ARTS 1710 - Introduction to Printmaking

UNM-Valencia, Art Studio and Film & Digital Arts, Spring 2023

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Face-to-Face Course

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Class time & location: Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:30am - 1pm, Fine Arts (B&T Building) Room 106

Office Hours: Mondays 1pm - 3pm on-campus* & Thursday 10am - 12pm virtual*

*and by appointment

*see "How to Contact the Instructor" below for more info

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Land Acknowledgment: UNM-Valencia is located on the traditional and ancestral Pueblo people and is unceded. This region holds great historical, spiritual, and personal significance for its original stewards, the Native nations and peoples of this area. I acknowledge their connection to this land, and give thanks for the opportunity to live, work, and learn on their traditional homeland.

A note about COVID: Since 2020, the U.S. has experienced both the emergence of the global COVID-19 pandemic and the painful consequences of long-endured violence against the BIPOC community. These events have caused, and continue to cause, fear, stress, and pain for many members of our community, and will continue to impact each of us in various ways throughout this semester. Under these circumstances, it is completely normal to feel overwhelmed or anxious, and to have difficulty concentrating. I have designed this course with these challenges in mind, and am committed to continuing to work with all of you to create a positive and supportive learning environment. If your health, well-being, or school work are being impacted, I offer support services and resources in this syllabus and will meet with you anytime to discuss it as well. If your needs are not being met in any way, contact me and I will help you find services that will meet your needs as best I can.

Credit-hours: This is a three credit-hour course delivered in-person for 16 weeks. Class meets for five hours of direct instruction per week for the Spring 2023 semester. Please plan for a minimum of 4 hours of out-of-class work (or homework, study, open lab, projects, and class preparation) each week.

Course Description

This course provides direct experience of exploring basic printmaking processes, including relief, intaglio, and monoprint processes, as well as the investigation of materials/media, tools, techniques, history, and concepts of printmaking. Emphasis is given to solving problems through thematic development while producing a portfolio of prints.

Objectives

- 1. Properly operate a printing press and safely handle materials and equipment.
- 2. Demonstrate an adequate ability to utilize basic historical printmaking techniques that are widely relevant to contemporary, artistic expressions.
- 3. Utilize formal elements of art and design (line, shape, value, texture, space, and color), to create prints that are formally sophisticated.
- 4. Create imagery that contains conceptual depth, which can be interpreted by viewers with regard to social, cultural, political, geographical, and/or psychological experiences and relevance.

Student Responsibilities & Course Policies

- COVID-19 Health and Awareness: UNM-Valencia is a mask friendly, but not a mask required, community. To be registered or employed at UNM-Valencia, students, faculty, and staff must all meet UNM"/S
 Administrative Mandate on Required COVID-19 vaccination. If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please do not come to campus. If you have a positive COVID-19 test, please stay home for five days and isolate yourself from others, per the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. If you do need to stay home, please communicate with me (see "How to Contact the Instructor" section); I can work with you to provide alternatives for course participation and completion. UNM-Valencia faculty and staff know that these are challenging times. Please let us know that you need support so that we can connect you to the right resources and please be aware that UNM will publish information on websites and email about any changes to our public health status and community response. Check Bring Back the Pack.
- **Affirmed/Preferred First Name**: As part of its commitment to providing a safe, inclusive, and respectful learning, living, and working environment, the University of New Mexico Valencia Campus recognizes that many people prefer to use a name other than their legal name to identify themselves. Here is a general website for it- https://oeo.unm.edu/resources/preferred-name.html.
- AccessAbility Policy: I can and want to make appropriate accommodations that will support you in this class by collaborating with you and the <u>Equal Access Services at UNM-Valencia</u>, 505-925-8560 or <u>call/email any of the Advisors</u>. It is important that you take the initiative to inform me of your accommodations needs, as I am not legally permitted to inquire. In accordance with University Policy 2310 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), academic accommodations may be made for any student who notifies the instructor of the need for an accommodation.
- **School/Life Conflict:** Many of you face obstacles to your education as a result of work or family obligations or unforeseen personal difficulties. If you are experiencing challenges throughout the semester that are impacting your ability to succeed in this course, or in your undergraduate career more broadly, please reach out to me immediately so that we can work together to form a plan for your academic success. Reach out to me at anytime to discuss this!
- Caregiver Responsibilities Policy: I have great respect for students who are balancing their pursuit of education with the responsibilities of caring for children or other family members. If you run into challenges that require you to miss class or if your caregiving responsibilities are interfering with your ability to engage in remote learning, please contact me. There are instances of flexibility I can offer to support your learning.
- **Citizenship and/or Immigration Status**: Everyone is welcome in this class regardless of citizenship, residency, or immigration status. I will respect your privacy if you choose to disclose your status. UNM-Valencia as an institution has made a core commitment to the success of all our students, including members of our undocumented community. The Administration's welcome is found on the UNM-ABQ campus website: http://undocumented.unm.edu/.
- **Course Conduct:** I am committed to creating a learning environment where diverse perspectives are recognized and valued as a source of strength. I request that all students work with me to create a class culture based on open communication, mutual respect, and inclusion. As a class we will approach all discussions with respect and civility. Disagreements and debates in academic discourse are expected and welcome, but personal attacks are never OK, and will not be tolerated. I strive to ensure an open and welcoming classroom for all students. If I ever miss the mark, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. We are all learning together.

- **UNM Email/CANVAS Access**: All UNM-Valencia students will be required to have a UNM Net ID which can be created by going to: http://it.unm.edu/accounts/. UNM Net ID will give you access to the computer labs on campus, Canvas and UNM Email. Make sure to update this information as your method of contact under personal information on Lobo Web.
- Computer & Internet Policy: Students will need to have access to a computer with high-speed Internet for this course. If you do not have access to a computer with high-speed internet at home, I want to help! UNM-Valencia and UNM-ABQ have implemented laptop checkout options.
 - If you are a **UNM-Valencia student** and you need access to a laptop, please contact the UNM-Valencia Library at :http://valencia.unm.edu/library/index.html
 - If you are a **UNM-ABQ student,** you will need to fill out this form: https://at.unm.edu/coronavirus/laptop-request-form.pdf and send it to avdept@unm.edu. For more information on computer checkout and wifi access for UNM-ABQ Campus, visit this website: https://at.unm.edu/coronavirus/student-tech-access.html.
 - **ALL students can request** access to a beta of LoboVirtualDesktop. Here is the website: https:// lobovirtualdesktop.unm.edu. Fill out the online form. This virtual desktop is a work-in-progress, and you would need a decent computer and internet connection to make this work. But, it would give you access to a variety of UNM owned software.
 - Students should have basic computer and file management skills for all courses, especially online courses. If you are struggling with these, reach out to tutoring and support services (see support section on syllabus).
 - If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to me!
 - All students, whether online or in-person (or in-between) are able to access the computer labs on the UNM-Valencia Campus and the UNM-ABQ Campus regardless of where you are taking classes.
- Access to internet: The UNM-Valencia Campus has great wifi if you are on campus. But, many companies are offering extended options and/or free/inexpensive plans for at-home wifi during and in this postpandemic era. Also, many cell phone data plans are offering unlimited data and wifi hot pots for your devices.
 - Comcast: https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19
 - Xfinity: https://www.xfinity.com/student
 - CenturyLink: https://www.centurylink.com/aboutus/community/community-development/ lifeline.html- financial assistance and waiving late fees
 - At UNM-Valencia parking lots: https://valencia.unm.edu/campus-resources/technology-support/ how-to.html
 - At UNM-ABQ Campus parking lots: https://at.unm.edu/assets/pdf/wifi-map.pdf. Here is how to connect: https://computing.unm.edu/get-online.html
 - City of Albuquerque Outdoor Wifi hotspots: http://www.cabq.gov/coronavirus-information/wifi
 - If you are unable to access any of these options, please contact me and I will advocate for you!
- Computer Lab Responsibility: Please be advised that use of computer labs on UNM-Valencia and UNM-ABQ properties is governed by "Policy 2500: Acceptable Computer Use" which can be found at http:// policy.unm.edu/university-policies/2000/2500.html. Anyone violating these policies is subject to possible suspension and loss of computer lab privileges.
- Title IX: Our classroom and our university should always be spaces of mutual respect, kindness, and support, without fear of discrimination, harassment, or violence. Should you ever need assistance or have concerns about incidents that violate this principle, please access the resources available to you on campus. Please note that, because UNM-Valencia faculty are considered "responsible employees" by the Department of Education, any disclosure of gender discrimination (including sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, and sexual violence) made to a faculty member must be reported by that faculty member to

the university's Title IX coordinator. For more information on the campus policy regarding sexual misconduct, please see: https://policy.unm.edu/university-policies/2000/2740.html

- Academic Integrity and Honesty: Each student is expected to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity in academic and professional matters. The University reserves the right to take disciplinary action, including dismissal, against any student who is found responsible for academic dishonesty. Any student who has been judged to have engaged in academic dishonesty in coursework may receive a reduced or failing grade for the work in question and/or for the course. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, dishonesty in quizzes, tests or assignments; claiming credit for work not done or done by others; hindering the academic work of other students; and misrepresenting academic or professional qualifications within or outside the University. You are capable of meeting my expectations for this course! The arts are such a personal, unique experience for each person, and your story and how you choose to share it with the world are so important! If you are concerned about how well you are doing in this course, please reach out to me instead of considering academic misconduct.

COVID Student Responsibilities & Information

UNM requires COVID-19 vaccination and a booster for all students, faculty, and staff, or an approved exemption (see: UNM Administrative Mandate on Required Vaccinations). Proof of vaccination and booster, or a medical, religious, or online remote exemption, must be uploaded to the UNM vaccination verification site. Failure to provide this proof may result in a registration hold and/or disenrollment for students and disciplinary action for UNM employees.

Booster Requirement: Please see the UNM Covid Booster Requirements website: https://bringbackthepack.unm.edu/vaccine/vaccine-requirement.html. International students: Consult with the Global Education Office.

Exemptions: Individuals who cannot yet obtain a booster due to illness should request a <u>medical</u>, <u>religious</u>, <u>or online remote exemption</u> (which may have an end date) and upload this to the <u>vaccination verification site</u>. Medical and religious exemptions validated in Fall 2021 (see your email confirmation) are also valid for Spring 2022 unless an end date was specified in the granting of a limited medical exemption. Students must apply for a remote online exemption every semester.

UNM Requirement on Masking in Indoor Spaces:

All students, staff, and instructors are required to wear face masks in indoor classes, labs, studios and meetings on all UNM campuses, see the <u>masking requirement</u>. Students who do not wear a mask indoors on all UNM campuses can expect to be asked to leave the classroom and to be dropped from a class if failure to wear a mask occurs more than once in that class. Students and employees who do not wear a mask in classrooms and other indoor public spaces on all UNM campuses are subject to disciplinary actions. Medical/health grade masks are the best protection against the omicron variant and these masks should be used, rather than cloth.

COVID-19 Symptoms and Positive Test Results:

Please do not come to any UNM campus if you are experiencing symptoms of illness, or have received a positive COVID-19 test (even if you have no symptoms). Contact your instructors and let them know that you should not come to class due to symptoms or diagnosis. Students who need support addressing a health or personal event or crisis can find it at the <u>Lobo Respect Advocacy Center</u>.

Participation

Student participation is considered a necessary factor in the learning process. Course participation and attendance is key to mastering skills and successfully completing projects. You are adults and I expect you to be motivated to grow your knowledge and abilities by engaging in coursework. You are still held responsible for all academic work required regardless of weekly participation and attendance. Class participation influences your grade heavily. Participation includes:

- You should complete all projects on time (to your best ability), participate in scheduled critiques/class discussions, and maintain a safe, respectable, positive lab environment.
- You are required to attend class and be prepared for each day's work.
- If you do not attend the first week of class you may be dropped.
- You will need to work a few hours each week in addition to the scheduled class times. Open Studio hours will be announced.

Grading Policy

- Grading is based on completion of course work and projects, the quality of your individual technical and critical development, and a personal commitment to your work. Personal commitment involves regular participation, consistent effort, completion of work, participation in critiques and class discussions and the general willingness to try. Make each project meaningful to yourself!
- Each assignment will culminate in a critique, which will consist of pinning up your work. Being prepared for these critiques, both with your completed work and your readiness to participate in the discussion surrounding your and your peers' artwork issuer meaningful part of the process of creating art. Attending the critique, even if your project is incomplete/late, is extremely important.
- If you are submitting work past the posted deadline, it is super important that you communicate your circumstances with me so that we can work out a plan for you to grow and succeed in this art class!
- Incompletes are rarely issued. If 75% of the semester's work/deliverables and participation have been completed with a satisfactory grade, and incomplete may be issued.

Grading Breakdown

Semester Requirements:

Projects (3)
 Individual Meeting
 60 points
 20 points each
 for attendance & preparation

• Final Project 30 points

Extra Credit: 10 points

Extra Credit will be offered throughout the semester for various points at a maximum of 10 points for the entire semester. Points will be added up and a letter grade will be issued according to this scale to the right:

A+	101+
Α	94-100
A-	90-93
B+	88-89
В	84-87
B-	80-83
C+	78-79
С	74-77
C-	70-73
D+	68-69
D	64-67
D-	60-63
F	50-59

How to Contact the Instructor

Remind App:

The instructions on how to join the REMIND App portal for this course are below. I am available on the Remind App every weekday between 8am and 8pm (officially, but try anytime). Plan on a response within 48 hours for REMIND. The link to join is: https://www.remind.com/join/arts1710

Zoom Link: https://unm.zoom.us/j/9541776612, (Meeting ID: 954 177 6612).

During office hours, I will attempt to have my Zoom open and available for us to connect. But, I might be working with a student in a studio or otherwise not in front of a computer. If you are trying to Zoom in and I am not responding, please text me and let me know!

Email:

Email can be sent through UNM email (alexa08@unm.edu). PLEASE: in the subject line, write the class number, for example – "ARTS 1710". I will check email regularly and plan to respond to emails/messages within 48 hours/2 business days. At some points in the term, my inbox gets quite full, but I do want to hear from you! If you email me and don't hear back from me within two business days, please send a follow-up email. I will appreciate the gentle reminder.

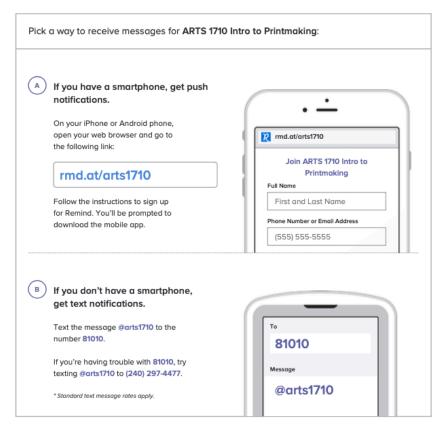
Phone:

I am not available via phone call for this course. But, you can text me (no calls please) to my personal cell phone if needed at anytime: 505-515-1055. This and Remind are probably the best way to contact me for fastest response.

Office Hours:

Mondays 1pm - 3pm on-campus* & Thursday 10am - 12pm virtual* *and by appointment

*see "How to Contact the Instructor" below for more info



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/arts1710 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

Support Information, Resources, & Tutorials

UNM-Valencia Campus provides extensive academic supports for students, and these supports are there to support you to achieve the academic success you are truly capable of. Most students access them at some point in pursuit of their degree. **There is no shame is seeking help!** I have provided a list of the academic support offices offered by UNM-Valencia below.

Open Studio Time:

- Located in B106 Studio/Classroom: Times and hours TBD.

Support for UNM Canvas:

- https://canvasinfo.unm.edu/support/index.html

UNM-Valencia Tutoring Services:

- Custom tutoring services are available through The Learning Center at https://valencia.unm.edu/campus-resources/the-learning-center/index.html. Even online tutoring is available!

Instructor Support:

- Please see "How to Contact the Instructor" for methods of contacting the instructor for help.

AccessAbility & Equal Access:

- UNM-Valencia's accessibility/ADA compliance website: http://valencia.unm.edu/about/accessibility.html
- UNM-Valencia's Equal Access Services website: http://valencia.unm.edu/students/advisement-and-counseling/equal-access-services.html

Mental Health and Counseling Services: All of us need a support system, and many students benefit from the use of counseling services. I know I do! UNM-Valencia has mental health counseling as part of the PASOS Recourse Center: http://valencia.unm.edu/campus-resources/pasos/pasos-resource-center/index.html. Also, here is a https://student-resources/index.html. UNM ABQ Students have access to mental health counseling via the Student Health and Counseling (SHAC) Center: http://shac.unm.edu

Coronavirus Information::

- UNM-Valencia Covid Site: https://valencia.unm.edu/covid-19.html
- UNM ABQ Covid Site: https://www.unm.edu/coronavirus/

Supplies and projects in separate document.

Supplies

Most items are available at the UNM-Valencia Bookstore.

Required:

- Nitrile Gloves
- apron or old shirt
- Set of Linoleum Cutting Blades or Woodcut Tools
- 1 linoleum block
- 1 copper plate
- Printmaking paper- discussed in class

Optional:

- Pad of tracing paper, minimum 12 inches on the shortest side
- Sketchbook
- Permanent Marker
- Scissors
- X-acto Knife with Extra Blades OR snap-off Utility Knife
- Blue Painter's Tape and/or Masking Tape
- Clear Packing Tape
- Duct Tape
- Pack of colored pencils
- Handful of cheap paintbrushes of various sizes
- Handful of tupperware (small-ish) that you don't mind getting ruined!
- Brayer, at least 2 1/2", 3" or 4"
- Drypoint tools

Dates	Schedule	Projects
Week 1	 Introductions Review Syllabus Equipment & Supplies Overview Demo - Collagraph 	
Week 2	Work time - explore with collagraph	
Week 3	Work time - explore with collagraphDemo - Linoleum	
Week 4	Artist SpotlightsWork time	
Week 5	Work time	
Week 6	Project 1 Due- Critique	Project 1 Due: Self-Portrait
Week 7	Demo - IntaglioArtist Spotlights	
Week 8	Work time	
Week 9	Project 2 Due- Critique	Project 2 Due: Boundaries
<u>Week 10</u>	Demo - Silkscreen	
<u>Week 11</u>	Artist SpotlightsWork time	
<u>Week 12</u>	Project 3 Due- Critique	Project 3 Due: Habits & Rituals
<u>Week 13</u>	 Demo - Alternative Processes for Final Project Individual Meetings 	
Week 14	Work time	
<u>Week 15</u>	Work time	
<u>Week 16</u>	Final Project Due- Critique	Final Project Due:

Project 1: Self-Portrait - LINO CUT

Objective:

To study two-dimensional design and introduce basic printmaking techniques. To create a self-portrait hat introduces us conceptually to you via two-dimensional visual imagery using the lino cut technique. To share with us your values and how you access joy.

Consider: what objects in your life you would use to describe part of your identity and how you interact with them. Why are these necessary and/or important? How do you see yourself? How do you perceive others see you? Are you thinking of a memory? Dream? Reality? How can we become more empathetic by experiencing your self-portrait edition?

Process:

Carve one linoleum printing plate. Using a reductive technique, print an edition of 4 prints in 3 colors.

Group critique will discuss design principles and printmaking technique, as well as the visualization of you via your imagery.

Project 2: Boundaries - INTAGLIO

Objective:

Select visual imagery that highlights how organic landscape intersects with natural landscape, and how those can become metaphors for your own physical and metaphorical boundaries. Propose an interpretation on imagery you choose to create. Demonstrate your knowledge of tearing paper, registration, plate wiping, inking, printing, and curating.

Consider: what you feel our class community can learn about you via the exploration of your real and perceived boundaries depicted via the intaglio print. How much of your story can we hold and cherish and love, and how much of it do you feel we deserve to learn. What boundary are you trying to free yourself from? What boundary do you feel is holding you back? Think about boundaries that help and support you, and boundaries that may be limiting to your growth.

Process:

Create one plate using drypoint, either a copper, plexiglass plate or other drypoint substrate. Print an edition of 4 prints while incorporating the technique of chine collé and/or monoprint.

Group critique will discuss design principles and printmaking technique, as well as the visualization of boundaries via your imagery.

Project 3: Habits & Rituals - SILKSCREEN

Objective:

Research your own internal habits & rituals, or that of an external source, such a someone you know, your community, an entire culture, etc.... What do you want your audience to learn by experiencing your prints? What colors explore the emotion you feel in creating your print? Trust yourself and your instincts.

Consider: who or what is the object of a habit? Who or what is the object of a ritual? How can you depict habit and ritual visually? Are the habits you are sharing good habits or not-so-good habits? Who determines what is good? What is the history of you engaging in your rituals and who benefits from them? Do ritual and habit both create a sense of purpose larger than ourselves?

Process:

Create imagery via silkscreen. Print an edition of 4 prints on a substrate of your choice: paper, metal, fabric, wood, etc...

Group critique will discuss design principles and printmaking technique, as well as the visualization of habits and rituals via your imagery.

Final Project: Curiosity

Objective:

Explore and develop an idea using imagery to create a narrative. This series should engage the viewer, draw them in, and share your story - your story is super important because you are important. Take this opportunity to think conceptually and explore the definition of paradox and how that relates to you, your beliefs and values, and your personal truth. Use the time and energy of this process for personal exploration, expression and interpretation.

Consider: What are you curious about? Do you feel that curiosity creates a sense of vulnerability because you have to surrender to some uncertainty? Do you choose to feed your curiosity or starve it at times? Why? Is curiosity a choice? Do you prefer certainty over curiosity? Can embracing discomfort feed curiosity? How can you explore your curiosity as aspect of yourself and your own personal narrative visually? What qualities does printmaking have? How do color and emotion work together? Consider the interactions between what you know and what you do not know?

Process:

Create a composition utilizing any technique that we have used this far in printmaking, or make any combination of them. Feel empowered to combine other artistic media and techniques with the printmaking process. Print an edition of 8 prints.

Group critique will discuss design principles and printmaking technique, as well as the visualization of curiosity via your imagery.