



Course HUAS 6391: Painting/Digital Imaging/Video.

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Meetings Fridays, 10:00-12:45 ATEC 3.605

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#### **General Course Information**

Pre-requisites, Corequisites, & other restrictions

Expertise in a medium of choice such as Painting, Video, Digital Imaging, Sculpture, Installation, Performance or Hybrid Forms.

## **Course Description**

This course will be a studio based creative workshop were the student will pursue their own creative work in a medium of their preference or expertise. An emphasis will be placed on developing an individual style with personal content using either painting, drawing, sculpture, ink jet prints, video, computer imaging or some hybrid forms. The student is expected to have had some prior experience in a medium of their choice (consult the instructor if unsure). A focus on various topics of the current art discourse in the visual arts will be investigated and discussed throughout the semester through current readings of art periodicals, films and visual lectures. There will also be discussions from the assigned articles and texts, which cover current topics relating to content, theory and studio practice of contemporary artists. There will be periodic critiques of the students art work along with inquiry into the formality of its making as well as the content expressed. Each student is encouraged to meet privately with the instructor to discuss more in depth his or her individual work.

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# Learning Outcomes

#### **Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes**

- 1. Students will explore a medium of choice of which they have some expertise, while focusing on creating a personal vision. Along with content they will develop formal aspects and skill techniques to express their vision. The student will be graded on the content objective, creative application, effort, and critical assessment through your artist statement.
- 2. Students will develop visual perception and verbal analysis through class critiques and evaluations of projects. A critical analysis will follow in the form of group dialogues.

- 3. Students will learn to create a visual presentation of their artwork within a set time frame for public speaking. This will enable them to articulate verbally about their visual art works to a larger audience.
- 4. Students will develop a broader understanding of their art and its' connection to art historically as well as current contemporary issues.

## **Additional Suggested Course Materials**

Higgins, Dick. "Statement on Intermedia." 1966. http://www.artpool.hu/Fluxus/Higgins/intermedia2.html

Bishop, Claire. "The Digital Divide." Artforum International, 2012.

#### **Required Readings**

**Materials** 

Osterweil, Ara. "FUCK YOU! A Feminist Guide to Surviving the Art World." *Artforum International*. 2016.

https://artforum.com/inprint/issue=201606&id=60103.

Benjamin, Walter. "The Work of Art in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction." 1936.

Suggested Texts,
Readings, &

Artforum, Art
resource and

Current art magazines and online publications, blogs and journals discussed in class, such as *The New York Times* art reviews, *Artforum*, *Art in America*, *Frieze*, *Modern Painters* and *Flash Art* as resource and research material.

Visit galleries! I will try to keep the class apprised of current events in the Dallas area. Please share and invite the class to your shows or shows you are excited about.

# **Assignments & Academic Calendar**

(Topics, Reading Assignments, Due Dates, Exam Dates)

8/26 Introduction: 1. Course outline

- 2. Grading Criteria
- 3. Materials and procedure.
- 4. Contemporary Artists Research
- 5. Artist Statement at the end of the semester
- 6. Critique and presentation procedures
- 7. Reading handout
- **8. Being on time for class by 10:14.** Roll will be taken in the first 15 minutes after that you will be considered absent.

9/2	Visual presentation: I will present a selection of artists and artworks for your consideration.
	You will present an example of current or past work to class along with a short written concise declaration of intent for a focused body of work (project proposal) for the semester. Due 9/9.
	Read Dick Higgins "Statement on Intermedia." for discussion 9/9.
9/9	Visual Presentation on contemporary art and video 2. Discuss Higgins. Each student presents one artist you are researching. Go over reading.
9/16	FIRST CRITIQUE. Handout Claire Bishop for discussion 9/23.
9/23	Finish first critique. Discuss Claire Bishop and other current affairs in contemporary art. Please review one of the sources in the suggested texts and readings and come prepared to share with the class for discussion.
9/30	Visual Presentation on Contemporary Art + Each student presents one artist you have researched.
10/7	SECOND CRITIQUE. Read Osterweil for discussion 10/14.
10/14	Finish second critique. Discuss Osterweil.
10/21	Visual Presentation of Contemporary Art 3. Each student presents one artist you have researched.
10/28	THIRD CRITIQUE. Read Benjamin for discussion 11/11.
11/4	Finish third critique. Discuss current affairs in contemporary art. Please review one of the sources in the suggested texts and readings and come prepared to share with the class for discussion.
11/11	Discuss written artist statement one page length. Due on Presentation Day. Discuss grading criteria for presentation. Discuss Benjamin reading.
11/18	Visual Presentation of Contemporary Art 3 or Visiting Artist or Field trip to the museum.
11/25	FALL BREAK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
12/2	FINAL PRESENTATIONS. (Approximately 15 minutes) + written artist statement
12/9	Last Class: FINAL PRESENTATIONS. (Approximately 15 minutes) + written artist statement

These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.

# **Course Policies**

Grading (credit) Criteria	Grading Policy
	(Including percentages for assignments, grade scale, etc.)
	1.Class attendance for all critiques is mandatory. If you miss 2
	unexcused critique sessions your grade will be significantly lowered
	2.Completion of projects for critique. 80 %
	3.Assigned readings
	4.Presentation 20%
Make-up	Make an appointment with instructor
Exams	Marke an appointment with motifactor
Extra Credit	Extra work will be averaged in and can raise your grade
	Class attendance for all critiques is mandatory. They are like tests. If
Class	you miss 2 unexcused critique sessions you will receive no higher
Attendance	then a B Talk with the instructor if in question if you plan to miss
	these designated days.
Classwasm	Please go outside the classroom to talk on your cell phones. I would
Classroom	prefer during critique sessions that you cut off the voice stream and
Citizenship	focus on listening respectfully to your peers.
Field Trip	One field trip to the DMA is suggested. Speak with instructor for other
Policies	options.

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