Mohawk Valley Community College

**Utica and Rome, New York**

**Course Outline**

**FA105 Foundation Design P-6 Cr-3**

**Course Description:**

This course introduces the visual elements and principles of design. Emphasis is placed on compositional concepts and the mastery of a visual language. Course projects explore a variety of media, processes, and techniques to provide a broad view of visual problem solving.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Through course assignments, research and analysis of contemporary and historical painting, drawing and design techniques, lectures, and critiques, the student will be able to:

* Create works which reflect knowledge of traditional and contemporary design, drawing and painting techniques
* Create works which demonstrate a relationship between form and content
* Use art terminology in class discussions and critique
* Verbalize and discuss aesthetic and technical concepts during critiques such as application and effectiveness of basic elements of design, visual interest, emotive qualities, and thematic concerns
* Demonstrate study of a variety of approaches to creating thoughtful design, paintings, and drawings
* Demonstrate knowledge of how student work relates to current topics and ideas in the art world.

**Major Topics:**

* Brainstorming
* Creative process
* Ideation
* Quick sketching and visual thumbnails
* Elements and principles of composition
* Wet media techniques
* Dry media techniques
* Digital media techniques
* Portfolio creation

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