



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: Visual Arts Practice 1

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
VIS	2002	78518	2, 2008	ONC	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOART
Academic org:	FOA005
Student contribution band:	1
ASCED code:	100300

STAFFING

Examiner: Simon Mee

REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: VIS1001 or VIS1000 or Students must be enrolled in the Program: BAMM

RATIONALE

Creating artworks is a fundamental component of practical studies in the Visual Arts. At level 1 students are expected to continue to work broadly across a number of studio areas but narrow their involvement to 3 or more areas being Life/General Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Ceramics, Sculpture and Textiles. Studio practice will be underpinned by history and theory lectures and tutorials.

SYNOPSIS

In this course students select a minimum of 3 workshops which range across available studios. Workshops consist of lectures, demonstrations, and practice conducted each week. Drawings and a journal/visual diary will accompany the studio and extension work submitted for assessment in each workshop. Practice will be underpinned by associated courses in history and theory.

OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. demonstrate handskills, knowledge of materials and their application through practice in selected areas;
2. show increased understanding of the elements necessary for expanding perception and the quality of visual expression;
3. demonstrate greater understanding of the aesthetic and historical background to their preferred studies;
4. exercise personal creative potential through deeper involvement in chosen areas of practice;

- show an ability to critically evaluate individual creative products and work by other artists. In addition, students will have increased personal experience of methods, procedures and approaches possible in the production of works.

TOPICS

Description	Weighting (%)
1. This course offers a varied range of studies such as Life and General Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Ceramics, Sculpture, and Constructed and Printed Textiles. There will be continuing workshop-based demonstrations and related lectures. BVA and BVA/BEd Students must undertake concurrent studies in at least three workshop areas. The possibility exists for students to do half a semester in certain workshops. The art-making process will involve students in integrating theory and practice as they experiment with materials and techniques.	100.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

Will relate to the individual programme of work as undertaken by the individual student.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Will relate to the individual programme of work as undertaken by individual students.

As recommended by the lecturer(s) as well as regularly accessing appropriate professional journals and actual art works for study in exhibitions, in state/private collections.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Laboratory or Practical Classes	91.00
Lectures	26.00
Private Study	48.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date
SUB. STUDIO WRK & DOC-STAGE 1	100.00	40.00	03 Nov 2008 (see note 1)
SUB. STUDIO WORK & DOC-STAGE 2	100.00	60.00	03 Nov 2008 (see note 2)

NOTES

1. Assessment Description: Personal submission and display of a body of work with appropriate documentation as directed by lecturers and supervisors. Students will be advised of the progressive assessment date. This assessment item is aligned with Objectives 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
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IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
It is the student's responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as lectures, tutorials, laboratories and practical work) scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration. For this course, normal class attendance consists of 9 hours per week.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To successfully complete an individual assessment item, a student must achieve at least 50% of the marks or a grade of at least C-. This statement must be read in conjunction with Statement 4 below.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without extenuating circumstances and without prior approval, then a penalty of a maximum of 5% of the assigned mark may apply for each working day late, up to a maximum of 10 working days, at which time a mark of zero can be recorded for that assignment.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade, a student must achieve at least 50% of the total weighted marks available for the course.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the aggregate of the weighted marks obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
- 6 Examination information:
There is no exam for this course.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Given the details under (6) above, there are no deferred exams for this course. However, if any deferred/makeup work is granted, it would have to be submitted by a date set by the examiner.

8 University Regulations:

Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6 Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm>

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 9 (a) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must lodge the assignment at the USQ. (b) All Faculty of Arts assignments must be lodged in the Faculty Assessment Centre on the Ground Floor of Q Block no later than 12 noon on the due date. (c) In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the examiner's convenience. (d). Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be despatched to USQ within 24 hours if requested by the Examiner. (e) In accordance with University's Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances such as documented ill-health. (f) Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in the course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of the course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete-Makeup). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non-directed personal study. (g) Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or sit for an examination at the scheduled time, may apply to defer an assessment in the course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded: IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination; IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).
- 10 Students are strongly advised to maintain regular contact with their supervisor.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Option students have the choice of undertaking two or three concurrent series of workshops depending on their timetable. If unable to undertake more than two areas a practical project will be undertaken in lieu of the third area in consultation with studio staff who will ensure that the time devoted to it equates with time spent by Visual Arts major students.
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