CASPER COLLEGE COURSE SYLLABUS
Art 1006 Drawing I

Semester/Year: Spring 2015

Lecture Hours: 2  Lab Hours: 4  Credit Hours: 3

Class Time: 9:00-11:50am  Days: M/W  Room: VA120

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Course Description: Introductory drawing emphasizing a wide range of drawing materials and methods of visual study. Fundamentals are stressed.

Statement of Prerequisites: none

Goal: This is a foundation course in drawing from observation. Students will be introduced to drawing fundamentals through problems in still life, interior space and live model. Lectures, drawing sessions and structured critiques will be used to develop the formal, technical and conceptual understanding of the drawing process. Through the act of drawing with a variety of media, students will have the opportunity to develop basic knowledge and skills essential to all visual artists. There are no prerequisites for this class. Although students may have drawing experience, this course assumes no formal training in observational drawing.

Outcomes:
1. Solve problems using critical thinking and creativity
2. Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures and historical perspectives
3. Appreciate aesthetic and creative activities
4. Use appropriate technology and information to conduct research

Course Objectives: Students successfully completing this course are expected to:

1. Understand the difficulties inherent in observational drawing.
2. Understand the difference between drawing what is known vs. what is seen.
3. Understand the difference between a product vs. process approach to drawing.
4. Understand and use a variety of drawing media and select materials by anticipated outcomes.
5. Understand and use rapid gesture drawing as a way of building a vocabulary of mark and developing compositions from a general to specific approach.
6. Draw accurate and proportional representations from direct observation using the methods of sighting, diagramming and correction.
7. Understand and use the elements of design to compose drawings.
8. Enhance compositions with regard to principles of design.
9. Create coherent illusions of space containing volumetric forms on convincing ground planes.
10. Create convincing illusions of depth using depth cues such as overlap, vertical placement, and diminishing size.
11. Understand and use the system of linear perspective to establish an accurate perspective drawing.
12. Develop individual ways of creating drawings that balance observational accuracy and visual interest.
13. Critique their drawings and the drawings of others using appropriate terminology.
14. Exhibit familiarization with historical and contemporary drawing trends.

**Methodology:**
A. **Student Level:** Undergraduate/Introductory.
B. This course involves participation in a minimum studio experience of 6 hours of in-class supervised instruction, with additional work, reading, and research outside of the studio required per week.
C. Regular in class activities will be given to help focus students on the various concepts and techniques of observational drawing. The emphasis will not initially be on producing a complete drawing, but rather on the successful internalization of each new technique or method. Concise in class critiques will introduce the students to the verbal language of art and create a sense of closure for each exercise before moving on.
D. There may be follow up homework assignments given to allow students a longer time to practice each technique. These assignments will be due on a regular basis, weekly or bi-weekly as time allows.
E. Tests will be given to evaluate the internalization of principles and concepts presented in class lectures, handouts and reading assignments. In class notes are highly encouraged.
F. The class will be based on observation. The concept of the model will be introduced initially in the form of still life, landscape and interior, and figure. However, the idea of a model as a point of reference from which to work, either through direct observation or otherwise will be expanded as time allows. The related goal being the capability of the student to understand that any work of art is an orchestration of information gathered from various model sources according to the interests of the artist.

**Evaluation Criteria:** Grading will be based upon several aspects of the student's involvement in the course:
1. Internalization and execution of course content as described in the syllabus.
2. Attendance
3. Preparedness for each day (including supplies and desire to work).
4. General use of class time
5. Finished out of class assignments handed in on time.

6. Constructive participation in class critiques and discussions.

7. Overall improvement of approach to drawing as an activity.

A portfolio review will be conducted at midterm and around final exam times to measure a student’s progress towards internalization and execution of content and Course Objectives as described in the syllabus. A student’s portfolio will include in class drawings and homework assignments specified by the faculty. All work is to be presented professionally, neatly organized and clearly labeled with the student’s name and date. Keep all class work and drawings for the entire duration of the course unless otherwise instructed.

Final cumulative grades are equivalent to the following:

A – Excellent one who answers all of the course requirements and performs at a level which is visibly outstanding.

B – Good one who answers all of the course requirements and performs at a level measurably above average.

C – Average one who answers all of the course requirements and performs at the average level compared to the standards set for the class by the faculty.

D – Poor one who answers all of the course requirements, but performs at a level measurable below average.

F – Failure one who either does not answer all of the course requirements or does so inadequately to indicate comprehension of the course.

Approaches to Class Time and Classroom Regulations:

To receive full participation points for each class students are expected to:

1. Attend the class. This course works in a cumulative way, each technique and conceptual approach building upon the previous one. Any absence will hinder the student’s ability to follow and stay focused on the current class activities. An extended absence may prove to be insurmountable.

2. Arrive at class on time or early to prepare for the day’s activities. Breaks will be given between most drawing sessions, but students should return and be prepared for the next session in a timely manner. Likewise, cleaning up or leaving early is never acceptable.

3. Draw for the entire session. Laziness, failure to stay on task and cleaning up before being given permission by the instructor will not be tolerated. If a student completes a drawing, he or she must begin a new one immediately regardless of the time remaining in class. There are many drawings done in five minutes that far surpass the quality of drawings done in five hours.

4. Be prepared to work each day. Students are responsible for restocking their own materials on time as necessary. Students who do not bring the required materials to class may be asked to leave and marked absent for the day. Never rely on the instructor or your peers to lend you supplies.
5. Participate at the end of each class in a shared cleanup of the room resulting in a neat and organized space ready for the next instructor and class. This will include wiping down table and easel surfaces, picking up floor and table messes, returning chairs, horses etc. to their initial positions and returning still life items to their faculty designated locations.

6. Keep all class handouts, including the syllabus. Pay attention and take notes as instructed during discussions and demonstrations and do all required readings in a timely manner.

7. Be prepared to turn in all assignments on time. Late work will drop in points. If you know you are going to be absent, turn in your assignments early or ask one of your peers to turn it in for you. Having lost or damaged work is not an excuse for failing to turn in an assignment on time.

8. Participate constructively in all class discussions and critiques. Be respectful and tolerant of each other and each other’s work. In critique we are discussing each other’s drawings, not the person doing the drawing. No personal attacks on each other will be tolerated in this class.

9. Turn off all electronic devices including beepers and cell phones. Music will be permitted as approved by the instructor. No headphones or personal stereos.

10. Talk quietly and only in moderation. The exercises in this class often require a great deal of focus and concentration. Talking with other students while the instructor is talking to the entire class is not permitted. If at any point in class the instructor – or any student – requests quiet in order to concentrate, that request will be immediately honored with no questions.

11. Clear any non-enrolled guests with the instructor before class. As a general rule, your friends, family and pets should plan to remain outside of the classroom for the duration of our sessions.

12. Bring only beverages that have lids or caps. No food is permitted in class.

Absences and Tardies:
Students are allowed four absences for illness, emergency, accidents and religious observances. Each absence thereafter will result in the student’s semester grade dropping by one letter. Many late arrivals or early departures will affect the student’s grade. Upon receiving seven or more absences, excused or unexcused, the student will be asked to withdraw from the course regardless of the quality or quantity of his or her work.

Studio classes can be “made up” with approval from the instructor. Doctor’s appointments, meetings with advisors, etc. will not be excused. Students should plan these activities outside of class time. Any absence, excused or unexcused, will require the student to contact the instructor or fellow students for information on notes and assignments missed.

Due to the dusty and often dirty nature of drawing, students are encouraged to complete out of class assignments or other work in the drawing room. The Visual Arts building is open seven days a week. The Visual Arts building is open from: Monday—Friday: 7:30 am to 10:30pm, Saturday: 10:00am to 4:00pm, and Sunday: Noon to 4:00pm. The drawing studio will be available to students when it is not being used by this class or other classes. If students are working before class,
the instructor may need to prepare the room, requiring them to move out of the way. After using the space, students must turn off any lights and music, clean up any messes in their work area and return all still life items used to their original locations.

Materials and Supply Check List:

Making art is expensive. Students enrolled in drawing should expect to pay $175 to $225 on supplies for the duration of the class. Most materials are initially available at Goedieke’s and Hobby Lobby. However, students may wish to restock their supplies at a potential discount from online retailers such as Dick Blick, Utrecht, or Jerry’s Artarama. Students are responsible for restocking their own materials on time as necessary. Students who do not bring the required materials to class may be asked to leave and marked absent for the day. Never rely on the instructor or your peers to lend you supplies.

Text, Readings, and Materials: (Optional)
A Guide to Drawing, Mendelowitz, wakeham, and Faber
Drawing as Expression, Techniques and Concepts by Sandy Brooke

Class Policies: Last Date to Change to Audit Status or to Withdraw with a W Grade: Please see the Casper College Catalog.

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.

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 for more information on this topic.

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.

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.

Supplies:
Tackle, tool box or other suitable container for art materials
Drawing Board or equivalent MDF panel with bull-clips that can hold at least 18” x 24” paper
Portfolio for artwork that can comfortably hold at least 18” x 24” paper
Workable Spray Fixative
Exacto or utility knife
Small metal or plastic pencil sharpener
Rags, old towels or old clothing to wipe down charcoal drawings (no paper towels)
18” x 24” Strathmore medium drawing pad
Sheets of Canson charcoal paper (buy individual sheets at bookstore when instructed)
Vine charcoal -- soft or medium – you will use these up very quickly so buy plenty.
Compressed charcoal sticks
Charcoal pencils – one hard, one medium, one soft
Large kneaded eraser
Pink pearl – or similar shaped plastic eraser
Pencil style eraser – retractable and refillable
Graphite pencils
Ruler
18”x24” Newsprint pad
Roll of masking tape

NOTE: The instructor may as the course continues request further supplies which are not listed above.

Course Content:

Charcoal-line quality and toned paper
Brush and Ink-Line quality
Comparative Measuring
Negative Space
Copying
Sketching
Line-contour, lost and found edges, searching line
Hatching
Calligraphic Line
Value-value scale, 3 value drawing, high key, mid key, low key, full range, contrasts for emphasis
Classic Order of Light
Pattern
Color
Texture
Composition
Perspective
Landscape
Figure Drawing
Portrait