



El Camino College
COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD – Official

Course Acronym:	ART
Course Number:	110
Descriptive Title:	Drawing Fundamentals I
Division:	Fine Arts
Department:	Art
Course Disciplines:	Art
Catalog Description:	This course is an introduction to the techniques, media, and concepts of drawing. Instruction is designed to foster observational, compositional, interpretive, and expressive proficiencies. Representative topics include observation, perception, and the drawing process; contour and line; value, volume, and light theory; composition and pictorial structure; and linear perspective.
Prerequisite:	
Co-requisite:	
Recommended Preparation:	
Enrollment Limitation:	
Hours Lecture (per week):	2
Hours Laboratory (per week):	4
Outside Study Hours:	4
Total Course Hours:	96
Course Units:	3
Grading Method:	Letter Grade only
Credit Status:	Credit, degree applicable
Transfer CSU:	Yes
Effective Date:	fall 1995
Transfer UC:	Yes
Effective Date:	fall 1995
General Education: ECC	
Term:	
Other:	
CSU GE:	Area C1 - Arts and Humanities - Arts: Arts, Cinema, Dance, Music, Theatre
Term:	
Other:	
IGETC:	
Term:	
Other:	

CalGETC:	
Term:	
Other:	
Student Learning Outcomes:	1. A student will demonstrate an ability to successfully compose a drawing employing both the visual elements (such as line, value, space, texture, shape), and the principles of composition (such as focal point, balance, rhythm, scale/proportion, movement). 2. Using a sighting and measuring method, a student will be able to create a drawing from observation that has accurate proportion and/or an understanding of linear perspective. 3. A student will be able to develop value in a drawing that shows sensitivity to local and comparative values, a comprehension of light logic, and/or an ability to create the illusion of three-dimensional forms and spaces.
Course Objectives:	1. Establish accurate visual proportions of natural and manufactured forms using relative size, shape, and position. 2. Distinguish spatial relationships among various forms through the application of overlapping. 3. Determine the relative position of a form in relation to other forms using sighting techniques and the concept of relative placement. 4. Create quick and sustained line drawings utilizing contour methods such as blind, modified, and cross-contour. 5. Employ line to describe surface contours and textures. 6. Create spatial recession/projection and figure/ground relationships by juxtaposing lines of contrasting tones. 7. Represent various visual effects through the combinations of thick/thin, angular/curvilinear, and continuous/interrupted line types. 8. Identify, define, and apply the principles of linear perspective with regard to one-point and two-point perspective. 9. Identify, define, and apply the principles of light theory with specific emphasis on highlight, half light, reflected light, core shadow, and cast shadow. 10. Create drawings using various drawing media including graphite, charcoal, and ink. 11. Compose drawings applying the principles of pictorial structure, balance, rhythm, focal point, and interpretation. 12. Analyze and evaluate drawings according to the application and manipulation of line, perspective, value, color, composition, media, expression, and originality.
Major Topics:	I. Observation, Perception, and the Drawing Process (2 hours, lecture) A. Relative size, shape, and location B. Overlapping and foreshortening C. The picture plane and three-dimensionality II. Observation, Perception, and the Drawing Process (4 hours, lab) A. Relative size, shape, and location B. Overlapping and foreshortening C. The picture plane and three-dimensionality III. Media and Technique (4 hours, lecture) A. Graphite B. Charcoal C. Chalk D. Ink IV. Media and Technique (8 hours, lab) A. Graphite

	B. Charcoal C. Chalk D. Ink V. Contour and Line (4 hours, lecture) A. Blind, modified, sustained, and quick contour B. Thick/thin, light/dark, angular/curvilinear, and continuous/interrupted line types VI. Contour and Line (14 hours, lab) A. Blind, modified, sustained, and quick contour B. Thick/thin, light/dark, angular/curvilinear, and continuous/interrupted line types VII. Value, Volume, and Light Theory (4 hours, lecture) A. Relative and simultaneous contrasts B. Highlight, half light, and reflected light C. Core and cast shadows D. Chiaroscuro VIII. Value, Volume, and Light Theory (14 hours, lab) A. Relative and simultaneous contrasts B. Highlight, half light, and reflected light C. Core and cast shadows D. Chiaroscuro IX. Linear Perspective (4 hours, lecture) A. One-point perspective B. Two-point perspective C. Horizon line and eye level D. Converging/parallel lines and planes E. Relative size and placement F. Overlapping and spatial relationships X. Linear Perspective (16 hours, lab) A. One-point perspective B. Two-point perspective C. Horizon line and eye level D. Converging/parallel lines and planes E. Relative size and placement F. Overlapping and spatial relationships XI. Composition and Pictorial Structure (4 hours, lecture) A. Positive and negative shapes B. Direction and rhythm C. Symmetry and asymmetry D. Balance and counter balance E. Dominance and subordination F. Cropping and format XII. Composition and Pictorial Structure (8 hours, lab) A. Positive and negative shapes B. Direction and rhythm C. Symmetry and asymmetry D. Balance and counter balance E. Dominance and subordination F. Cropping and format XIII. Analysis and Criticism (10 hours, lecture) A. Guidelines B. Vocabulary C. Criteria
Total Lecture Hours:	32

Total Laboratory Hours:	64
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A.1. Primary Methods of Evaluation (Part 1 - CCN courses only):	
A.2. Primary Method of Evaluation (Part 2 - all courses; choose one):	3) Skills demonstration
Typical Assignment Using Primary Method of Evaluation:	Select two natural objects that possess surface characteristics appropriate to the cross-contour process. Create four-pages of drawings that depict multiple views of each object while simulating their respective surface movements using different line types. Emphasize spatial depth by contrasting lines of varied tones.
Critical Thinking Assignment 1:	Observe and draw an interior or exterior view. Create the illusion of foreground, middle ground, and distance by applying the systems of one-point and two-point perspective.
Critical Thinking Assignment 2:	Employing any appropriate medium, create a drawing featuring organic and geometric forms. Create the illusion of volume by utilizing the concepts of highlight, half-light, reflected light, core shadow, and cast shadow.
Other Evaluation Methods:	Class Performance, Presentation, Quizzes, Reading Reports, Written Homework, Other (completed drawings done in-class and as homework).
Instructional Methods:	Demonstration, Group Activities, Lab, Lecture, Multimedia presentations, Discussion, Field Trips, Other.
If other:	Class Critiques
Work Outside of Class:	Other (specify), Problem solving activity, Skill practice, Study
If Other:	Assigned Drawings
Up-To-Date Representative Texts:	Deborah Rockman, <u>Drawing Essentials: A Guide to Drawing from Observation</u> , 3rd ed., Oxford University Press, 2016. (Discipline Standard)
Alternative Texts:	
Required Supplementary Readings:	
Other Required Materials:	Drawing supplies as required by the instructor
Requisite:	
Category:	
Requisite course(s): List both prerequisites and corequisites in this box.	
Requisite and Matching skill(s):Bold the requisite skill. List the corresponding course objective under each skill(s).	
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Enrollment Limitations and Category:	
Enrollment Limitations Impact:	
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