

Community Education – Fall Quarter 2026

Course Title: So, You Think You Can't Draw

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Course Details

Wednesdays, 09/23/2026 - 10/14/2026

6:00pm to 8:00pm

Anna Pechanec Hall, room 112. Main Campus, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way.

Course Description

Anything you see, you can draw! This course is designed to be an introduction to the basic materials and technical properties of drawing with a focus on the formal qualities of drawing and its concepts. Projects include drawing from still life and natural forms. Develop observational skills, perceptual awareness, and expressive capabilities through the exploration of proportional relationships, linear perspective, and composition techniques.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will:

- **Technique-** Students will learn how to properly use drawing supplies and be able to recognize which supplies are appropriate for any given circumstance.
- **Elements and Principles-** Students will learn and implement the Elements of Art (Line, Texture, Shape, Form, Value, and Space) in order to achieve the Principles of Art (Contrast, Repetition, Emphasis, Harmony, etc.)
- **Creativity and Imagination-** Students will learn to build and strengthen their creative vision. Students will use the basic knowledge of techniques and artistic vocabulary as a foundation for their own creative expression.

Course Schedule

Week 1: Intro

- Explanation of Materials
- Value Chart
- Sketching Techniques

Week 2: Observation and Psychology

- Blind Contour
- Right Side of the Brain

Week 3: Perspective and Proportion

Week 4: Start first long form drawing

Week 5: Shading Techniques

- Continue first long form drawing

Week 6: More Shading Techniques

- Finish long form drawing

Week 7: Using Grids

- Start second long form drawing using a grid

Week 8: Final Thoughts and Techniques

- Continue and finish long form drawing

Supply List

All supplies are recommendations. Something slightly different is ok. Just remember you get what you pay for. Recommended brands include Strathmore or Canson for paper and General's, Faber-Castell, and Prismacolor for all other supplies.

- Pencil Set- variety of lights (H, 2H, 4H, and 6H), mediums (B, HB, and 2B) and darks (4B, 6B, and 8B)
- Erasers- regular drawing eraser, kneaded eraser, and pen/click eraser
- Blending Stumps or Tortillions- 3 different sizes
- Pencil Sharpener
- Sketchbook- 8.5"x11" or bigger
- Ruler- (Recommended)
- Larger Drawing Pad is (11"x14", 16"x20", or 18"x24") (Recommended)
- Photo References (Recommended)

Resources

Recommended references for further study:

Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain by Betty Edwards

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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