# Department of Visual Arts Western University

SA 2630A Introduction to Print Media A Blended Course – Onsite & Online "Transition, Transgression, Transformation"

Welcome to an Introduction to Print Media Media. This course offers an Introduction to a range of printmaking mediums, enabling students to develop their printmaking skills in the areas of relief, intaglio and screeprinting, as per Calendar Description. Focusing on the broad themes of Transition, Transgression and Transformation, students will be introduced to a range of print-based methodologies and artists who work with print practices, as well as to a range od contemporary artworks that speak to the thematics of the course.

In view of the challenges to engage in a hybrid onsite and online course, where wellbeing and safety are primary, and to utilize the Print workshop as well as to develop a creative community online, every effort will be made by the Instructor to lead the course in an organized, flexible, and creatively nurturing way. It is hoped that students will respond generously and flexibly, and will make every effort possible to cooperatively work e P

Importantly, training and awareness of health and safety issues will be integrated into all studio practices and strictly enforced.

### **Course Information**

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Class: John Labatt Visual Arts Centre Room 106 & Screen Area

T/Th 11:30-2:30

Office Hours

Students are expected to spend a minimum 2-hours outside of class for every one hour in class towards fulfilling course requirements.

Students must take during the demonstrations throughout the semester. Printmaking is a very involved process; it cannot be learned intuitively and it is imperative that you take detailed notes to refer to when you are working. As well, you are shown how to properly use the equipment and materials in the demonstration for your own safety as well as to maintain the equipment in the shop. When you have a technical problem, the instructor and the technician will want to refer to your notes as an aspect of assisting you. Not taking notes during a demonstration will negate your ability to ask the technician and instructor for technical assistance. Reckless use of shop equipment as well as disregarding health and safety procedures are grounds for being removed from the class.

Demonstrations can often be 3 to 6 hours long and cover 2 full class periods. Demonstrations of such length can never be repeated. Attendance at demonstrations

Are advised that all necessary documentation, forms, etc. are to be submitted to academic counselling within two business days after the date specified for resuming responsibilities

Students who experience an unexpected illness or injury or an extenuating circumstance (48 hours or less) that is sufficiently severe as to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements (e.g., attending lectures or labs, writing tests or midterm exams, completing and submitting assignments, participating in presentations) should self-declare using the online Self-Reported Absence portal. This option should be used in situations where the student expects to resume academic responsibilities within 48 hours or less. The following conditions are in place for self-reporting of medical or extenuating circumstances:

- a. Students will be allowed a maximum of two self-reported absences between
   September and April, and one self-reported absence between May and August;
- The duration of the excused absence will be for a maximum of 48 hours from the time the Self-Reported Absence form is completed through the online portal, or from 8:30am the following morning if the form is submitted after 4:30pm;
- c. The duration of the excused absence will terminate prior to the end of the 48 hour period, should the student undertake significant academic responsibilities (e.g., write a test, submit a paper) during that time;
- d. The duration of an excused absence will terminate at 8:30am on the day

the satisfaction of the University.

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&Command=showCategory&Keywords=academic%20sanctions&SubHeadingID=169&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading\_169

Please remember:

services to help engage in healthy living while pursuing your degree. For example,

Recreation Centre. Further information regarding health and wellness-related services available to students may be found at <a href="http://www.health.uwo.ca/">http://www.health.uwo.ca/</a>. If you are in emotional or mental distress should refer to Mental Health Support at Western <a href="http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/">http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/</a> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

#### Gender Neutral Bathrooms:

Middlesex College does not have specifically gender-neutral bathrooms. There are two gender neutral bathrooms in the JLVAC. One is located in the Artlab and is open only during Artlab hours. A second single stall gender neutral bathroom can be

## Safety and Maintenance Sheet Printmaking Studio, Room 106

### Visual Arts Centre (VAC) Building Guidelines

In order to ensure a safe and healthy work environment for our campus community, your experience in the Visual Arts Centre will be different than in previous years. All decisions surrounding our policies for the Fall 2020 term have been made in line with the current University and Health Unit directives. They may change as the COVID-19 Situation evolves. The safety of our students, faculty, and staff is our top priority; it is a shared responsibility and we all play a critical role. In addition to the guidelines outlined by the University on the Health and Safety website, the directives below apply to the Visual Arts Centre to ensure a safe year for all.

### University Health and Safety Measures

The Department of Visual Arts will be adhering to all directives outlined by Western University and the MLHU. These include:

- o requiring a non-medical face covering in all indoor spaces
- o completing the daily return to campus questionnaire
- o practicing physical distancing (6ft)
- o frequent handwashing
- o staying home if feeling unwell

Up-to-date guidelines can be found at: <a href="https://www.uwo.ca/coronavirus/health-safety.html">https://www.uwo.ca/coronavirus/health-safety.html</a>

### **Building Safety Measures**

Building Occupancy: in order to keep building occupancy low and allow for physical distancing, <u>only students enrolled in in-person classes will be allowed in the VAC for the Fall 2020 term.</u>

- o The doors will be locked and accessible via card access only for any authorized students.
- Each student must access the door individually with their Western One card, so that
  we may have a record of who has been in the building. Letting anyone in behind you
  is strictly forbidden; it may jeopardize your safety and those working in the
  building.
- o At this time, all AH & MCS classes are being offered online, unless students are also

Students will be provided with instructions