

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an independent study that asks students to analyze various visual problems and develop finished illustrations that answer specific editorial questions, while using varied techniques. Research is a critical function in the development of effective design or illustration. Students are asked to examine three problems and present visual solutions using specific traditional and digital mediums. Students are encouraged to approach all problems from varied viewpoints and present ideas that are specific to a demographic market or specific readership.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

1. ***Demonstrate the competent use of traditional illustration mediums to render effective advanced colour illustrations.***

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Practice and refine the interpretation of various themes using traditional media.
- Practice and refine the competent use of dry media, with emphasis on personal stylistic development.

2. ***Originate effective visual communication through the application of design aesthetics – harmony, contrast, balance, opposition, rhythm, texture, tone, scale and composition***

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Understand and utilize dry and wet mediums as a means of editorial expression
- Demonstrate an ability to develop and use photographic reference.

3. ***Develop a problem solving method using analysis, incubation of thought, inspiration of technical execution and verification of results***

Potential Elements of the Performance:

Develop a more varied and competent means of developing pictorial materials on a project based outcome

4. ***Develop verbal and physical presentation skills***

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Develop a rapport when presenting design solutions and the ability to accept and objectively analyze criticism.

5. **Appropriate time management and studio habits**

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Develop working methods to develop and execute more extensive projects.
- Demonstrate the ability to properly manage time over a more extended project
- Develop the ability to finish a project with clarity of thought and conviction of intent.

6. *Digital Translation*Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Develop traditional projects that can be adjusted to vector based digital medium
- Demonstrate the ability to develop photographic illustrations using digital cameras and Adobe Photoshop
- Develop the ability to finish an illustrative project for final Offset reproduction

III. TOPICS: Each student will develop a visual solution that examines the following topics, specific project parameters will be given with the introduction of the project.

1. *The State of Affairs*

As per deadline on project description

2. *The Crowd*

As per deadline on project description

3. *Signs of Spring*

As per deadline on project description

IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

*Required textbook: A History of Graphic Design/Philip B. Meggs –3rd ed.
ISBN 0-471-29198-6*

Research:

Students should bring a notebook, pen and pencil to each class. Students will be given advance notice as to additional materials on a per project basis.

Students are encouraged to use extensive research methods for obtaining proper visual references in the brainstorm/ideation process for design problem-solving. Research materials are welcome in the classroom to assist in the development of images. However, the direct copying of research reference is strictly prohibited by copy infringement laws. Wherever possible, the student should use real life visual reference rather than relying on existing two-dimensional imagery.

V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

There will be two visual assignments requiring research and development of a visual solution that utilizes specific historical context. There will be four tests throughout the term, the two assignments and the tests will be of equal value – 30% per assignment and 10% per test.

*DEDUCTIONS – LATES AND FAILS***Lates:**

An assignment is considered late if it is not submitted at the time and date specified by the instructor.

A late assignment will be penalized by a 5% deduction for each week that it's late. The total late penalty will be deducted from the final grade. Eg. 3 weeks late = 15% deduction from final grade.

Maximum grade for a late assignment is "C"

A late assignment which is not executed to a minimum D (satisfactory) level will be assigned a fail grade with additional penalties outlined below

Fail:

A fail grade (F) is assessed to an assignment which has not been executed to a minimum satisfactory "D" grade level or in which the directions have not been followed correctly.

A failed assignment must be entirely re-done or corrected according to the instructor's specific instructions and resubmitted within one week.

A failed assignment will be penalized by a 5% deduction from the final grade.

Maximum grade for a failed assignment is "C"

Failed assignments not submitted within the one week timeframe will be subject to 5% late deductions for each week they are overdue.

Resubmission policy.

Any assignment completed during this course may be submitted for re-evaluation if the following criteria are met by the student.

a) an assignment that was initially submitted past the initial assigned deadline will not be eligible for re-evaluation.

b) an assignment that initially achieved a fail grade must be resubmitted to achieve minimum project standards and will receive a maximum C grade as indicated under the section for Lates and Fails in this outline.

- c) the resubmitted project must be accompanied by the original project and the original evaluation sheets (with written indication of grade breakdown) provided by the professor
- d) assignments may be resubmitted at any time during the semester. The final date for last resubmissions will be announced by the professor during class and usually are no later than two weeks prior to the end of the semester.
- e) Resubmitted assignments must identify the project and class, and be clearly marked "RESUBMISSION" when submitted
- f) it must be understood that resubmitted assignments are usually marked with greater scrutiny than first submissions to take into consideration the learning experiences, practice, and achievement of learning outcomes achieved by the student during later sessions in the semester.
- g) When comparing the original submission grade and the resubmission grade the student will receive benefit of the higher grade
- h) Assignments will not be accepted for resubmission to include preliminary studies. Preliminary studies should be completed before the commencement of work on final comprehensives and as such will only be considered for evaluation on or before the original submission. Assignments resubmitted to include preliminaries must be completely re-done and have a new creative direction for evaluation.

Attendance:

Significant learning takes place in the classroom setting through an interactive learning approach; therefore students are expected to attend all classes and inform the instructor of an anticipated absence. Attendance is mandatory for this course to ensure the course requirements and objectives are met. A total absence of 3 classes for the semester will be tolerated. After 3 absences penalties will take effect, an additional 10% will be deducted from the final grade for this course per class missed.

i.e. 4 classes missed = 10% deduction from final grade

5 classes missed = 20% deduction from final grade

Preliminary Studies:

- All assignments require preliminary or intermediate steps such as thumbnails, roughs, and preliminary comprehensive layouts.
- These intermediate steps are evaluated according to criteria established by the instructor and submitted according to established timelines. The final grade for each assignment will be an average of the grade achieved for all stages of the

assignment. This reinforces the importance of the preliminary stages of each project.

Reclaiming and Retaining Past Assignments

For the development of student portfolios it is important that ALL past assignment work be reclaimed and retained by the student.

It is the students, responsibility to reclaim assignments after they have been assessed. Marked assignments will be returned by faculty during classroom sessions and a notice will be posted at the front of the classroom noting that the assignment has been returned. If a student is absent on the day that work is returned the work will be held by faculty for a minimum of three weeks from the return date after which, due to a shortage of storage space, the work may be discarded

The following semester grades will be assigned to students:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Grade Point Equivalent</u>
A+	90 – 100%	4.00
A	80 – 89%	
B	70 - 79%	3.00
C	60 - 69%	2.00
D	50 – 59%	1.00
F (Fail)	49% and below	0.00
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field /clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field/clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
X	A temporary grade limited to situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course.	
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office.	
W	Student has withdrawn from the course without academic penalty.	

VI. SPECIAL NOTES:

Disability Services:

If you are a student with a disability (e.g. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, or learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with your professor and/or the Disability Services office. Visit Room E1101 or call Extension 2703 so that support services can be arranged for you.

Retention of Course Outlines:

It is the responsibility of the student to retain all course outlines for possible future use in acquiring advanced standing at other postsecondary institutions.

Communication:

The College considers **WebCT/LMS** as the primary channel of communication for each course. Regularly checking this software platform is critical as it will keep you directly connected with faculty and current course information. Success in this course may be directly related to your willingness to take advantage of the **Learning Management System** communication tool.

Plagiarism:

Students should refer to the definition of “academic dishonesty” in *Student Code of Conduct*. Students who engage in academic dishonesty will receive an automatic failure for that submission and/or such other penalty, up to and including expulsion from the course/program, as may be decided by the professor/dean. In order to protect students from inadvertent plagiarism, to protect the copyright of the material referenced, and to credit the author of the material, it is the policy of the department to employ a documentation format for referencing source material.

Course Outline Amendments:

The professor reserves the right to change the information contained in this course outline depending on the needs of the learner and the availability of resources.

Substitute course information is available in the Registrar's office.

Tuition Default

Students who have defaulted on the payment of tuition (tuition has not been paid in full, payments were not deferred or payment plan not honoured) as of the first week of March will be removed from placement and clinical activities. This may result in loss of mandatory hours or incomplete course work. Sault College will not be responsible for incomplete hours or outcomes that are not achieved or any other academic requirement not met as of the result of tuition default. Students are encouraged to communicate with Financial Services with regard to the status of their tuition prior to this deadline to ensure that their financial status does not interfere with academic progress.

VII. PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT:

Students who wish to apply for advance credit transfer (advanced standing) should obtain an Application for Advance Credit Form from the program coordinator (for course-specific courses), or the course coordinator (for general education courses), or the program's academic assistant. Students will be required to provide an unofficial transcript and course outline related to the course in question.

Credit for prior learning will also be given upon successful completion of a challenge exam or portfolio.