

Community Education

Course Title: Acrylic Painting: Abstract

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Course Details

- Mondays, 9/21 to 11/16
- 1:00pm – 4:00pm
- Room 331, Columbia Tech Center, 18700 SE Mill Plain Blvd.

Course Description

Explore abstract painting with a focus on color, composition and pattern. Demonstrations will include examples from well-known and not so well-known abstract artists and their techniques. Work on projects of your choice or suggested demo projects.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will:

- Learn how the Principles and Elements of Design can enhance their current work
- Observe the evolution of abstract art
- Develop their own style through the use of a sketchbook and collecting ideas
- Explore a variety of abstract techniques and abstract artists

Course Schedule

Week 1: September 21

Introduction to class format and materials. Start out with some loosening up activities in a “get to know you” atmosphere. Six pieces of “bad” art, warm ups. What is an art practice? Who are you as an artist? Favorites, likes, dislikes.

Week 2: September 28

Explore patterns and collect nature patterns to create a pattern encyclopedia. How to be an observer

Week 3: October 5

Are you a King, Queen, Jack, or maybe the Jester? Continuing with patterns and portraits.

Week 4: October 12

Collecting color relationships and creating new pieces of art.

Week 5: October 19

Introducing the work of Michael Ford as he integrates pattern and color and architecture.

Week 6: October 26 Gertrude Stein, Alice B. Toklas, Picasso, and delicious food

Week 7: November 2 Artist Trading Cards

Week 8: November 9 Gelli printing with guest artist!

Week 9: November 16 Final abstraction and time for completion of all projects.

Resources

Recommended references for further study:

- Robert Burridge <https://robertburrige.com> Bob Burrige is a generous teacher with a wonderful sense of humor. He offers loads of free youtube videos and a weekly “Bob Blast”.
 - Learn the color wheel. Canva offers basic understanding of the color and how to combine colors. It is a good site for general art questions. [wheel. www.canva.com/ colors/color-wheel/](https://www.canva.com/colors/color-wheel/).
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Class Evaluation

- Class evaluations are sent by email.
 - If you don’t see it right away, check your **junk/spam folder**.
 - Evaluations are **anonymous** and come directly from Clark College.
 - If you don’t receive one, contact:
 - Email: continuingeducation@clark.edu
 - Phone: 360-992-2939
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