Advanced Intaglio
ARTS 44040
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Room 301 Center for the Visual Arts
Tuesday and Thursday 2:15pm-5pm

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& by appointment

Prerequisites: Intermediate Intaglio

## **Course Description:**

Continuation of ARTF 34040 with special emphasis on color and photographic techniques in intaglio.

This advanced class is designed to foster a thorough investigation of intaglio processes, in both form and content, and in relationship to contemporary art practice. Students will complete 1 introductory project to review and build upon previously learned techniques. The following 4 projects will be self-assigned and accompanied by a written proposal and in consultation with the instructor. Students are expected to work toward building a cohesive body of work in intaglio – either as a series of prints, a further exploration of installation/non-traditional materials, or building off of projects from Intermediate Intaglio (ARTF 34040), for example. In addition to developing strong concepts, students are expected to push the limits of intaglio technically through the use of color, large scale work, and format.

Expect to dedicate **a good amount** of out of class time to finish projects for this class. The **minimum** will be 8 hours per week.

# **Course Objectives:**

- o To develop advanced technical skills in intaglio with the ability to continue working independently in the future
- o To develop your own line of inquiry or body of work in printmaking
- o Complete impeccable editions or variables and skillfully use multiple runs/colors
- o Possess a thorough understanding of the vocabulary of intaglio
- o Identify artists, movements, trends, etc, in printmaking that relate to your own ongoing research and studio practice

## **Course Policies:**

This is a studio class in which you will be REQUIRED to be in class during the WHOLE class unless told otherwise. Class time will be used for work time, lectures, critiques, demonstrations, and discussions that CANNOT be made up. You will receive a daily grade, based on your preparedness for class and time utilization.

Attendance is mandatory. Over three absences results in the drop of one full letter grade for each additional absence. Arriving late or leaving early on three occasions counts as an absence. Please be here prepared for class and ON TIME as roll will be taken at the start of class. Students who attend class, but elect not to participate, work, or do not bring assigned materials will receive an unexcused absence for the day. Students participating in authorized University activities are expected to notify the instructor before each absence and arrange to make up any missed work. Missing more than 5 class periods will result in failure of the course. Missing the final exam period will result in failure of the course.

Students should be ready to take notes during demonstrations and slide presentations and be prepared for work to be done outside of class.

Throughout the semester, each student is expected to participate fully in the life of the

printmaking studio. Expect to spend 8 hours per week working outside of class. In addition to completed assignments, every student must participate in lectures, demonstrations and critiques to encourage dialog, thought, and practice good studio etiquette. Be ready to PARTICIPATE in class!!! TALK and ASK QUESTIONS!!! Do not be afraid to ask a question or to offer your critical thoughts. Your direct participation in this class is what will make this class fun and informational. The more feedback you get and give, the better your work will be. To prevent disruption and distraction, using cell phones and listening to headphones are not permitted in the studio during class.

## **Email**

To stay current with university information, students are expected to check their official university email account on a frequent and consistent basis, at least twice per week.

As your instructor, I will make every effort to respond to questions or meeting requests by email within 48 hours. Emails should be reserved for important matters in which you cannot get ahold of me in person. Before sending an email, check the syllabus and project handouts for answers to your questions.

# **Coursework and Grading:**

Students will complete four projects, keep a process journal with their name and section legible and visible on the spine, and present a final artist research presentation. The following activities are to serve as assignments and are minimal requirements for entries into the journal/sketchbook:

- 1. Thumbnails/studies for each project
- 2. **Record notes** from class demonstrations, discussions, and critiques. Save all handouts. Grades will be based on the following factors: attendance, work ethic, personal investment into the projects, the quality and quantity of your completed work, self motivation, imagination, diligence, critique & discussion participation, and the application of the techniques learned. Fulfilling the base requirements will translate into a "C". Experimental investigation, superior quality and growth will result in higher grades.

All assignments should be handed in **ON TIME. Prints made the day they are due will be considered LATE, and will not be given full credit.** All late projects will be lowered 10% per class past due. Missing a critique will lower that project grade an additional 5%. Late projects will not be accepted for any reason past 1 week from the original deadline.

## Grading

Projects (4) 16 points (graded on a 4.0 scale)

Note: Each Project will include grades on active use of Process Journal & Participation Final Artist Research Presentation 4 points (graded on a 4.0 scale)

Total: 20 points (graded on a 4.0 scale)

- A Exceptional achievement in conceptual and aesthetic development and technical expertise.
- B Extensive achievement in resolved conceptual and aesthetic projects, solid technique.
- C Acceptable achievement and satisfactory projects that fulfill the assignments.
- D Minimal achievement, attempted but incomplete work, below average in meeting basic operations.
- F Inadequate achievement necessitating a repetition of the course to secure credit.
  Incomplete work, poor participation and/or attendance. Student will not receive credit for the course.

## **Final Artist Research Presentation:**

Students will be required to present a 10 minute Final Artist Research Presentation of all work made in class as well as artistic influences and research. This presentation is due the day of the final exam period during finals week and should document all the projects in order to receive a grade in the course.

#### **Studio Maintenance:**

All students are required to help keep our printmaking studio clean, orderly, and safe. As Advanced students, YOU serve as role models and examples to beginners! Bad workshop habits negatively affect your work and the work of others. This class is not the only class working in this space, and it is up to all of us to keep it clean. Damage to any of the presses or class tools will be replaced at your expense. The Print Area is a shared lab. Every student is to use it with consideration for others, the materials, and the equipment. It is your responsibility to clean up after yourself and our class. There should be no ink or materials left out. Students are responsible for their messes— failure to clean up after oneself will result in a loss of shop privileges and/or a lowering of the final grade.

All students must participate in a final shop cleanup during their final exam period (after final presentations). Failure to participate in final cleanup will result in a lowering of the final grade. All work must be removed before Friday December 14. **Anything remaining in the studio after 12pm on Friday December 14 will be thrown away.** 

## Research:

As instructor, I am looking for evidence of research into every project. This research can be into other artists, artworks, subject matter, or materials. I will be asking you about inspiration during our group critiques and discussions.

#### **Critique Sessions:**

We will have studio critiques in which all students show their work. On a given due date, prepare to discuss your work and the work of others. Critique doesn't mean a negative fault-finding mission. Rather it is meant to be a constructive activity, one that will point out the strengths and weaknesses of the work and that will hopefully improve your work in the future. Also, this is not a critique of YOU; it is a critique of your work. Your contribution to a critique session is valuable to everyone. You will build your vocabulary and critical thinking skills, allowing you to make thoughtful and meaningful comments about art.

## Lockers:

Lockers are provided inside the printshop for students currently enrolled in a printmaking course. There is no charge for the locker, but you must provide your own lock and clearly mark it with your name and current semester. Lockers must be emptied at the end of each semester.

## Students with Disabilities:

University Policy 3342-3-18 requires that students with disabilities be provided reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to course content. If you have a documented disability and require accommodations, please contact me at the beginning of the semester to make arrangements. You must first verify your eligibility for these arrangements through Student Accessibility Services. Please call 330-672-3391 or visit http://www.kent.edu/sas for more information on registration.

# **Registration for courses:**

University policy requires all students to be registered in each class they attend. Students who are not officially registered for a course by published University deadlines should not be attending class and will not receive credit or a grade for the course. Each student must confirm enrollment by checking her/his official class schedule using "Student Tools" in FlashFAST prior

to the deadline. Registration errors must be corrected before the deadline of August 29. Students wishing to withdraw from the course for any reason must do so before the Withdrawal Deadline of October 31.

# **Photographic Documentation of Student Work:**

The instructor may photographically document student work created in fulfillment of academic requirements for this class for use in future teaching or promotional contexts within the School of Art. Additionally, the Print Department occasionally asks students to donate a print or two to their extensive archives to be used for teaching examples. By continuing enrollment in this class, you automatically grant permission to the instructor to document your work and use the image reproductions for the purposes stated above unless you submit a written request stating otherwise to the instructor by the second week of the semester. Students who choose not to participate in either the documentation or donation of their work will not be penalized in any way.

## **Materials:**

Provided:

Chemicals & Solvents Veg Oil Simple Green Inks

Tarletan

Required for students to buy:

Copper Plates/ Photo Etching Plates/ or Collagraph materials

Paper towels
Rives BFK paper

Newsprint pad 18"x24" or larger

Oversize paper
Chine Colle paper
toolbox for your supplies

# You can purchase these materials at any of the following locations:

All Media Art Supply Co, 417 E. Main St, Kent, OH Renaissance Graphics: renaissancegraphics.com

Graphic Chemical: graphicchemical.com Dick Blick: dickblick.com or store in Cleveland

Put your name on EVERYTHING that is yours!!!

Helpful Websites: Please like and follow for information about exhibitions and events!

Kent State University School of Art on Facebook & @kentstateschoolofart on Instagram @kentprintmedia (#ksuprints) (account for Print Media & Photo program) on Instagram

United Print Alliance (official student organization for printmaking at KSU) on Facebook & @unitedprintalliance on Instagram

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Week 1 Thurs 8/23	<b>Week 2</b> Tues 8/28 - Thurs 8/30	<b>Week 3</b> Tues 9/4 - Thurs 9/7	<b>Week 4</b> Tues 9/11- Thurs 9/13	
Overview of course Assign lockers/ flat files/ stones Lecture: Project 1 Demo: Plate prep, hardground, softground, aquatint	Idea and Image Development Discussion Demo: Sugar lift, spit bite, drawing with litho crayon and tusche wash, white ground	Taryn at IMPACT Conference Visit to School of Art Collections Gallery	Demo: Color mixing, printing multiple plates in registration	
Homework: Gather materials and generate 5 ideas for Project 1	Taryn at IMPACT Conference	Taryn at IMPACT Conference	Demo: Chine colle	
	Magical Secrets Video			
Week 5 Tues 9/18 - Thurs 9/20	Week 6 Tues 9/25 - Thurs 9/27	Week 7 Tues 10/2 - Thurs 10/4	Week 8 Tues 10/9 - Thurs 10/11	
Work Day	PROJECT 1 DUE / CRITIQUE Lecture: Project 2	Demo: Exposing, developing, and etching photo-plates	Work Day: Exposing, developing, etching plates in class	
Work Day	Idea and Image	Work Day: Printing transparencies in class	FALL BREAK - NO CLASS	
	Development Discussion Demo: Digital image preparation and printing transparencies	Taryn at MAPC Conference		
Week 9 Tues 10/16 - Thursi 10/18	Week 10 Tues 10/23 - Thurs 10/25	Week 11 Tues 10/30 - Thurs 11/1	<b>Week 12</b> Tues 11/6 - Thurs 11/8	
Work Day	Idea and Image Development Discussion	Demo: Photo Collagraph	Work Day	
PROJECT 2 DUE / CRITIQUE Lecture: Project 3	Demo: Collagraph  NYC TRIP	Work Day	PROJECT 3 DUE / CRITIQUE Lecture: Project 4	
Week 13 Tues 11/13 - Thurs 11/15	Week 14 Tues 11/20 - Thurs 11/22	Week 15 Tues 11/27 - Thurs 11/29	Week 16 Tues 12/4 - Thurs 12/6	
ldea and Image Development Discussion	Demo: by request (or review previous techniques)	Work Day	Work Day	
Demo: Creating 2 plates in registration	THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO CLASS	Work Day	PROJECT 4 DUE / CRITIQUE Lecture: Artist Research Presentations	

<b>Week 17</b> Thurs 12/13 12:45-3pm		
Mandatory Final Exam!		
FINAL ARTIST RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS / CLEANUP		

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:**

Safe handling of all chemicals and equipment will be demonstrated throughout the semester and before each project. The everyday use of acids, chemicals, and equipment while working in the print shop means one must adhere to strict safety guidelines:

- 1. Only those who are enrolled in a printmaking course may work in the shop.
- 2. Solvents should only be used under the hood of the 'dry sink' with the fan on to allow proper ventilation. Acids should only be used under the acid booth with the fan on to allow proper ventilation. Aerosol cans and sprays should only be used under the proper hood with the fan on to allow proper ventilation. Turn all fans off when not in use.
- 3. Great care should be taken when working around the acids and solvents. Always wear protective gear including gloves and goggles. Skin contact with these chemicals should be flooded with water immediately and should be reported to your instructor and/or the student lab monitor. An eye wash station and shower are provided for major accidents.
- 4. All accidents (spills and any damage to anything in the shop) should be reported to your instructor and/or the lab monitor immediately.
- 5. Secure all long hair and loose clothing before using any of the equipment. It is very easy to have hair or clothing snagged in the press or dipped in the acid.
- 6. The last person in the shop to leave should make sure that all tools are returned to their original spot, all acids are properly covered, all hot plates turned off and all fans turned off.
- 7. Never pour solvents, acids, or any inks into the sink. The combination of water with debris and solvents will clog the sink. Solvents should only be handled under the hood of the 'dry sink'. Acid should only be handled under the hood of the acid booth.
- 8. Print 1 students may only use the shop during designated lab hours (these vary per semester and are posted in the studio).
- 9. Upper level students may work outside of designated lab hours, but are never to work in the shop alone.

# PLEASE READ, CHECK EACH BOX BELOW, SIGN, AND RETURN TO INSTRUCTOR

□ 1.	I have been shown the nearest fire pull, evacuation routes and the locations of the tornado shelters.
2.	I have been shown the nearest safety shower and eyewash station and I have been told how to use these devices properly.
□3.	I have been shown the locations of the personal protective equipment and I am aware of their protection and limitations.
<u></u> 4.	I have informed the instructor of any health conditions I have that may cause difficulty while performing laboratory operations.
<b>□</b> 5.	I know that I must take precaution to cover my arms, legs and the trunk of my body when handling chemicals and equipment. I know that I must wear shoes that cover my entire foot therefore I will not wear sandals or open toed shoes when working in the print lab.
☐ <b>6</b> .	I agree to wear eye protection that has been approved by the University when handling chemicals.
□ <sub>7</sub> .	I will report any accidents that occur, regardless of how insignificant they seem. I realize that by reporting these incidents, better safety practices can be incorporated in the future.
8.	I know where the used chemical receptacles are stored and I understand how to use the containers correctly. I know how to properly discard sharps, glass and biohazards.
□9.	Print 1 students: I will not begin laboratory work without the lab monitor present.  Upper Division students: I will not work in the laboratory alone.
□ 10	. Safe handling of materials and procedures will be demonstrated during class. I can then anticipate any potential hazards and will prepare for them.
□ 11	. I will not eat or drink while working in the print lab.
☐ 12	. I understand the chemical warning systems and I am able to recognize hazard symbols.
☐ <b>1</b> 3	. I have been made aware of the accessibility of Safety Data Sheets. I may request to see these materials by contacting my instructor or the lab monitor.
☐ 14	. I understand that any safety deficiencies I see in the print lab should be reported to my instructor or the monitor.
☐ 15	. I have read and understand the previously listed safety rules. By signing this document I acknowledge that the rules were presented to me and I agree to follow these rules. I have also read the course syllabus and understand the attendance and grading policy as stated.
Signature	Date/