

**ART 4893 Adv Digital Media Studio**  
TBD  
online-live  
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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Advanced students work on individual projects in guidance with faculty through directed readings, writings, group discussions and critiques. While refinement of technical skills is essential, emphasis is placed on experimentation, critical thinking and manipulation of the aesthetic experience. (May be repeated up to 12 s.h.).

**Prereq.:** ART 3792, or ART 3796, or ART 3797 or permission of instructor.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION EXTRA**

While the course will focus on achieving a level of technological competency, emphasis will also be placed on developing content with passion and creativity.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- Students will be able to create collage imagery in Photoshop
- Students will be able to create a basic animation/video
- Students will be able to create interactive sketches in the Processing
- Students will have a broader understanding of the digital medium in relation to artistic and cultural production
- Students will have greater insight into their own creative passions and desires

### **REQUIRED MATERIALS**

Computer with internet access  
access to Adobe (Photoshop, Premiere, After Effects)  
Media storage (portable hard drive, etc.)  
Sketchbook/notebook

### **EVALUATION AND GRADING**

Projects 100%

### **GRADING**

Assignments will be graded using a combination of technical execution, aesthetic value and creative risk-taking in relation to the objectives/guidelines given. These guidelines will be given at the beginning of each assignment. Because creative process is an emergent process, the objectives of the assignment may start of as open-ended and gain clarity through the process of making, one-on-one conversations with the instructor as well as group critiques.

**From the YSU Undergraduate Bulletin:**

**A** represents exceptional work in which the student shows that he or she has firmly grasped and achieved the objectives of the course.

**B** indicates very good work and considerable grasp of the essentials of the course.

**C** indicates good work and a usable grasp of the essentials of the course.

**D** indicates a definite, but not necessarily coherent, knowledge of the course.

**F** indicates that the student has not achieved even a minimum grasp of the essentials of the course.

## **LOST WORK**

Lost work is viewed as work not completed. Protect all work with great care.

## **LATE ASSIGNMENTS**

The final grade will drop one letter grade for each class period the assignment is late.

## **INCOMPLETE GRADE POLICY**

An incomplete grade of "I" may be given to a student who has been doing satisfactory work in a course, but, for reasons beyond the control of the student and deemed justifiable by the instructor, has not completed all requirements for a course when grades were submitted. A letter grade **MAY NOT** be changed to an "I" (Incomplete) after the term has ended and grades have been recorded. For **Fall Term** courses, the final date to complete an "I" will be *March 1* of the following term; for **Spring Term** courses, *September 1*; for **Summer Term** courses, *October 1*. These dates can only be extended with the approval of the instructor and the Dean of the College where the course is taught. Forms for extension of the deadline may be obtained and after obtaining the proper signatures, this form must be submitted to the University Records office 24 hours before the original deadline (i.e. for Fall Term courses, March 1 of the following term).

## **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance is mandatory due to the participatory structure of the course.

### **ATTENDANCE: Excused Absences**

#### **From the YSU undergraduate course catalog:**

The responsibility for work missed during absence rests with the student. The instructor has no obligation to give make-up graded coursework or to review other class work missed by a student as a result of absence except under those specific conditions cited below:

- Participation in University-sponsored activities. University-sponsored activities are those that are scheduled by academic, student affairs, and athletic units. They include, but are not limited to: intercollegiate athletic competitions activities approved by academic units, including artistic performances; R.O.T.C. functions; academic field trips; professional conferences; and special events connected with coursework.
- Government-required activities, such as military assignments, jury duty, or court appearances.

- Religious observances that prevent the student from attending class.
- Death of an immediate family member, including father, mother, sister, brother, spouse, children, step-children, step-parent, parent-in-laws, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, grandparents, foster parents, foster children, legal guardians, any person who stands in the place of a parent (loco parentis), or a domestic partner.
- Documented personal illness.

### **Make-up Policy for Excused Absences:**

For anticipated events, such as University-sponsored activities, students should meet with the professor the week before the absence either during office hours or during class, if possible. At this meeting, the instructor will create a plan with deadlines to make up any work and information missed.

For unanticipated events, such as illness, students should meet with the professor the during the following class. At this meeting, the instructor will create a plan with deadlines to make up any work and information missed. For personal illness, a doctor's note is required. For death of an immediate family member, an obituary is required.

### **CLASS CANCELLATION**

If this class is being cancelled for any one day due to instructor illness, or other reasons, an e-mail will be sent to the student's YSU e-mail account as soon as possible, and a cancelled class notice will be put on the classroom door. University-wide class cancellation is a decision made by the President's Office, and officially announced via the YSU homepage and on WYSU (88.5 FM) radio. Students may also register at the YSU Portal to receive a text message about University-Wide closures via the Emergency Alert Notification System.

### **COMMUNICATION**

YSU's e-mail system will be used for correspondence outside of class meetings. Students are required to obtain and use an official Youngstown State University email address.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Last day to change a grade option is **Monday, August 24**. The last day to withdraw from the class and receive a full refund is **Sunday, August 30**. The last day to withdraw from class (without a refund) is **Thursday, October 1**.

### **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

In accordance with University procedures, if you have a documented disability and require accommodations to obtain equal access in this course; please contact me privately to discuss your specific needs. You must be registered with the Center for Student Progress Disability Services, located at 36 West Wood Street, and provide a letter of accommodation to coordinate reasonable accommodations. You can reach CSP Disability Services at 330-941-1372.

## **CENTER FOR STUDENT PROGRESS (CSP)**

The Marion G. Resch Center for Student Progress is a resource on Campus established to help students successfully complete their University experience. Please phone 330-941-3538 or visit the Center for assistance in tutoring or for individualized assistance with social and academic success. The main Center is located in Kilcawley West below the bookstore.

## **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY POLICY**

As outlined in *The Student Code of Conduct*, all forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited at Youngstown State. This includes plagiarism, the unauthorized use of tools or notes in taking tests or completing assignments, fabrication of data or information used for an assignment, working with others without permission from the instructor, and more. A student who is believed to have violated the academic integrity policy will meet with the instructor to discuss the allegations. The student may accept responsibility for the violation and any sanctions selected by the instructor, or they have the right to ask for a hearing before a hearing panel. The full Academic Integrity policy can be found in Article III. 1. of *The Student Code of Conduct*, while further information on University procedures for alleged academic integrity violations can be found in Article V.

## **STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION**

Youngstown State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, disability, age, religion or veteran/military status in its programs or activities. Please visit [www.yсу.edu/ada-accessibility](http://www.yсу.edu/ada-accessibility) for contact information for persons designated to handle questions about this policy.

## **FACULTY EVALUATIONS**

In an effort to constantly improve courses, faculty within the Department of Art take the responses from students in the faculty evaluations seriously. Please fill them out.

## **HONORS CONTRACTS**

Honors students may contract this course for honors credit. Notify your instructor of your interest to discuss options, complete required paperwork, and submit to instructor by the semester deadline.

## **CORONAVIRUS**

The following policy applies and shall be enforced during the current coronavirus pandemic as recognized by the State of Ohio.

As a consequence of the current coronavirus pandemic, students are expected to abide by all safety and health policies implemented by the University's Office of Environmental Occupational Health and Safety as well as all applicable local, state, and federal mandates. Currently, the City of Youngstown and the State of Ohio mandates a face covering/mask in public spaces. Consistent with federal, state and local guidelines, University Health Guidelines

require that all individuals within campus buildings, including students, properly wear face coverings except when working alone within an enclosed area. Face coverings are in addition to maintaining appropriate social distancing when possible. Exceptions to wearing a face covering in a classroom or laboratory must be for justifiable reasons as approved by the Office of Disability Services (<https://ysu.edu/center-for-student-progress/disability-services>). Repeated violations of any coronavirus safety and health policy shall be handled in accord with The Student Code of Conduct (<https://ysu.edu/student-conduct/code-conduct>).

## SCHEDULE

The schedule will be decided between each individual student and instructor during the first week. Because students will meet individually for most of the semester, the schedule will be unique for each student. Students will meet with the faculty member a minimum of once per week.

## SCHEDULE – IMPORTANT DATES

AUG	17-19	First Meetings
	24	Last Day to Add Classes or Change Grading Option
	30	Last Day for 100% Refund
SEP	7	<b>NO CLASS:</b> LABOR DAY
OCT	1	Last Day for Withdrawing with a Grade of "W"
	5-7	<b>MIDTERM:</b> JPR, ADMS + SP group critique
	12	<b>NO CLASS:</b> FALL BREAK
NOV	11	<b>NO CLASS:</b> LABOR DAY
	25	<b>NO CLASS:</b> THANKSGIVING
DEC	7-11	<b>FINALS:</b> JPR, ADMS + SP group critique

## NOTE TO STUDENT

By choosing to remain in this class, you agree to abide by the standards set forth in this syllabus. The instructor reserves the right to alter the office hours, schedule, grade distribution and assignments at any point during the semester.

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