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Available for assistance T/Th, 1:30-3:30.

The focus of this class is to develop and strengthen drawing skills through assignments that are designed to stimulate your creativity. You will use a variety of drawing media and papers to carry out the assignments. On the average, you will be completing one assignment per week.

You will also have a semester-long assignment intended to explore aspects of the creative process through a series of short exercises based on variations on a letter of the alphabet.

Expected outcomes:

1. Develop and improve technical skills in the use of graphite pencil, color pencils, black ink pen, charcoal, water color enhancement
2. Learn shading techniques that will enable you to apply graduated shading as well as flat shading
3. Learn how to employ cross hatching to develop value and textural areas
4. Learn the creative potential of different drawing surfaces
5. Become more willing to experiment with new techniques and approaches to an assignment
6. Understand left brain/right brain functioning and how it affects the creative process
7. Understand the creative process as described in the handout and how it applies to the class work

Essential to getting as much as you can from this class is developing an understanding of left/right brain function and also understanding the components of the creative process. I expect you to read and comprehend the accompanying descriptions of both.

Each assignment will receive a letter grade. You are allowed to revise an assignment as much as you wish to improve the grade.

Factors affecting your grade for the course:

Grade for each assignment
Completion of all assigned work
Attendance
Effort and attitude

Attendance: Be there! You can't learn if you aren't in class. I will permit two unexcused absences. Exceeding that number will result in the lowering of your final grade and possibly being dropped from the course. Being late for a class may count as an absence.

Completion of work: I expect all assigned work to be completed. Any missing or incomplete work will guarantee a lowering of your final grade.