



Community Education Fall 2023

So You Think You Can't Draw

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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:

Outcome #1:

- Technique- Students will learn how to properly use drawing supplies and be able to recognize which supplies are appropriate for any given circumstance.

Outcome #2:

- 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.)

Outcome #3:

- 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: Subject to Change

Week 1: Sept. 28th. Intro

- Explanation of Materials
- Value Chart
- Sketching Techniques

Week 2: Oct. 5th. More Sketching Techniques

- Perspective and Proportion

Week 3: Oct 12th. Observation and Psychology

- Blind Contour
- Right Side of the Brain

Week 4: Oct. 19th. Using Grids

Week 5: Oct. 26th. Shading Techniques

- Start 1st long form drawing

Week 6: Nov. 2nd. More Shading Techniques

- Continue and finish long form drawing

Week 7: Nov. 9th. Review What We Learned So Far

- Start 2nd long form drawing

Week 8: Nov. 16th. Final Thoughts and Techniques

- Continue and finish long form drawing

Selected Bibliography/Resources: *Below you will find recommended references and online links to give you more information about the topics of this course. If you have a special interest on a topic we discuss, please ask me for further references.*

- ***Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain by Betty Edwards***

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