

## **ART 5390 Selected Topics**

SPRING 2009

Art Studio 110, F 8:00-1:40

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ART STUDIO 109, 566-7297

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This is an Independent Study course for MFA candidates; therefore candidates must have been accepted into the MFA program, be in good standing, and gained permission from the Graduate Coordinator as well as the candidate's Graduate Committee in order to participate. Candidates are expected to have established a strong direction for their work, and be prepared to function at a high level within the conservatory tradition. The intent of this course is to provide candidate's opportunity to develop technical, conceptual, methodological, and formal possibilities in response to the candidate's existing tendencies. Candidates are expected to accept the challenges of developing multiple works simultaneously, which could be considered as *variations on the form*.

Candidates must develop thorough bodies of works, which endeavor to expand the degrees of sophistication, complexity, and experimentation. Candidates are expected to push themselves to become more informed contemporary artists. We expect candidates to make an impressive quantity of work.

EACH MEETING, CANDIDATES WILL BE EXPECTED TO DEFINE THE STATUS OF THEIR CURRENT WORK, TO DEVELOP QUESTIONS FOR THE PROFESSOR/COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE WORK, AND BE OPEN AND RESPONSIVE TO QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND INSTRUCTION OF THE PROFESSOR/COMMITTEE.

### **COURSE EXPECTATIONS**

The number of required works depends greatly on the complexity and scale of each "cycle" of work. Students are required to produce multiple related works simultaneously.

Students will have the opportunity for individual critiques by the professor, as well as scheduled group critiques. Please take advantage of conversation outside of the scheduled studio time, by communicating with the professor and your peers. Schedule an individual discussion, email ideas/questions, call. Benefit from your artistic community by challenging yourself and your colleagues to push one another to improve.

## GRADUATE COMMITTEE CRITIQUES/UPDATES

Graduate students are required to schedule regular critiques/updates by members of their graduate committee at least **once every month during each semester** in which the candidate is registered for credit (it is important to realize that these critiques/updates may be with individual committee members, and need not be formal critiques. The critique/update is intended to maintain an appropriate level of communication between student and committee members). It is the candidate's responsibility to schedule these critiques/updates and to maintain a *critique confirmation form* signed by the professor who conducts the critique/update. This form must be turned in to the graduate coordinator at the end of each semester.

## SEMESTER FINAL REVIEWS

Each semester the graduate student will schedule a final review at which time the entire MFA Graduate Committee will review the work and interview the student, this review is open to the entire faculty and student cohort. It is required that every MFA candidate will participate by the showing of current work at the date and time scheduled.

\*Although the primary responsibility rests with the professor of record, all graduate committee members may make recommendations as to the grades assigned.

## MFA ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Analysis of the components of the visual object and the articulation of the intended and discovered content of their aesthetic
2. Contextualization of the artist's aesthetic to the canon of art
3. Document the student's art works for the purpose of archiving, application, and presentation.
4. Participation in juried exhibitions.
5. Define and interpret created works of art in a contemporary context.
6. Compare and defend relativity to traditional standards v. innovation

## **AGREEMENTS**

1. Every student will maintain close communication with the professor/committee
2. Every student will present works in progress every meeting, and completed works on critique days.
3. Every student will explore the various issues discuss with the professor/committee.
4. Students must agree to participate with their discussion, in a receptive and respectful manner to both peers and faculty.
5. Every student will keep the studio orderly, maintain the facilities, and be respectful of others possessions.
6. Students must spend several hours per week outside of class researching and producing works.

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **Required on organized critique/discussion days**

One absence = 1/2 letter grade

Two absences = 1 letter grade

Three absences = 1 1/2 letter grade

And so on.

And so on.

\*More absences than three, and the student should consider dropping the course.

## **GRADING CRITERIA**

- 1/2 Quality of work, (technically, conceptually, formally), and consideration of personal progress.
- 1/2 Quantity of work, (number of works completed, scale and ambition in those works).

\*\*\*\* Discussion with professor, attendance, work habits, Utilization of class time, clean up, and participation in critiques. These requirements will not raise your grade, but will certainly lower your grade if not fulfilled.

Grading is the primary responsibility of the Faculty of Record, but advice/recommendations will be considered from the graduate committee.

### **CRITIQUES: All work presented for critique must be finished.**

When preparing for critiques please present work, which is:

1. clean
2. documented
3. fixed (when appropriate)
4. flat (no rolled up works)
5. edges of the work must be considered
6. the back of the work clean

7. installed on a clean surface, with no visual competition

**DOCUMENTATION: All work must be documented in a variety of ways.**

1. signed, dated, title optional.
2. curated (cleaned, fixed, trimmed, flattened)
3. photographic (**digital images of three works due at the end of the semester**) digital documentation is required, and may be emailed or burned on a CD) I will retain these CDs.

## **ART STUDIO SAFETY**

For access and use of the art studio at The University of Texas at Tyler, students must be currently enrolled in an art studio course and complete a safety training session conducted by the Environmental Health and Safety office or the Art Program. Also students must have on file a signed Art Program Safety Agreement and follow all requirements and guidelines stated in that safety agreement. Violations of the agreement will result in loss of art studio access.

**NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.**

Health and Safety guidelines are posted and will be extensively discussed and enforced. It is the student's responsibility to use the equipment and chemicals safely and wisely. MUCH OF THE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL IN THE STUDIO IS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS. Do not use any equipment or chemical if you have not been instructed in their use. Consult the professor. Respirators, safety glasses, and gloves are recommended. There is an eyewash station near the sinks. Basic first aid supplies are maintained in the studio. In Emergency situations dial 911, this will connect you with the University Police. Fire extinguishers are located in and around the studio. Please familiarize yourself with their location.

Any questions concerning the health requirements for or the health risks of a particular chemical or solvent may be found in the MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) book located in the printshop.

**NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE STUDIOS AT ANY TIME.**

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## **SAFETY PROCEDURES**

- Always turn the exhaust fan on when working in the spray booth, the acid area, and the clean up booth.
- Familiarize yourself with the location of the eyewash and shower.
- Be sure all cans, containers, jars are tightly capped before you leave-even if you didn't use them.

- Be familiar with the location of the fire extinguishers, fire alarm switches and emergency phones.
- Wear protective clothing, gloves, and safety glasses whenever using solvents or acid baths.
- Do not use saws or other power equipment while alone in the studio. No equipment may be used without training by faculty.
- Do not prop open studio doors after hours, or permit non-art major's admittance to the studio.
- Do not use spray paint or spray fixative inside the studio, unless using the paint booth with the fan on.
- Do not climb ladders without assistance
- Don't eat the glue, paint, paper, or anything that isn't meant to be consumed.
- Don't set yourself or anyone else on fire.
- Breathe deeply, relax it will be OK.

## **POLICY STATEMENTS:**

**Cell phones should be turned off or placed in "silent" mode during class.** Please don't disrespect your peers or your professor by allowing your phone to ring. You may take or make calls at designated break times outside the studio.

### **Students Rights and Responsibilities**

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link:

<http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/StudentRightsandResponsibilities.html>

### **Grade Replacement/Forgiveness**

If you are repeating this course for a grade replacement, you must file intent to receive grade forgiveness with the registrar by the 12th day of class. Failure to do so will result in both the original

and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates will receive grade forgiveness (grade replacement) for only three courses repeat; graduates, for two courses repeat during his/her career at UT Tyler.

### **State-Mandated Course Drop Policy**

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the 12th day of class (See Schedule of Classes for the specific date). Exceptions to the 6-drop rule include, but are not limited to, the following: totally withdrawing from the university; being administratively dropped from a course; dropping a course for a personal emergency; dropping a course for documented change of work schedule; or dropping a course for active duty service with the U.S. armed forces or Texas National Guard. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Registrar's Office and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Registrar's Office if you have any questions.

### **Disability Services**

In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodation must provide

documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Support Services counselor. If you have a disability, including a learning disability, for which you request an accommodation, please contact Ida MacDonald in the Disability Support Services office in UC 282, or call (903) 566-7079.

### **Student Absence due to Religious Observance**

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second-class meeting of the semester.

### **Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities**

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

### **Social Security and FERPA Statement:**

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

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## **CALENDAR**

### **JANUARY 2009**

- 1** New Year's Day holiday, all offices closed
- 2** Holiday for staff (reduced staff required)
- 5** All offices reopen
- 9** Registration and schedule changes, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- 12** Classes begin
- Late registration and schedule changes, 9:00 am – 6:30 pm
- 19** Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, all offices closed, no classes held
- 26** Census Date (12th class day)
- Deadline for all Regis changes

### **FEBRUARY 2009**

- 2** On-line registration for Long Summer, Summer I, and Summer II 2009 begins
- 4** 20th class day

### **MARCH 2009**

- 9-14** Spring break for faculty and students
- 12-13** Spring break for staff (reduced staff required)
- 16** Priority deadline for August graduation
- Textbook orders due for fall
- 25** Last day to withdraw from one or more courses
- 31** Textbook orders due for summer

### **APRIL 2009**

- 1** On-line registration for Fall 2009 begins
- 1-30** Academic advisement month
- 24** Last day to submit completed thesis to Office of Graduate Studies for Spring 2009 graduation

### **MAY 2009**

- 4** Regular class day for all classes **except** those that meet only on Mondays

Final exam for classes meeting only on Monday  
**5-9** Final exams for all other classes  
**8-9** Spring Commencement  
**12** Final grades due in FAS by noon  
**25** Memorial Day holiday, all offices closed, no classes held

### **ART PROGRAM AFTER HOURS POLICY**

1. After hours access is defined as anytime outside of Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. Also after hours are times that fall outside of regular class days according to the official university calendar.
2. Art students may have access to the art studios only after reading and signing the Art Student Safety Agreement and turning this form in to the SVPA Administrative Assistant, Gail Andrews in FAC 2009.
3. A list is compiled of art students who have completed the Art Studio Safety Agreement and given to Campus Police.
4. Students are to sign in when arriving and out when leaving on the sheet provide at entry of building. Students found in the building and not signed in, will have access privileges removed and should be reported by Campus Police and to Art Chair.
5. During safety training, students are informed that there are certain tools, materials and equipment in the art studios that are never to be used unsupervised or alone. Students may use and have access to tools, materials and supplies only with prior approval from professor overseeing that area.
6. Only students on the current access list are allowed after hours access to the art studios. Those not permitted access include friends, spouses and partners of students on the access list.
7. Any violation or unusual events or circumstances are to be reported to Campus Police as well as Art Program Chair immediately.
8. Although students included on the access list may work in the studio after hours, they may not sleep or spend the night in the art studios.
9. Students found in violation of Art Studio Access Rules will have after hours access privileges removed.

CAMPUS POLICE: 7300 (from campus phone) or 903-566-7300

ART OFFICE: 7250 (from campus phone) or 903-566-7250

The University of Texas at Tyler  
Art Student Safety Agreement

I, (print full legal name) \_\_\_\_\_, am an adult student of The University of Texas at Tyler (the "University") over the age of eighteen, and wish to use the art studios of the Department of Art and Art History at the University during the \_\_\_\_\_ 200\_\_ semester. I acknowledge that I have attended a basic safety-training course offered by the University conducted in the art studios on \_\_\_\_\_ (enter date and time attended). I further acknowledge that I understand the material presented in the basic safety-training course and will comply with all safety and usage guidelines as prescribed by the University.

I understand that using equipment in the art studios poses potential risk of serious injury, and I agree to use all equipment in a safe manner in accordance with applicable safety and operating instructions. I agree that I will not use any equipment unless I have been fully trained in the proper use of the equipment and thoroughly understand how to operate it safely. I will not use equipment that is not functioning properly, or that has been designated as unserviceable by the University. I will not use any equipment outside of class unless given permission in writing by the instructor in the respective art studio class. I will wear appropriate safety protection as described and demonstrated in the basic safety-training course when using any equipment that may cause injury. I also agree to abide by all posted studio safety and access rules.

In consideration of my use of equipment in the art studio, I hereby accept all risks to my health that may result from such usage. I hereby release The University of Texas at Tyler its governing board, officers, employees and representatives and The University of Texas System, its governing board, officers, employees and representatives from any liability to me, and any and all other persons regardless of capacity who may have a cause of action through me for any and all claims and causes of action for loss of or damage to my property and for any and all illness or injury to my person, including death, that may result from or occur during participation. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless The University of Texas at Tyler and its governing board, officers, employees, and representatives and The University of Texas System, its governing board, officers, employees and representatives from liability for the injury or death of any person(s) and damage to property that may result from my negligent or intentional act or omission while participating in the activity.

I understand that my use of equipment in the art studios is strictly voluntary and based upon the mutual agreement of the parties and that my access to the art studios is conditional on my abiding by the usage terms and conditions contained in this Agreement and/or availability of the equipment and authorization by The University of Texas at Tyler. The terms and conditions of this Agreement may be amended by The University of Texas at Tyler if deemed in the best interests of The University of Texas at Tyler.

I also understand that I will not be permitted to use the art studios or equipment if I do not agree to the usage terms and conditions contained in this Agreement and have this properly completed and signed form on file in the Art Dept. office. I understand that it is my responsibility to turn this form into the Art Dept. administrative assistant who will keep it on file.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand this Agreement, and my signature is evidence of my acceptance of the terms and conditions contained herein.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Course:**

**ART 5399-01          Independent Study: Graduate Studio    8:00-1:40          F**

**Section:01 SPRING 2009**

**Professor: J. Pace, Professor of Art**

MFA  
Critique/Update Confirmation Form

Candidate \_\_\_\_\_  
Semester (circle one)      Fall                  Spring                  Summer  
Year \_\_\_\_\_

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**Graduate Committee Critique/Updates:**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>PROFESSOR</i>	<i>COMMENTS</i>
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**FINAL REVIEW**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT</i>	<i>COMMENTS</i>
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