

## CAPSTONE PROJECT IN PAINTING/DRAWING

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### RT 4303- CAPSTONE PROJECT - EXHIBITION

This class coincides with your studio specialization class. You should have your proposal on file.

*you will work all semester to create work, even if your show is up at mid-semester.*

YOU WILL PLAN AND MOUNT AN EXHIBITION OF YOUR ARTWORK. This exhibition should reflect your aesthetic investigations into your chosen area of specialization, and follow the written proposal turned in the previous semester. This is not an “everything I have ever made” show, but a show of your best work, conceived under a specific thematic concept and stated in the proposal. Be prepared to edit out work that is not up to standard, or does not fit with the thematics of your show. Remember professionalism is a major part of this grade.

### Student Learning Objective's

This capstone class assesses the concepts addressed in the following SACS Program Learning outcomes:

That the graduating art student's will demonstrate the ability to:

- Expressively communicate an original idea or concept visually.
- Demonstrate technical mastery of materials and traditional artistic skills within one area of specialization, i.e. painting, drawing, printmaking, ceramics and/or sculpture.
- Demonstrate proficiency in discipline specific writing.
- Demonstrate knowledge of professional practices.

### ATTENDANCE:

This class is generally treated as a productive studio class. The student must meet weekly with their major advisor/advisors to evaluate progress, discuss installation and keep production on track. All preliminaries of the press release, Artist's Statement, and invitations should be submitted by the first month of the semester, and final copies submitted no later than 2 WEEKS before the scheduled gallery opening.

If this class does not meet during a scheduled class time, personal critique times will be scheduled and will require constant attendance.

More than two (2) absences without an official excuse will result in an evaluation adjustment at the end of the semester.

### REQUIRED FOR CAPSTONE:

- Weekly meetings with your major advisor /instructor(s) within your area of specialization to create a body of work reflecting your thematic concepts and maturity within your area of specialization. The concept of the show and the work involved in it will be written up as an “Capstone Exhibition Proposal” and turned in at mid-semester of the last 4301 class. It is your responsibility to set up a weekly appointment with your advisor, and keep it.
- Based on your proposal, plan and mount an exhibition of your artwork that will reflect your aesthetic investigations into your chosen area of specialization. Consult with your major advisor on your agreed thematic concepts and editing.
- All work exhibited must be OK'd by your major advisor.
- All work must be professionally displayed. Special display concepts must be approved by your advisor and maintained

- through out the run of your exhibit. All shows must be in the SRSU Gallery. Any other venue may be substituted only with permission of the your advisor and Dean of Arts & Sciences.
- Design an invitation/announcement for your show. This must include a title for the show, dates of show, reception date (if applicable) and that the show is a Sul Ross State University BFA exhibition.
- An artist's Statement that discusses your work, its development and its relationship to the contemporary art scene must accompany your exhibition. The statement should cover your *personal approach to the issues surrounding the development, and presentation of your work. This statement will attempt to justify your aesthetic investigations in relation to ideas of Contemporary Art (since 1970), the heritage of World Art, and issues of socio-politic importance.*
- A press release should be turned into News and Publications (BAB 108 or email Steve Lang-slang@sulross.edu) and any other Papers you wish, **the Monday of the week preceding your show**. This will be developed from your show proposal and artist statement. A draft should be turned in three weeks before you show and approved by your major advisor.
- A resume will be turned in to your major advisor.
- Documentation of all the works in your show. Jpegs should be 300dpi, in focus, color correct, cropped to size and labeled with your name and a number (jdoe#1.jpeg), and an accompanied list of title, medium, dimensions date done.
- Also include photographs of your exhibition and reception.
- Clean up; All display cases and pedestals that are used must be returned to the proper storage area after the show is taken down. Pull out all nails. No marks on the walls. Total clean up after the reception area including sink and trash.

#### Evaluation:

- A. 75% production of work and mounting of an capstone exhibition.
- B. 25% Documentation, Statement, resume, press release, invitation.

#### Goals:

- A. To develop an area of specialization and create a body of work reflecting personal thematic concepts and maturity within that medium.
- B. To gain the experience of having a one-person exhibition and professionally installing a show as well as to learn the PR and professional problems involved in having an exhibition.
- C. To learn to discuss and justify ones artwork from a subjective viewpoint and pull it into a contemporary and historical context.

All work must show evidence of consistent work habits and intent through out the semester.

Students must be able to discuss use of Composition: Focal points, spatial relations, color theory and palette choices, texture, content/context to Art History, and use of thematics.

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### **SUPPLIES:**

Students are expected to have their own supplies. Proper presentation of the artwork is a part of this class. Frames, glazing, hooks and wires, hammer and nails, etc. are required. You are expected to keep your work area clean, and to take care of your own equipment !

**RECOMMENDED TEXT:** “Practical Handbook for the emerging artist.”  
Margaret Lazzari ISBN-10: 0495910260

### **ATTENDANCE:**

The structure of the “4301/5304 studio class” course requires consistent attendance. This class is required to cover 96 studio class hours.

You should be prepared to put in at least 10-15 hours per week to finish your work.

Scheduled critiques and personal critique times will be held on opposite weeks and both require constant attendance! If you can't be there, I need to know in advance! 837-8258 or 294-1313.

More than three (3) absences without an official excuse will result in an evaluation adjustment at the end of the semester.

### **CRITIQUES:**

Students are expected to be in class working during scheduled class hours.

You are expected to be PRODUCING WEEKLY. I should be able to walk in and see your progress, give you pointers and critiques. If you are not in when I show up, you are considered absent.

**MANDATORY Critiques** will be held twice a semester on a Friday from 11-2.

**Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Each student will have a few minutes to their exhibition proposal and the work being developed for it. and a total of 10 minutes for the critique.

**May 4**, All paperwork and documentation and a CD of art work and exhibition due in

### **Course Structure**

A consistent thematic portfolio of paintings will produced on a weekly basis.

Assignments will be due every two weeks.

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You must be able to discuss your use of Composition : Focal points, Spatial relations, Color theory and palette choices, Texture, Content/context, and theme.

Mandatory class critiques will be held once a month.

**If there is an emergency situation let me know as soon as possible!**

**Disabilities:** Please notify me if you have a disability that requires accommodation. If you would like to request such accommodation because of a physical, mental, or learning disability contact the Director of Counseling & Accessibility Services, Ferguson Hall 112 -432 837-8203

**Academic honesty:** The University expects all students to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is beyond reproach. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including but not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. More information on this can be found in the SRSU Rules & Regulations supplement to the Student Handbook.

## **Disciplinary Action Code:**

#21. (Partial quote) “Campus disruptive activities includes disorderly classroom conduct that obstructs, interferes with, inhibits and/or disrupts teaching and/or classroom activities”. If you smell like alcohol or Marijuana, I will ask you to leave class and not come back.

## **CALENDAR**

### **The third week of classes:**

Submit an artists statement for review by the committee.

This discusses your work, its development and its relationship to the contemporary art scene must accompany your exhibition. The statement should cover your *personal approach to the issues surrounding the development, and presentation of your work. This statement will attempt to justify your aesthetic investigations in relation to ideas of Contemporary Art (since 1970), the heritage of World Art, and issues of socio-politic importance.* A preliminary draft will be turned in week 4 of the semester preceding your exhibition.

### **Up to a month before your show:**

Work with your *major advisor* /instructor(s) within your area of specialization to create a body of work reflecting your thematic concepts and maturity within your area of specialization. The concept of the show and the work involved in it will be written up as an “Capstone Exhibition Proposal” and turned in at mid-semester of the last 4301 class. It is your responsibility to set up a weekly appointment with your advisor, and keep it. All work exhibited must be OK’d by your major advisor.

### **Four weeks before your show:**

1. Submit the design for your invitation/announcement for your show. This must include a title for the show, dates of show, reception date (if applicable) and that the show is a Sul Ross State University BFA exhibition.
2. Finished artist’s Statement
3. Rough draft of a press release
4. Draft of your postcard and poster for the show.
5. Make sure all your work is ready for the exhibition. (touched up, framed, wired, pedestals, etc.)

### **Two – three weeks before your show:**

1. Approved press release for the local should be submitted to Steve Lang ([slang@sulross.edu](mailto:slang@sulross.edu)) and any other papers you would like to submit too.
2. Get your postcards and posters printed. Contact Joan Oesper ([joesper@sulross.edu](mailto:joesper@sulross.edu)) These can take up to 10 days. You may also print off campus. You must pay for printing.
3. Write a 30 sec press release for the radio.
4. Hang posters around campus and downtown.
5. Get your tags printed.

### **The weekend before your show:**

1. Check with your advisor to see when they are available.
2. The gallery should be empty by noon.
3. Layout your art the way you want it hung
4. Make sure you have ruler, nails, hammer, straight pins, etc.

### **The end of your show**

1. Total clean up after the reception area including sink and trash.
2. A resume will be turned in to your major professor.

3. CD: All the works in your show. Jpegs should be 300dpi, color correct, cropped to size and labeled with your name and number (jdoe#1.jpeg), and an accompanied list of title, medium, dimensions, date done.
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