

# TWO-DIMENSIONAL FUNDAMENTALS

## I. Course Description:

This course is a studio class exploring the fundamentals of the formal systems and basic elements of visual organization through two-dimensional design principles and theories using a variety of tactile and digital media.

## II. Credit Hours: Three (3) A studio class meeting six (6) clock hours per week

## III. Media:

Emphasis on a variety of two-dimensional black and white and color drawing, painting, collage, and digital media which may include:

Pencil	Markers	Ink	Acrylics
Tempera	Various papers	image software	

## IV. Concepts and skills should include, but not be limited to:

Figure/ground	Value/Hue/Intensity	Space/shallow/deep
Surface effects	Shape	Composition
Pattern/repetition/motif	Color Principles	Color mixing
Contrast	Implied lines	Balance
Unity/harmony	Expressive lines	Implied Movement
Dominance/subordination	Expression/interpretation/meaning	

Computer generated practice in 2-D imaging applications such as *Photoshop* or *Painter* is encouraged in this class.

## V. Critical Analysis:

Class and individual critiques providing for understanding the criteria and standards used in assessing performance.

## VI. Historical Reference:

Connect contemporary and historical models to this particular studio/aesthetic practice

## VII. Health and Safety:

Students should be made aware of the safety issues involved in working with art materials and techniques for this course work, including proper use, storage, and disposal.

## VIII. Suggested references/texts, current editions of the following:

<i>Launching the Imagination</i> , Stewart	
<i>Art Fundamentals</i> -Ocvirk, Stinson, Whigg, Bone, Clayton	
<i>Elements of Art</i> -Pumphrey	<i>Design Dimensions</i> -Dantzic
<i>Visual Forces</i> -Martinez, Block	<i>Principles of Design</i> -Wong
<i>Basic Design</i> -Lauer, Pentak	

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