**Course Overview:**

The Colossal Object is a special topics course designed to investigate two specific aspects of sculpture both conceptually and historically. Scale being the first aspect in the creation of sculpture. There is a long tradition of large scale sculptural objects throughout history, from the great monuments of ancient times to the contemporary work of people like Richard Serra, and Nancy Rubens. This class will point out the similarities of these works, explore the differences, and trace the changing trends through the history of sculpture to give us a more informed perspective of contemporary sculpture, and more specifically the work we make.

The second element of sculpture that this class will explore is the concept of the object. Through the changing trends, fads, and tastes of contemporary art, the object has maintained its importance, as it has the ability to be appreciated on numerous levels. The well crafted object can speak to a viewer through artists skill as a manipulator of material, but also through the artists intellect as a well conceived sculpture.

**Attendance:**

Students are allowed three absences. After three, the student’s final grade is lowered one letter grade for each additional absence. Also, punctuality is expected, as is staying for the duration of the class period. Every two late arrivals or early departures, or combination of either will count as one missed class.

**Grading:**

As this is a Sculpture class, it will be expected that all work handed in be of the highest possible caliber, both in terms of craftsmanship, as well as concept. Work that is purely decorative and/or functional will not be accepted. Examples include (but not limited to) furniture, religious decoration, seasonal decoration, book shelves, etc. Frequently during the semester, slide presentations will be given to assist in student understanding of artistic possibilities, as well as inspiration. Also, regularly during the semester there will be critiques to help each student reach their maximum potential, and give them an idea as to their progress in the class. Generally grading for the class will be as follows:

- **A-** 4 completed sculptures of high conceptual quality and craftsmanship.
- **B-** 3-4 completed sculptures of good to high conceptual quality and craftsmanship.
- **C-** 3 completed sculptures of good conceptual quality and craftsmanship.
- **D-** 2-3 completed sculptures of poor-average conceptual quality and craftsmanship.
- **F-** 2 or fewer sculptures created during the semester.
Grade Replacement:
If you are repeating this course for a grade replacement, you must file an intent to receive grade forgiveness with the registrar by the 12th day of class. Failure to file an intent to use grade forgiveness will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. A student will receive grade forgiveness (grade replacement) for only three (undergraduate student) or two (graduate student) course repeats during his/her career at UT Tyler. (2006-08 Catalog, p. 35)

DISABILITY STATEMENT REQUESTED ON COURSE SYLLABUS

"If you have a disability, including a learning disability, for which you request disability support services/accommodation(s), please contact Ida MacDonald in the Disability Support Services office so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting disability support services/accommodation(s) must provide appropriate documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Support Services counselor. For more information, call or visit the Student Services Center located in the University Center, Room 282. The telephone number is 566-7079 (TDD 565-5579)." Additional information may also be obtained at the following UT Tyler Web address: http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices.

Academic Dishonesty

PLAGIARISM OR ACADEMIC DISHONESTY OF ANY KIND WILL RESULT IN A GRADE OF “F” IN THIS COURSE.
Please consult A Student Guide to Conduct and Discipline at UT Tyler (available in the Office of Student Affairs) for university regulations regarding academic dishonesty: “3.22 Any student who commits an act of scholastic dishonesty is subject to discipline. Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.”

Studio Safety/Access:

1. For access and use of the art studio at The University of Texas at Tyler after hours, you must have on file a signed Department of Art Safety Agreement and follow all requirements and guidelines stated in the safety agreement.
2. After completing the safety training and delivering your safety agreement to the art administrative assistant you will be placed on the list to access the studios after hours.
3. You may work in the studio at any time during the semester you are enrolled in a ceramics class.
   It is no longer necessary for you to sign in and out as a record of those entering the building will be recorded when you enter the building.
4. Do not use tools or equipment outside of class unless you are certain you know how to use them safely. If you are not sure how to use a tool or material safely then do not use it.

5. A list of safety rules and guidelines are provided and are to be strictly followed. There is an MSDS on every chemical in the studio located in a yellow binder.

6. Make sure you leave the building locked and follow all rules as provided and posted in the art studios.

7. Food is not allowed in the art studios.

8. Violations of the agreement will result in loss of art studio access. **No exceptions will be made.**

9. Do not prop doors open.

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**A helpful artist list to assist in generating creativity:**

Claes Oldenburg          Luis Jimenez          Tony Gragg
Anthony Caro             Mark DiSuvero         David Smith
Rodin                    Sol Lewitt            Rachel Whiteread
Richard Deacon           Damien Hirst          Anish Kapoor
Tom Otterness            Alexander Calder      Antony Gormley
John Henry               Nancy Rubens          Richard Serra
Fletcher Benton          Bruce Beasley         Louise Bourgeois
Arnoldo Pomodoro         John Van Alstine      Linda Flemming
Dennis Oppenheim          Jun Kaneko            Jim Dine