

**Syllabus – Spring 2015**  
**ART 112: Drawing II**  
**M/W 9:00-11:45 am**  
**Classroom: D-103**  
**Three Rivers Community College**

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### Prerequisite

Drawing I.

### Course Description

This course is an exploration of drawing basics in various media including color, with an emphasis on composition and technique. Both representation and abstraction are explored. Students work with still life, portraiture, and the figure and a final project series of their own choice. Studio: Meets 6 hours per week.

### Course Overview

In this class, students will get the opportunity to expand upon what they have learned in Drawing I. The use of color in the form of pastels will be introduced. In this class, due dates will be given and students must complete drawings for each of these due dates. Both representation and abstraction will be explored to create dynamic compositions. Students will begin to be able to set their own goals for their drawings and to begin or continue to develop their own style. Assignments will be worked on both inside and outside of class. Individual critiques will be held at most class meetings. Students should plan to spend a minimum of 3 hours per week working outside of class. Students should begin to develop and utilize an informed visual vocabulary through the group critiques and discussions that are held.

### Course Outcomes

Upon successful completion of Drawing II students should:

- Be able to depict volume and depth in their drawings through an understanding of the use of value.
- Understand abstraction and be able to create abstract compositions.
- Be able to set their own goals for their drawings.
- Begin to develop their own style of drawing.
- Be able to incorporate color into their drawings.
- Be proficient in their ability to critique a work of art using an informed visual vocabulary and be able to engage in an artistic dialogue.

### Writing Assignment

There will be one 2-3 page artist research paper. Students should use the library's research guides that are listed here: <http://www.trcc.comnet.edu/library/Guides/artpage.htm> A group discussion will be held on the due date where each student will give the class a summary of his/her paper. Additionally, students will be required to put into writing their personal goals and expectations for their final project which is an open assignment.

### Evaluation Procedures

Assignments will be collected on their due date. On their due date, assignments should be complete at the beginning of class. Assignments will be graded primarily on the amount of time and effort that is put into them. Those that put forth effort in this class will inevitably show improvement in their work as the class progresses.

### Mid-term Reviews

Each student will have an individual appointment with the instructor for the Mid-term Review. At this meeting the student will receive their grade as is stands and will have a discussion regarding their performance and progress in class. Any other concerns the student or instructor has will be discussed.

### Student Art Show

There is a college-wide Student Art Show at the end of every academic year in May. All students who take an art class are invited to submit one piece done in each class to this show. Pieces must be submitted through an instructor by April 24. Several cash prizes are awarded to students whose work is displayed in the Student Art Show by an outside juror. A pick-up date for students to get their work back will be scheduled within two weeks following the end of the exhibition. The professor will inform students of this date once it has been scheduled.

### Class Discussion

You are expected to be in class with a positive attitude. A positive and amicable environment is a good learning environment. Please keep your classroom conversations and language respectful of others and appropriate to the academic setting. Participating with energy and enthusiasm in class exercises, discussions and critiques is to everyone's benefit. Everyone should contribute frequently in each critique and discussion. Those who participate more will receive a higher grade in this area.

### Explanation of Criteria for Evaluation/Grade Weights

Projects- The average of all graded pieces comprises 50% of the final grade.

Class Participation (Includes participation in critiques and class discussions)- This comprises 20% of the final grade.

Studio Conduct (Includes how clean you leave the studio and your level of professional conduct in class)- This comprises 15% of the final grade.

Effort/Improvement (Includes how productive you are inside and outside of class and your improvement throughout the semester) - This comprises 15% of the final grade.

### Course Requirements

Attendance- Please plan to attend all classes and to miss class only for extenuating circumstances. Attendance on critique dates is mandatory. An absence on a critique date will be recorded as two absences (unless a legitimate written excuse is provided.)

Tardiness/Leaving Early- Most class announcements are made either at the beginning or end of class. Students who arrive late to class or leave class early will not only miss hearing important information, but also are disruptive to the rest of the class, as the instructor may have to repeat information. Every four times a student leaves early or arrives late equals one absence.

Deadlines- Assignments not completed on time will be lowered one letter grade for each week they are late (an A becomes a B.)

Completion of all assignments and attendance at final critique- No student may receive a passing grade for this class without completing all 6 assignments and must be present at the final critique to pass the course (unless a legitimate written excuse is provided.)

### Grading System

Drawings: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, F      Writing Assignment: √+, √, √-

Numerical Components

A	93-100	√+	86-100
A-	90-92		
B+	87-89		
B	83-86		
B-	80-82	√	85-74
C+	77-79		
C	73-76		
C-	70-72		
D+	67-69	√-	73-60
D	63-66		
D-	60-62		
F	0-59		

Academic Dishonesty

Academic Dishonesty shall in general mean conduct which has as its intent or effect the false representation of a student's academic performance, including but not limited to (a) cheating on an examination, (b) collaborating with others in work to be presented, contrary to the stated rules of the course, (c) plagiarizing, including the submission of others' ideas or papers (whether purchased, borrowed, or otherwise obtained) as one's own, (d) stealing or having unauthorized access to examination or course materials, (e) falsifying records of laboratory or other data, (f) submitting, if contrary to the rules of a course, work previously presented in another course, and (g) knowingly and intentionally assisting another student in any of the above, including assistance in an arrangement whereby any work, classroom performance, examination or other activity is submitted or performed by a person other than the student under whose name the work is submitted or performed.

Inclement weather

In the event of inclement weather, students should check the college website at [www.trcc.commnet.edu](http://www.trcc.commnet.edu). There will be a message on the main page indicating whether or not classes are being held. You can also enroll in the free service, "myCommNet Alert." myCommNet Alert is a notification system that delivers critical information to students, faculty and staff of the Connecticut Community Colleges in the event of an emergency. The system delivers emergency messages through text messaging over cellular phones. Emergencies may include campus-related immediate health or safety situations and may also include weather-related class cancellations. Log in to the myCommNet portal from <http://my.commnet.edu>. On the Home Tab's left column under the System Announcement Channel you will see the myCommNet Alert Channel. Click the "Create Account" link in the myCommNet Alert Channel. Then in the upper right-hand corner you will see the link to "Create Account", click this link to create your account profile.

Electronic Devices

Cell phones and other electronic devices must be turned off during class. Phones must not be answered in class. Text messaging or internet use is not permitted in class. When there are extenuating circumstances that require a student to use an electronic device, the student should speak to the instructor prior to class, so together they can arrive at an agreement. Headphones are allowed during studio work time, but should be kept at a low volume. Music cannot be played aloud in class.

Revisions to Syllabus

The information contained in this syllabus is subject to revision at the discretion of the instructor. Students will be notified of any changes that will be made.

College Withdrawal Policy

A student who finds it necessary to discontinue a course once class has met must provide written notice to the Registrar. Withdrawal forms are available at the Registrars office. Nonpunitive "W" grades are assigned to any withdrawal requested before the various unrestricted withdrawal deadlines listed in the calendars published in front of each session's course listings. Withdrawal requests received after these deadlines must bear instructor signatures. No withdrawals are permitted after the last class preceding the final exam. Students who do not obtain an official withdrawal, but simply stop attending classes, run the risk of receiving an "F" grade for the course.

Disabilities Statement

If you have a disability that may affect your progress in this course and/or may require class modifications, please contact the Learning Specialist, Chris Scarborough at [cscarborough@trcc.commnet.edu](mailto:cscarborough@trcc.commnet.edu) as soon as possible to ensure timely accommodations. Please note that accommodations cannot be provided until you provide written authorization to me from the Learning Specialist.

Facilities Policy

Keeping the studio and your work area clean is part of your final grade. Please respect the studio and the other students who use it. You must clean up your work area at the end of class. Clean your easel ledge and throw away any trash. If you borrow any studio supplies, put them back. Studio art projects involving the use of any art materials other than pencils and pens must be worked on in designated art studios at the college only. Do not use art supplies such as paint, charcoal or glue in other areas of the college such as the cafeteria or student lounges as they may damage furniture and fixtures at the college.

Hazardous Materials Statement

Pastels are a hazardous material and must be handled with the proper care. There will be no eating while working with pastels as this allows for possible ingestion. A 15-minute break will be taken during each class meeting. Any eating should take place then, outside of the classroom.

Spray fixative is a hazardous material and must be handled with proper care. Under no circumstances is spray fixative to be sprayed in the classroom or any other indoor area. Spray fixative must be sprayed outside and one should try to avoid inhaling the fumes as much as possible.

Digication

All students are required to maintain an online learning portfolio in Digication that uses the TRCC template. Through this electronic tool, students will have the opportunity to monitor their own growth in college-wide learning. The student will keep his/her learning portfolio and may continue to use the Digication account after graduation. A Three Rivers General Education Assessment Team will select and review random works to improve the college experience for all students. Work reviewed for assessment purposes will not include names and all student work will remain private and anonymous for college improvement purposes. Students will have the ability to integrate learning from the classroom, college, and life in general, which will provide additional learning opportunities. If desired, students will have the option to create multiple portfolios.

Class Outline (schedule subject to change when necessary)

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| M 1/26/15 | Introduction to class.<br>Assignment 1 introduced: Basic Form Review. |
| W 1/28/15 | Presentation on Pastels.<br>In-class exercises. Bring supplies.       |

- M 2/2/15 In-class exercises. Bring supplies.  
Attend Matthew Best artist talk in the gallery.
- W 2/4/15 Assignment 1 Due. Group Critique.**  
Presentation on Color.  
Assignment 2 introduced: Still Life with Color.
- M 2/9/15 In-class work on Assignment 2. Bring still life, lamp, and supplies.
- W 2/11/15 In-class work on Assignment 2. Bring still life, lamp, and supplies.
- M 2/16/15 No Class - President's Day.**
- W 2/18/15 In-class work on Assignment 2. Bring still life, lamp, and supplies.  
Assignment 3 introduced: Abstracted Still Life.
- M 2/23/15 Assignment 2 Due. Group Critique.**
- W 2/25/15 In-class work on Assignment 3. Bring supplies.
- M 3/2/15 In-class work on Assignment 3. Bring supplies.
- W 3/4/15 In-class work on Assignment 3. Bring supplies.  
Assignment 4 introduced: Interior/Exterior.  
Linear Perspective review.
- M 3/9/15 Assignment 3 Due. Group Critique.**
- W 3/11/15 Mid-Term Reviews.**
- M 3/16/15 No Class- Spring Break.**
- W 3/18/15 No Class- Spring Break.**
- M 3/23/15 In-class work on Assignment 4. Bring supplies.
- W 3/25/15 In-class work on Assignment 4. Bring supplies.  
Assignment 5 introduced: Monochromatic Figurative Drawing with Unconventional  
Viewpoint. Artist Research Writing Assignment Introduced.
- M 3/30/15 Options for Photo References for Assignment 5 Due.**  
In-class work on Assignment 4. Bring supplies.
- W 4/1/15 In-class work on Assignment 4. Bring supplies.
- M 4/6/15 Assignment 4 Due. Group Critique.**
- W 4/8/15 Sketches for Assignment 5 Due.**  
In-class work on Assignment 5. Bring photo references and supplies.
- M 4/13/15 Clothed Model Figure Drawing Session.
- W 4/15/15 In-class work on Assignment 5. Bring photo references and supplies.  
Assignment 6 introduced: Final Project with written statement.
- M 4/20/15 Artist Research Writing Assignment Due. Group Discussion.**  
In-class work on Assignment 5 if time allows. Bring photo references and supplies.

- W 4/22/15 In-class work on Assignment 5. Bring photo references and supplies.
- M 4/27/15 Assignment 5 Due. Group Critique.  
Submission for Student Art Show Due.**
- W 4/29/15 Written statement for Assignment 6 Due.**  
In-class work on Assignment 6. Bring supplies.
- M 5/4/15 Sketches for Assignment 6 Due.**  
In-class work on Assignment 6. Bring supplies.
- W 5/6/15 In-class work on Assignment 6. Bring supplies.
- M 5/11/15 In-class work on Assignment 6. Bring supplies.
- W 5/13/15 **Assignment 6 Due. Final Critique.**

Supply List

**You are required to purchase the following, which are available at the bookstore or any art supply store:**

- 18" x 24" white charcoal paper pad
- White plastic eraser
- Box of minimum of 24 soft chalk pastel sticks – basic colors
- Can of Workable Spray Fixative
- 1 package of 3 sticks of medium vine charcoal
- Tuff Stuff stick eraser
- Roll of ¾" masking tape
- Pencils
- Pencil sharpener

**The following item is required, but are not part of the kit in the bookstore:**

- Adjustable lamp with 60 watt bulb

**Suggested Supply List- These items are recommended, but not required, and are available at the bookstore:**

- 2 Eraser Stick Refills
- 20" x 26" x 2" Portfolio case with handles
- White Lenox 26" x 40" sheet of paper
- Blue-Gray Strathmore 25" x 38" sheet of paper
- Box of 3 soft chalk pastel sticks – white
- Blending Stumps 6 piece set