Art 1120 Foundation: Three-Dimensional

Fall 2015

Lecture Hours: 2  
Class Time: 2:00 – 4:50 pm  
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Description:
A lecture and problem-solving course in the basic elements and principles of three-dimensional design. This course is designed to explore three-dimensional composition by using various media, techniques and concepts.

Prerequisites: None

Goals:
To prepare students to think critically, communicate effectively and generate successful solutions to three-dimensional problems.

Outcomes:
Students will solve problems using critical thinking and creativity, as well as appreciate aesthetic and creative activities through creation of three-dimensional forms.

Course Objectives:
Students will demonstrate proficiency in the language of three-dimensional form through discussion, written exercises and critiques.

Students will design & create a series of projects that demonstrate:

- Knowledge of three-dimensional form by designing compositional projects using basic design elements with a focus on line, plane, mass, texture, volume, value and space
- An understanding of the way forming process and materials influence the resulting work, by exposure to a number of working processes: manipulation, carving and assemblage using metal, foam and wood
- Good craftsmanship.
- The development and growth of their ideas by maintaining a sketchbook / journal.
- The practice of safe studio procedures in the use of studio equipment and materials.

Methodology:
Each project will begin with a lecture/discussion and visual presentation, followed by studio work, self reflection and critique of finished work. Critiques are conducted as open, informal forums where you discuss and comment upon other students’ work in a constructive, critical and intelligent manner. This public scrutiny is a central reality for visual workers in building presentation skills and developing a professional attitude about your work. Attendance during critique is crucial. Everyone is expected to have their work finished and ready for display at the beginning of class on critique days.

Evaluation Criteria:
Grades will be based on quality of completed work in terms of comparison to professional standards and personal improvement. Each project will have a grading form that evaluates the work in terms of craftsmanship, comprehension of the problem, originality of the solution and other criteria that relate to the particular assignment.
Process is also evaluated: level of application, willingness to work through the problem and experiment with different solutions. **All projects are expected be completed on time.** Should your project be late, it will drop 20 points for each late day. Any project may be reworked and resubmitted for reconsideration as long as the project met the original deadline and is resubmitted within two weeks after the graded project is returned to the student.

Final grades are based on the TOTAL number of points earned for the semester. Points can be earned in three areas:

1) Written work, Sketchbook & Projects: 575 points 100% - 92% = A
2) Attendance: 290 points 91% - 84% = B
3) Effort/Initiative: 35 points 83% - 76% = C
TOTAL POINTS 900 points 75% - 68% = D

(See attached grading & evaluation forms)

**Written Work, Sketchbook & Projects:**

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**All projects and sketchbook are to be present at the final critique.**

Casper College may collect samples of student work demonstrating achievement of the above outcomes. Any personally identifying information will be removed from student work.

**Textbook:** None

**Sketchbook:** 50 points

You are required to maintain a sketchbook for this class. The point is to have a single book to contain documentation of each project before, during and after completion in the form of drawings. Additionally, notes made during demonstrations and lectures and artist research should be contained within the sketchbook. This is your personal thinking tool. The sketchbook will be graded based on how well it is utilized as a resource for notes, reference, designing and planning your work. (See attached sketchbook page for specifics.)

**ALWAYS BRING YOUR SKETCHBOOKS TO CLASS!**

**Attendance:** 290 points

Attendance is **required** since lectures, discussions, visual presentations, demonstrations and critiques will not be repeated. **Consistent working habits** play a strong roll in any studio activity, and become a factor in your grade. You must be physically present in class during the **entire** 3-hour scheduled class period minus 2 10-minute bio breaks to count towards attendance. Breaks generally take place 10 minutes on the hour. There are no excused absences. Either you were physically present for the entire class or you were not. In this class, more than 3 absences are considered excessive.

Try to consider this as a job and you get paid in points. Daily attendance is worth 10 points. When absent, it is the student’s responsibility to find out what was missed in class. I suggest adopting a buddy for this purpose.

- Absence on the day before or after a vacation break, the day of critique or introduction to a new assignment will cost 20 points
- Leaving class early or arriving late will cost 5 points

4 absences will cost one letter grade. After 5 absences, you will have missed a significant amount of information, and are subject to a failing grade.
IN ORDER TO PASS THIS COURSE, YOU MUST ATTEND THE FINAL CRITIQUE & FINAL CLEAN UP DAY DURING FINALS WEEK! (The ENTIRE 2 hours)

Attendance is mandatory for the college scheduled final. (Making travel plans during our last finals week class meeting will result in failing the course.)

Effort / Initiative: 35 points
This part of your grade has to do with your willingness to participate in discussions and critiques, to be open to new ideas, and your willingness to experiment in your work. It also has to do with how well you use your time in class, meet deadlines, listen to instructions, apply what you learn in critiques and ask questions when you need further clarification. Care of the studio and clean-up are also a part of this grade.

Supply List:  Regular pliers and/or needle nose pliers (1st project)
Sand paper: 180, 220, 320, 400 and 600 grit
Count on bringing additional materials to class for finishing (painting) and materials appropriate for mixed media assignments.

Class Policies:
• Additional Work outside of class: A studio class is designed to allow for time needed for hands-on learning, however additional outside class work will be necessary to meet deadlines. Count on spending at least 3-6 hours outside of class each week to get the most from your investment in this class. Time invested in each project will directly affect your level of craftsmanship and the development of your design concepts.
• Clean up: We will begin 10 minutes before the end of class. Everyone is responsible for clean up. No one leaves until clean up is finished.
• Social conversation: is discouraged. This is a visual and hands on discipline, not a verbal one. Talking invariably affects the quality of your work and the work of those around you.
• Safety: Students are expected to abide by safe practices when working in the sculpture / 3-D studio. This includes the use of eye protection when working with abrasive or cutting equipment and earplugs when working with loud equipment. Face shields and earplugs are provided.
• Dress: For safety reasons, all students using the sculpture / 3-D studio must cover their toes. Flip-flops are not allowed. This course requires you to work with power tools, grinders, paint, clay, plaster and wood. Your clothing can get very dirty. Please take this into consideration when dressing for this class.
• Electronic Devices: We will turn off all electronic devices including cell phones, beepers, i-pods, mp-3 players, etc. during class and place them out of sight. Music will be permitted as approved by the instructor. No headphones or personal stereos.
• Building Use Policy: In an effort to create a safe and productive working environment in the studio for you and others, use of the Visual Arts Building facilities is for officially enrolled art students. If you use the building on the weekend, you are expected to sign in and out and abide by the posted rules. In addition, you need to allow for clean up time.

Student Rights and Responsibilities:
Please refer to the Casper College Student Conduct and Judicial Code for information concerning your rights and responsibilities as a Casper College Student.

Chain of Command:
If you have any problems with this class, you should first contact the instructor to attempt to solve the problem. If you are not satisfied with the solution offered by the instructor, you should then take the matter through the appropriate chain of command starting with the Department Head/Program Director, the Dean, and lastly the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
Your concerns can usually (and easily) be addressed at your Instructor’s level. Often, an honest, frank, and respectful discussion is all that’s needed. Only after this, can you move up the chain-of-command if the solutions presented are not to your satisfaction.

**Academic Dishonesty – (Cheating & Plagiarism):**
Casper College demands intellectual honesty. Proven plagiarism or any form of dishonesty associated with the academic process can result in the offender failing the course in which the offense was committed or expulsion from school. See the Casper College Student Code of Conduct. Reproducing work found in texts or on the Internet is considered plagiarism.

**Official Means of Communication:**
Casper College faculty and staff will employ the student’s assigned Casper College email account as a primary method of communication. Students are responsible to check their account regularly. This is also, where you will find course evaluation links during course evaluation periods.

**ADA Accommodations Policy:**
If you need academic accommodations because of a disability, please inform me as soon as possible. See me privately after class, or during my office hours. To request academic accommodations, students must first consult with the college’s Disability Services Counselor located in the Gateway Building, Room 344, (307) 268-2557, bheuer@caspercollege.edu. The Disability Services Counselor is responsible for reviewing documentation provided by students requesting accommodations, determining eligibility for accommodations, and helping students request and use appropriate accommodations.

Last date to change to audit status or to withdraw with a W grade: November 12, 2015.

**SAMPLE GRADING FORM**

Student Name: _________________________________________________

**3-D DESIGN:** _______ Feelie 100 points

____ Effort / Involvement: level of application & willing to challenge self
____ Commitment: willingness to work through the problem
____ Attitude: playful, willing to explore, experiment
____ Craftsmanship: presentation/control of materials
____ Comprehension of the problem: How well does it answer the problem?
____ Clear definition of form: easily understood without looking
____ Proportion / Scale
____ Originality: uniqueness of solution
____ Surface quality and finish
____ Travel and movement in the hand

**100 POINT GRADING SCALE:**

10 PERFECT 100-92 A
9 EXCELLENT 91-84 B
8 ABOVE AVERAGE 83-76 C
7 AVERAGE 75-68 D
6 PASSABLE 67- 0 F
5 BELOW AVERAGE
4 POOR
3 VERY POOR
2 EXTREMELY POOR
1 MINIMAL
0 NON-EXISTENT
SAMPLE EVALUATION FORM

3-D DESIGN

Name ___________________________________ Semester _________________________________________

Projects:
_____ (10) Visual Inventory
_____ (40) Quiz on Form
_____ (50) Sketchbook
_____ (50) Single Line Contour Study
_____ (100) Feelie
_____ (100) Bandsaw Cut
_____ (100) Wire Space Form
_____ (125) Foam Form
_____ (575) Total Points

Attendance:
_____ Absences (-10) _____ Days
     Missed critique/intro or absence before & after break
_____ (-20) _____ Number of times
_____ Late or left early (-5) _____ Number of times
_____ (290) Total Points

Effort, Initiative:      100% - 92%     900 - 828 A
                        91% - 84%     827 - 756 B
                        83% - 76%     755 - 684 C
Total Points:           75% - 68%     683 - 612 D
                        67% - 0%      611 -  0 F

Final Grade: _________

A  Exceptional work: High level of understanding process and concepts, completion of all
    assignments on time, excellent attendance, outstanding overall participation in the studio, high
    level of improvement demonstrated.

B  Good work: Above average understanding of process and concepts, completion of all
    assignments on time, excellent attendance, above average participation in class.

C  Acceptable work: Basic level of understanding of process and concepts, completion of
    assignments, good attendance, average level of studio participation.

D  Below average work: Lack of effort, lack of understanding of process and concepts, poor
    attendance, assignments poorly completed or missing.

F  Course requirements were not met, or work was produced inadequately, or both.
The sketchbook should be an active repository of information for you developed by you. This is your personal thinking tool! Use it to research and develop ideas for all of your projects in 3-D Design, sketching out ideas, including images that help you create new ideas.

The sketchbook will be graded based on how well it is utilized as a resource for notes, reference, designing and planning projects.

It should also include various notes on the Language of Form, safety issues, names and use of tools, equipment and processes demonstrated in class.

Your sketchbook should include sketches for all projects, documenting your projects and thought processes before, during and after completion.

Prep Lists should also be included. These help you decide what needs to be done next and in what order. This tool becomes increasingly important as your projects take on more complexity.

This is your primary tool! Bring it to class and use it!
It will positively affect your work.

Notes and sketch / studies should include:

- Language of Form
- Contour Study
- Feelie
- Band saw Cut
- Wire Space Form: Skin and Bones
- Foam Form
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Schedule & Assignments Subject to Change