 NOV 9  COLOR

11. NOV 16  SELF PORTRAIT

NOV 23  NO CLASS

12 NOV 30  SELF PORTRAIT

13 DEC 7  SELF PORTRAIT

14 DEC 14  SELF PORTRAIT

30 Th Dec 22  PORTFOLIO REVIEW

WEDNESDAY

1 SELF PORTRAIT DUE

2. CONTOURS DUE

3. NEGATIVE SPACE DUE

4. SHADING DUE

5. ART IN THE BOX DUE

6. COLOR DUE

7. SELF PORTRAIT DUE
Grades will be determined in the following way:

Attendance 150 possible (30 classes X 5) 3 Lates = 1 absence
Attitude/ Willingness To take instruction
Punctuality 50
Assignments 140 (7 X 20)
Portfolio 60

TOTAL 400 POSSIBLE POINTS

90% = A
80% = B
70% = C
60% = D

NO STUDENT WILL RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE COURSE AFTER 2 ABSENCES. THIS IS A FIRM RULE. THERE ARE NO “EXCUSED ABSENCES”: AN ABSENCE IS AN ABSENCE. IF YOU WANT CREDIT YOU MUST BE IN THE STUDIO WHEN IT IS IN SESSION.

Things that make Professor McCall CRAZY!

CELL PHONES RINGING OR BEING VISABLE IN CLASS. TURN IT OFF, PUT IT AWAY. FORGET ABOUT IT DURING CLASS TIME.
DO NOT TEXT IN CLASS.

COMPLAINING. VERBALIZATIONS (LIKE “THIS IS TOO HARD” OR “I CAN'T DO THIS”).

NOT PARTICIPATING IN CRITIQUE

COMING TO CLASS WITHOUT YOUR SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT

BEING UNWILLING TO TAKE INSTRUCTION (BEING DEFENSIVE)

SLEEPING OR DOING OTHER WORK DURING CLASS.

DISREPECTIONG CLASSMATES.

BEING LATE FOR CLASS.
TALKING DURING QUIET STUDIO TIME.
AND OTHER MALADAPTIVE BEHAVIORS.
SUPPLIES

SHOULD ALL BE AVAILABLE AT PAINTS PLUS OR MICHAELS IN RIVERHEAD. ANY OTHER ARTIST SUPPLY STORE (INCLUDING THE INTERNET) SHOULD BE OK, TOO.

DRAWING PAD: NO NEWSPRINT. ACID FREE

PENCILS: A SET OF 4, INCLUDING A 2H, AND HB, A 2B AND A 6B

A SET OF ARTIST QUALITY COLORED PENCILS. PRISMA ARE GOOD. BUY AS BIG A SET AS YOU CAN AFFORD, BUT AT LEAST 12. 24 IS BETTER. 48 IS TERRIFIC. 2 CONTE STICKS OR CHARCOAL OR CONTE PENCILS. ONE COLOR PENCIL BLENDING PENCIL.

DRAWING II: AT LEAST ONE OTHER COLOR MEDIUM: INKS, MARKERS, PASTELS, CONTE, “MAGIC PENCILS”. NO PAINTS

ERASERS: NYLON OR PLASTIC. FACTIS IS A GOOD BRAND. YOU WILL ALSO NEED A KNEADED ERASER. A CLICK STICK ERASER MIGHT COME IN HANDY, AS WELL AS AN ERASER GUARD.

NO PINK ERASERS OR CRUMB TYPES

MISC: LOW ADHESIVE MASKING TAPE

SICSSORS

ROLLER BALL PEN-EXTRA FINE POING
GOOD PENCIL SHARPENER THAT HOLDS ITS OWN SHAVINGS. UTILITY KNIFE
PORTFOLIO CASE TO HOLD WORK
BOX TO HOLD SUPPLIES
SMALL COLOR WHEEL
CRUMB BRUSH