CASPER COLLEGE COURSE SYLLABUS
Art 2370 Metals III & Art 2375 Metals IV (Jewelry III & IV)

Spring 2015
Lecture Hours: 2
Lab Hours: 4
Credits: 3
Class Time: 9:00 – 11:50 am
Days: T & TH
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Description:
Metals III: A course designed around a set of specific problems for advanced jewelry and metal forming concepts. Emphasis will be placed on technical development and personal imagery.
Metals IV: A course in which the student will work on special interests on an individual basis with the faculty member. Emphasis will be placed on developing imagery and appropriate techniques in a particular area of metalsmithing.

Prerequisites: Art 2360 for Art 2370. Art 2370 for Art 2375.

Goals:
These courses will help refine design and technical abilities of the student to prepare him or her to work independently.

Outcomes:
Students will solve problems using critical thinking and creativity, as well as appreciate aesthetic and creative activities through the creation of jewelry.

Course Objectives:
Students will use and understand art vocabulary and terminology specific to non-ferrous metals through the creation of work and through the critique process.

• Students will apply concepts of design and good craftsmanship in their work.
• Students will demonstrate technical competence in faceted stone setting.
• Students will engage in research in areas of technical expertise related to personal imagery.
• Students will maintain a sketchbook / journal.
• Students will practice 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 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 will be completed on time; however, 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:

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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.

**Attendance:** 300 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 or 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.)

**Auditing Status:** Due to health and safety concerns, students auditing the class are held accountable to the same attendance policy noted above as students enrolled for credit.
Effort / Initiative: 50 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.

Textbook: None Required

Sketchbook: 50 points
You are required to maintain a sketchbook for this class. This is your personal thinking tool. The point is to have a single book to contain the notes made during demonstrations and lectures, as well as the sketches you are required to make before working on assignments. The sketchbook will be graded based on how well it is utilized as a resource for notes, reference, designing and planning projects. (See attached sketchbook page for specifics.)

ALWAYS BRING YOUR SKETCHBOOKS TO CLASS!

Tools & Supplies:
There may be specific tools required for completion of this course. Touch base with the instructor. Metals can be purchased in the studio by paying a tab in advance of actual purchase.

When paying your tab in the accounting office in the Gateway building, refer to Art Supply Reimbursable Account 10-110-110103-9149 for Jewelry. Bring the receipt to the instructor to obtain supplies you have paid for. Paying for supplies is the responsibility of the student. Count on budgeting around $100 to cover materials and supplies.

Class Policies:
Last date to change to audit status or to withdraw with a W grade: April 16, 2015.

• 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 3 hours outside of class each week to get the most from your investment in this class.
• 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.
• Use of Studio Tools: You may use ONLY the studio tools whose use has been demonstrated BY THE INSTRUCTOR or designated student. Should you miss a demonstration, it is YOUR responsibility to let the instructor know so arrangements can be made for proper instruction.

TOOLS ARE NEVER TO LEAVE THE STUDIO!

• Safety: Students are expected to abide by safe practices when working in the metals studio. This includes the use of eye protection when pickling, soldering, drilling, grinding, polishing and casting. In addition, students using the metals studio must cover their toes. (Flip-flops are not allowed in the studio.)
• **Electronic Devices:** We will turn off all electronic devices including cell phones, beepers, i-pods, mp-3 players, etc. during class. 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.

**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.
SAMPLE GRADING FORM

Student Name: _________________________________________________

METALS PROJECT: 

____ Mixed Media 100 pts
____ Spin-off 100 pts

____ Effort / Involvement: level of application & willing to challenge self
____ Commitment: willingness to work through the problem
____ Attitude: playful, willing to explore, experiment
____ Comprehension of the problem: How well does it answer the problem?
____ Craftsmanship: control of materials
____ Attention to materials: how well materials relate to each other & resulting work
____ Composition: positioning of elements (design)
____ Originality: uniqueness of solution
____ Quality and appropriateness of finding(s)
____ Over-all finish and presentation

100 POINT GRADING SCALE

10 PERFECT  100-92 A
 9 EXCELLENT  91-84 B
 7 AVERAGE  83-76 C
 6 PASSABLE  75-68 D
 5 BELOW AVERAGE  67-0 F

SAMPLE EVALUATION FORM

METALS III

Name ___________________________ Semester ___________________________

Projects:

____ (50) Sketchbook
____ (100) Project I
____ (100) Project II
____ (100) Project III
____ (100) Project IV

____ (450) Total Project 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

Bonus Points: ___________________________

Effort, Initiative: 100 - 92%  800 - 736 A
_____ (60)        91 - 84%  735 - 672 B
     83 - 76%  671 - 608 C
Total Points:       75 - 68%  607 - 544 D
_______ (800)       67 - 0%  543 - 0 F

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.

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Metals Sketchbook

50 Points

The sketchbook should be an active repository of information for you developed by you. This is your personal thinking tool! Use it to develop ideas for all of your projects in Metals, sketching out ideas, maybe 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 ideas and thought processes for creating your work as well as notes.

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!

Notes and sketch / studies should include:

- Language of Form
• Notes on Safety

• Notes on Procedures and processes used in the metals studio

• Sketches for all projects – This it your research!

Metals I:
  Mixed Media works
  Brooch
  Fabrication / Stone set work
  80% Wire Project

Metals II:
  Cuttlebone Casting
  Sand Casting
  Carved Wax Ring
  Manipulated Wax Casting
  Cast Component Project

Metals III, IV & Special Projects:
  All projects for this class
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