Fayetteville State University  
College of Arts and Science  
Department of Performing and Fine Arts  
ART 400 Art Thesis

I. Locator Information:
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Course # and Name: ART 400 -Art Thesis  
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Semester Credit Hours: 1  
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II. Course Description:
This course that involves individual projects relating to an investigation of survival strategies, materials and techniques, theory of art, methods of criticism, exhibition and presentation in the selected area of specialization.

III. Disabled Student Services: In accordance with Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ACA) of 1990, if you have a disability or think you have a disability to please contact the Center for Personal Development in the Spaulding Building, Room 155 (1st Floor); 910-672-1203.

IV. Textbook: No textbook.

V. Student Learning Outcomes:
Upon Completion of this course students will have the knowledge to create and hang an exhibition.

VI. Course Requirements and Evaluation Criteria:
FSU Attendance Requirements:
Students are expected to attend all class meetings and other instructional sessions for all courses in which they are enrolled. Students are also expected to arrive to class on time and remain in class for the entire scheduled period. When students must miss class(es) for unavoidable reasons, i.e., illness, family emergencies, or participation in official university sponsored activities – they are responsible for informing faculty of the reasons for the absences, in advance if possible, and completing all missed assignments. Faculty members will indicate in their syllabi the conditions for making up missed assignments.

During the first half of the semester/term, faculty will assign an interim grade of “EA,” Excessive Absences, for students whose class absences exceed 10% of the total contact hours for the class. Students who receive EA interim grades must either withdraw from the class or resume attendance. Students who resume attendance must consult with the instructor about completion of missed assignments. The EA is not a final grade, so students who are assigned an interim grade of EA, but do not withdraw from the class, will receive a final grade based on the evaluation criteria for the class. Please note that the WN grade is no longer in effect. Students must not expect faculty to withdraw them from classes.

Excessive absences will reduce your overall grade by one or two grades (depending on the number of absences). It is important for students to be in class regularly to work with their peers and the instructor.

Blackboard:
The use of Blackboard is integral to a student’s success in this course. All students should be on Blackboard’s class roster and each
student should make sure the email address on Blackboard is their main address they use for an electronic communication (see instructor to post an email address different than the university student email).

**Policy on Missed or Late Assignments** – Student are responsible for all material missed during their absence. To pass this exit course, students are expected to complete all the assignments in this course in the time line given to them by the instructor. Any activity not completed by the deadline will result in a course repeat.

[Please note: Any changes in the evaluation criteria, the instructor will distribute a written amendment to the syllabus.]

**FSU Policy on Disruptive Behavior in the Classroom:** The Code of the University of North Carolina (of which FSU is a constituent institution) and the FSU Code of Student Conduct affirm that all students have the right to receive instruction without interference from other students who disrupt classes.

FSU Core Curriculum Learning Outcome under Ethics and Civic Engagement (6.03): All students will “prepare themselves for responsible citizenship by fulfilling roles and responsibilities associated with membership in various organizations.” Each classroom is a mini-community. Students learn and demonstrate responsible citizenship by abiding by the rules of classroom behavior and respecting the rights all members of the class.

The FSU Policy on Disruptive Behavior (see FSU website for complete policy) identifies the following behaviors as disruptive:

1. Failure to respect the rights of other students to express their viewpoints by behaviors such as repeatedly interrupting others while they speak, using profanity and/or disrespectful names or labels for others, ridiculing others for their viewpoints, and other similar behaviors.

2. Excessive talking to other students while the faculty member or other students are presenting information or expressing their viewpoints

3. Use of cell phones and other electronic devices (headphones not permitted)

4. Bringing children into the classroom (without prior approval)

5. Overt inattentiveness (sleeping, reading newspapers, etc.)

6. Eating in class (except as permitted by instructor)

7. Threats or statements that jeopardize the climate of safety in the classroom

8. Failure to follow reasonable requests by the instructor

9. Entering class late or leaving class early on regular basis which causes a distraction

The instructor may take the following actions in response to disruptive behavior. Students should recognize that refusing to comply with reasonable requests from the faculty member is another incidence of disruptive behavior.

1. Direct student to cease disruptive behavior

2. Direct student to change seating locations when necessary

3. Require student to have individual conference with faculty member. At this meeting the faculty member will explain consequences of continued disruptive behavior.

4. Dismiss class for the remainder of the period (this action must be reported to the department chair).

5. Lower the student’s final grade by a maximum of one-letter grade.

6. File a complaint with the Chair of the department and/or Dean of Students for disciplinary action

**Students who believe the faculty member has unfairly applied the policy to them may make an appeal with the faculty member’s department chair.**

**Specific ART 400 Course Requirements and Evaluation Criteria:**

Grading (See grading rubric for each):
50% Exhibition Installation/Opening [80% of the work in the senior thesis exhibit must be from the students’ area of concentration and 80% of the work must have been created while a student at Fayetteville State University]

25% PowerPoint Presentation to FSU faculty/FSU students/general public

10% Artist’s Statement

10% Quality of Matting and Framing for Exhibition

5% Attend 2 gallery openings prior to senior exhibition (FSU gallery opening, and/or opening in the community)

VII. Academic Support Resources:
Students will need to see instructor outside of class to assist with any problems understanding the content of this course.

VIII. Teaching Strategies:
Teaching strategies include lectures, hands-on demonstrations, demonstrational technology, and gallery visitation.

IX. Bibliography:

FSU Visual Arts Policy Regarding Civility in the Studio

All students participating in activities in the arts studios (graphics lab, ceramics studio, sculpture studio, painting studio, drawing studio) are required to observe the following guidelines for conduct in the classroom or work area:

All students have the right to a safe, educational environment that is conducive to learning and creative self-expression. Students are encouraged to demonstrate their individuality and creativity while respecting the rights and beliefs of others.

Students will refrain from behaviors that detract from a safe, educational environment, including the following:

• Using language that denigrates others based upon membership in a group (gender, race, sexual orientation, religion, nationality, ethnicity, etc.)
• Using language or vocabulary that is likely to offend (the F word etc.)
• Engaging in behavior or language that is combative, threatening, or antagonistic
• Breaking the rules of conventional politeness and concern for the rights and feelings of others
• Using materials or equipment in an unsafe or inappropriate manner
• Making unnecessary/accidental messes and leaving them for someone else to clean it up
• Failing to put projects, materials or tools away at the end of class
• Being unprepared for class in a manner that disrupts the class or learning process

INCIVILITY IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AND DISRUPTS THE LEARNING PROCESS FOR ALL. INFRACTIONS OF INCIVILITY WILL RESULT IN THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:
1. UPON THE FIRST INFRACTION, A WARNING WILL BE ISSUED. SEVERE INFRACTIONS THAT WARRANT PUNITIVE MEASURES WILL BE DEALT WITH ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.
2. UPON THE SECOND INFRACTION, AN INSTRUCTOR HAS THE DISCRETION TO REDUCE THE NEXT EXAM GRADE BY AN AMOUNT UP TO 20 POINTS.
3. THE THIRD INFRACTION WILL RESULT IN A REFERRAL TO THE DEAN OF STUDENTS.
4. SEVERE OR REPEATED INFRACTIONS MAY ALTER A STUDENT’S GRADE BY MORE THAN ONE LETTER GRADE. THE ART PROGRAM FACULTY MAY REVIEW THE PROPOSED PENALTY AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE INDIVIDUAL FACULTY MEMBER BEFORE THE FINAL GRADE IS GIVEN.
5. A STUDENT WHO CONTINUES TO DISRUPT THE CLASS OR THE LEARNING PROCESS FOR THEMSELVES AND/OR FOR OTHERS WILL BE DISMISSED FROM THE CLASS OR STUDIO WITH A FAILING GRADE.