Course Description

Examination and discussion of the issues associated with the professional aspects of surviving as an artist. Presentations by professional artists practicing in the field will form a major component of the course.

Prerequisites &/or Co-requisites
A 400-level course in Art or consent of the Department. Restricted to BFA (Visual Studies) students.

Objectives of the Course
This course will acquaint the student with practical and theoretical aspects of independent art practice in the context of different art communities. Part of the course of study will be self-directed to suit the projected needs of the individual student-artist. Content includes professional conduct, presentation, documentation, promotion and other aspects of art business.

This course will involve lecture/seminar discussion, workshops, critiques, individual research, and/or group presentations. Course material will include participating a virtual exhibition and virtual fieldwork in the form of gallery and/or studio visits. Written components and presentation will include research and construction of a variety of proposals for soliciting exhibition of artworks in stylistically different venues. Work will be documented and organized for the building of a personal website/video, and experimentation with different methods for presentation of artworks will be instigated.

Textbooks and Readings
Your instructor will specify any required material.
Assignments and Evaluation

Attendance at and participation in all classes, designated field trips and events are mandatory (students will be responsible for their own transportation as well as any costs associated with entrance fees, etc.). Extensions will be granted only based on documented extenuating circumstances.

There is no final examination in this course.

Marks are based on term work:

1. Participation in Seminars and written responses to assigned weekly topics 20%
2. Term paper and presentation 40%
3. Promotional Material 20%
4. Special Projects (Instructor will specify) 20%

Due dates will be established weekly as per assignments.

There will be a term paper of 8-10 pages on a negotiated topic followed by a student presentation.

Work is submitted electronically via D2L.

Note: It is the student's responsibility to keep a copy of or any relevant documentation regarding each submitted assignment.

Late Assignment Policy

Missed assignments will not be awarded recognition without special permissions.

Course Activities

Any additional course activities will be specified by the instructor. Please note that this is an interactive course. Most information will be presented verbally and cannot be repeated for the benefit of late or absent individuals. Email or phone inquiries about lecture or course content cannot be responded to.

Grading Method and Grading Scale

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**Internet and Electronic Communication Device Information**


**Portfolios and Assignments**

The Department of Art will not assume responsibility for lost or stolen portfolios or course work given to instructors for grading.

**Studio Procedures**  
N/A

**Academic Accommodations**

The student accommodation policy can be found at [https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations](https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations).

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities [https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf](https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf).

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the course instructor.

**Academic Standing**

For more information go to [http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f.html)

**Deferral of Exams and Term work**

It is possible to request a deferral of term work or final examination(s) for reasons of illness, accident, family or domestic affliction, or religious obligations. Please check with Enrolment Services if any of these issues make it impossible for you to sit an exam or finish term work by stated deadlines.

For more information about deferring a final exam go to [https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams](https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams)

For more information about deferral of term work go to
Writing and Plagiarism

Writing skills are not exclusive to English courses and, in fact, should cross all disciplines. The University supports the belief that throughout their University careers, students should be taught how to write well so that when they graduate their writing abilities will be far above the minimal standards required at entrance. Consistent with this belief, students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their University courses and, where appropriate, members of faculty can and should use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Support Services can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.

For more information go to http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support or http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html

Using any source whatsoever without clearly documenting it is a serious academic offense. Consequences include failure on the assignment, failure in the course and possibly suspension or expulsion from the university. Visual art projects submitted for course credit must be produced by the student specifically for this class. Students must not submit projects if credit has or will be provided for it in another class. This includes re-worked assignments from previous or concurrent courses, unless permission is provided in writing by the instructor. Additionally, the student is asked to be mindful of using visual sources from the internet, ensuring that that material is not derived from any on-line or other available source, and that appropriate copyright permission is granted, when required.

Campus Mental Health Resources
SU Wellness Centre and the Campus Mental Health Strategy

Campus Security and Safewalk

Call 220-5333 anytime. Help phones are located throughout campus, parking lots and elevators; they connect directly to Campus Security - in case of emergency, press the red button.

For more information go to https://live-risk.ucalgary.ca/risk/campus-security/your-safety/safewalk

Emergency Evacuation

For more information go to https://www.ucalgary.ca/risk/emergency-management/evac-drills-assembly-points/assembly-points
Ethics

Whenever you perform research with human participants (i.e., surveys, interviews or observation) as part of your university studies, you are responsible for following university research ethics guidelines. Your instructor must review and approve of your research plans and supervise your research.

For more information go to http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-5.html or https://www.ucalgary.ca/research/researchers/ethics-compliance/chreb

Instructor Intellectual Property and Copyright Legislation

Course materials created by the instructor (including course outlines, presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the instructor. These materials may NOT be reproduced, redistributed or copied without the explicit consent of the instructor. The posting of course materials to third party websites such as note-sharing sites without permission is prohibited. Sharing of extracts of these course materials with other students enrolled in the same course section and term may be allowed under fair dealing. Check with the instructor if you have any questions about sharing materials with classmates.

All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright (https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Acceptable-Use-of-Material-Protected-by-Copyright-Policy.pdf) and requirements of the copyright act (https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorized sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks, etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy.

Lockers

N.A.

Student Misconduct

For more information go to http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html

Student Ombudsman

For more information go to http://www.ucalgary.ca/ombuds/

Student Union

For more information go to http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

Have a question but not sure where to start? The Arts Students’ Centre is your information resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts. Call us at 220-3580 or email us at ascarts@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate which has detailed
information on common academic concerns.

For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre at 403-220-5881.
For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 210-ROCK [7625].