



## DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

### COURSE OUTLINE – AR1360 VISUAL FUNDAMENTALS I 3 (3-0-3) UT

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**OFFICE  
HOURS:**

**PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:** none

#### **REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:**

List of materials will be supplied by the instructor on a weekly basis. No text required.

#### **CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

A studio-based course with emphasis on the understanding of two and three dimensional design dynamics of visual form. A basic course where you will be introduced to various concepts and projects using a variety of art media. This course is the first part of a two-part course.

**CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS:** 90 hours

**DELIVERY MODE(S):** Lecture and lab

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

During this course the students will:

1. Learn to perceive, identify and apply the basic elements of art, principles of design and the creative process. They will begin to communicate visually expressed information while understanding natural and abstract relationships.
2. Begin to equip themselves with a visual and verbal vocabulary.
3. Develop a critical and aesthetic criteria.
4. Broaden their awareness, understanding and aesthetic appreciation of art.
5. Begin to identify their own values in relationship to their environment.
6. Develop basic skills and techniques.

**TRANSFERABILITY:** UA, UC, UL, AU, AF, CU, CUC, KUC

\*\* Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.

**GRADING CRITERIA:**

1. The level of creativity and craftsmanship demonstrated.
2. The degree of knowledge and understanding of the elements and principles of this particular studio discipline.
3. Portfolio presentations will be required throughout the duration of this course.
4. Participation grade is established by your level of enthusiasm, commitment, involvement and flexibility in both studio and individual/collective critiques.

**EXAMINATIONS:**

Two portfolio submissions during the course of the year.

Final Grade:

45% Midterm Portfolio , 45% Final Term Portfolio (Based on In Class and Home Assignments)

10% Participation

Overdue portfolios will be penalized a minimum of 1 grade point per late day.

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Students are expected to set up work prior to class commencing, so that lectures and demonstrations can proceed uninterrupted. These will not be repeated for latecomers. Many students will be using the studio, so it is important to maintain care in setting up and cleaning of the space you use, and to exhibit consideration towards workspace, materials and other students.

If there is any doubt as to the safety of the work being undertaken while the instructor is absent the students will consult with the technician before continuing the work.

More than 20% absenteeism may constitute a failure except for medical or extenuating circumstances in which case a doctor's letter may be required.

No IPOD or MP3 players allowed in the classroom. All cell phones must be turned off.

Failure to do so will result in you being asked to leave the class.

**STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:**

Please refer to pages 49-50 of the College calendar regarding plagiarism, cheating and the resultant penalties. These are serious issues and will be dealt with severely.

**COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:**

September 2, 2010 – December 18, 2010

Monday, Wednesday 2:30 – 5:20

Studio based activities in addition to home assignments to be determined by the instructor. Fieldwork may require visits to museums and galleries. Students will be expected to invest a minimum of eight hours a week out of class.