University of North Texas  
College of Visual Arts & Design  
Beginning Drawing & Painting: Painting I  

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5:00 - 7:50 pm  
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W 9:30-10:30 via Zoom (appointment)  

COURSE DESCRIPTION  
Introduction to painting practices and issues, including the study of methods and materials (oil, acrylic, tools, building of supports and surfaces), composition, value, color, and pictorial space centered on observation. Focuses on the capacities of painting and introduces students to technical and historical issues central to painting. Prerequisite(s): ART 1600; ART 1700 or ART 1800.

COURSE OBJECTIVES  
This course will offer a general overview of the various methods used in oil and acrylic painting. In addition, students will begin to develop a personal painting style, as well as a general concept of art and art theory. Experimentation within the confines of the various assignments is welcome and encouraged.

COURSE STRUCTURE  
A great deal of work on paintings will be done in class and will take up to two weeks to complete. You are welcome and encouraged to use the painting studio outside of class time, with respect to other classes and professors schedules. This course will focus primarily on the production and critique of a series of painting projects. You will receive project instructions throughout the semester. These projects may vary significantly in time and materials required, and will have a largely technical focus, however some may be essentially conceptual. Project time span will be given at the outset of each new project.

Some other notes about our process:  
•Every step in the life of each assignment is important and valuable: discussion with the instructor, your classmates, and other sources are expected in the course of production.  
•Participation in class discussion, whether reviewing completed work or assigned material, is extremely important.  
•Most of the projects assigned will not be able to be completed during class hours; you will be expected to make full use of the class time in active work. It will also be imperative to work outside of class on your assignments, both painting and research. A minimum of one hour of outside work per every one hour of class time will be necessary.

CRITIQUES  
In addition to completing actual paintings, you will begin to develop a critical voice in regards to your own work and the work of others. We will critique paintings periodically, though not every assignment will require a critique. Attendance during critiques is absolutely required and will not be excused. If a critique is missed, the painting will receive a failing grade. Learning to speak effectively about art will be a critical part of this course. Critiques will be carried out in a professional manner. Work should be hung on the critique walls with the utmost care and concern for level, aesthetics and security, and all paintings must be hung 10 minutes prior to the beginning of critique. Persons late for critique will receive a letter grade drop in their assignment.

Critiques are so important that even if a painting is unfinished, it must be shown during critique. Students will be given an opportunity to finish the painting, but will receive one letter grade drop. In this instance, finished paintings are due no later than one week after the original due date.
CRITIQUE DECORUM
While critiques may become heated, personal attacks will not be tolerated. Honesty will be appreciated and encouraged about artwork and concepts, but negative comments about individuals themselves are unnecessary and counterproductive, and offending parties may be asked to leave critique. Art is personal, and the need to discuss personal themes may arise, so as fellow artists we must walk a thin line during critiques. Keeping a mature, thoughtful head will be a must for students in this class. In addition, the artist receiving the critique will be expected to use the advice and criticism of their work to the best of their abilities. It is most encouraged to keep a sketchbook/notebook during critique to write notes for future reference.

COURSE CONTENT
Content in the arts can sometimes include works, situations, actions, and language that can be personally challenging or offensive to some students on the grounds, for example, of sexual explicitness, violence, or blasphemy. As the College of Visual Arts and Design is devoted to the principle of freedom of expression, artistic and otherwise, and it is not the college’s practice to censor these works or ideas on any of these grounds. Students who might feel unduly distressed or made uncomfortable by such expressions should withdraw at the start of the term and seek another course.

OTHER ASSIGNMENTS
I will occasionally require short readings or Gallery and Museum visits during the semester to Dallas and/or Fort Worth. You will be given at least two weeks notice to make travel and accommodation arrangements. You will write a short review of the artwork seen during the Gallery trips or a short response to the reading. Looking at art and reading about art will be integral to your growth as an artist, and will help make your art relevant to our time. You are especially encouraged to go to all CVAD gallery openings.

END OF SEMESTER STUDIO CLEAN-UP
Students are required to attend and participate in studio clean up on the scheduled class date during class hours. Failure to attend and participate in final clean-up will result in a one-letter-grade drop in your final grade. You are responsible for cleaning your work area, your storage area, your checked out palette, and your hazardous materials area (inside the chemical cabinet). You are to remove on this day all stored work and materials from both your storage cubby and your rented locker. Gamsol Silcoils will be recycled on this day if you do not take yours home with you. Final day to remove work: Friday, Dec. 10th, 12pm. Any artwork or materials left after this day will not be stored for you and will be disposed of. There are no exceptions to this deadline.

ASSIGNMENTS & ASSESSMENTS

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COURSE CONTENT & SCHEDULE CHANGES
The course schedule reflects expected class progress in course subject matter and is considered tentative. The course schedule is subject to change in content and scope at the Course Instructor’s discretion, including requirements, schedule, assignments, etc., at any time during the semester. All changes will be announced in class. It is your responsibility to be in class to hear possible changes and adjust accordingly.
ATTENDANCE POLICY

Regular and punctual attendance is expected. The student will be allowed up to three absences during the semester. Accruing more than three absences will result in one letter grade drop. Each successive absence will also result in a one-letter grade drop (Four-A to B, Five-B to C, etc.). Excessive absences will cause your work to suffer, as well. When a class is missed, it is your responsibility to find out what was missed and what is expected of you. I recommend you share contact information with at least 3 classmates, so that you may reach out to them for anything missed during class. It is your responsibility to source the missed content and information. If you come to me, I will catch you up as best I can without affecting my responsibilities to the rest of the class. You are accountable for all information shared in class, whether you are present or not. Most lectures, demonstrations, and assignments will occur at the beginning of class periods and will not be repeated for those who come in late or with an unexcused absence. If you are late to class, you will need to notify me at the end of the class period to replace an absence with a tardy. Three tardies will constitute an absence. Examinations, quizzes, and in-class assignments missed may only be made up with an official doctor’s excuse or note from the art office excusing the absence for a reason covered under UNT policy 06.039 (Student Attendance and Authorized Absences). Critiques missed may not be made up and grades will reflect the student’s failure to participate in the critique discussions. *See below

COVID-19 Impact on Attendance:
While attendance is expected as outlined above, it is important for all of us to be mindful of the health and safety of everyone in our community, especially given concerns about COVID-19. Please contact me if you are unable to attend class because you are ill, or unable to attend class due to a related issue regarding COVID-19. It is important that you communicate with me prior to being absent as to what may be preventing you from coming to class so I may make a decision about accommodating your request to be excused from class. If you are experiencing cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, or any of the other possible symptoms of COVID-19 please seek medical attention from the Student Health and Wellness Center (940-565-2333 or askSHWC@unt.edu) or your health care provider. While attendance is an important part of succeeding in this class, your own health, and those of others in the community, is more important.

SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT
Students are responsible for purchasing all of the necessary materials prior to the class period and have them prepared for work in class on scheduled days. Attending class without the necessary supplies will result in an unexcused absence. Students are required to build their own stretcher and prepare the canvas for the second or third assignment, and are strongly encouraged to do so for successive assignments. You will not be allowed to use pre-prepared canvases available at hobby art stores.

RECOMMENDED COURSE MATERIALS / TEXTBOOKS
(There are no required textbooks or materials for this course)
The Luminous and the Gray, David Batchelor (2014)
Chromophobia, David Batchelor (2000)

GRADING
Projects will not be graded as products in a vacuum. I will not consider a piece for grading that I have not seen during the process of painting. The grade given for each project will reflect several qualities involved in the course of its production. These include, when appropriate:

• Accomplishment of any stated parameters
• The level of ambition taken to the project
• A commitment to craftsmanship at the highest level possible
• Use of class time—reflected in work ethic, attendance, and punctuality
Participation in discussions or group activities

Grades will be determined by the consistency of student’s efforts, quality, and quantity of work, as well as critique participation and class attendance. The student’s willingness to take artistic risks will be looked on favorably. Each project will be given a grade. A final evaluation and grade will be given at the end of the semester.

GRADING SCALE:
A—Excellent Work: requirements for the course have been more than fulfilled, and the work has been developed beyond previous levels on both an aesthetic and a conceptual basis. Artwork shows excellent intellectual skills and ideas, technical skills and craft, and control of the medium. Critical and conceptual understanding is evidenced through visual and verbal class participation that evidences both scholarship and leadership.
B—Very Good Work: The art work, its presentation, and the student’s class participation shows competence in skill development, craft, and control of the medium. Completed work shows an understanding of conceptual concerns in the context of contemporary art.
C—Average Work: Satisfactory work quality. Requirements for the course have been fulfilled adequately. The student has been present with completed work on critique days and for individual appointment. Class participation is adequate.
D—Poor Work: Requirements for the course are not adequately fulfilled
F—Failure: No attempt has been made to fulfill the requirements of the course.

LATE WORK / MAKE-UP POLICY
Critiques are so important that even if a painting or project is unfinished, it must be shown during critique. Students will be given an opportunity to finish the painting, but will receive one letter grade drop. In this instance, finished assignments are due no later than one week after the original due date. Late work for Responses (exhibitions, readings, videos, etc) may be submitted with a penalty of 10% deducted from the assignment’s value per day the work is late, unless the student provides proof of an acceptable mitigating circumstance: serious illness, death of a family member, or other circumstance if approved by the instructor.

HEALTH & SAFETY
Students are required to follow the Department of Studio Art Health and Safety guidelines and are required to complete training for each studio course. The goal of the Studio Art Health and Safety Program is to protect the health and welfare of all faculty, staff, and students and to cooperate with the University of North Texas’ Office of Risk Management. Please visit the website for details and the departmental handbook: https://art.unt.edu/healthandsafety.

According to University Policy, this course is classified as a category 2 course. Students enrolled in this course may be exposed to some significant risk factors, but are not likely to suffer serious bodily injury. Though painting would seem to be relatively risk free, there are risks and safety practices you should be aware of. Most of the solvents used in oil painting (Turpentine, thinners, mediums, etc.) are toxic. In fact, some paints, like cadmium red, are also toxic. Consult the labeling of solvents and pigments for information. Toxic materials should not be ingested or allowed to touch the skin for prolonged periods. Wear protective gloves when using these materials in order to avoid skin contact. When using solvents, always have good ventilation. When spraying commercially available enamels, lacquers, or fixatives, do so in the spray booth and wear a respirator designed for organic vapor protection. A dust mask or a scarf or t-shirt pulled over your face will not protect you. Furthermore, it is never a good practice to eat or drink while using painting materials. If you intend to use the shop, make certain to observe ALL safety rules. If you decide to use materials not addressed above, read the safety labels and consult with your instructor as to their safe use.

STUDIO EXPECTATIONS, STORAGE & POLICIES:
It is strongly suggested that students get a large locker on the third floor of the art building to store supplies. Students will not be allowed to leave paintings on easels or walls of the studio after class. The shelving provided in the classroom may be used to store paintings currently being worked on, but students should be aware of the potential for damage, vandalism, and theft when storing work in public areas. It is not safe to leave materials in the painting studio… they will be stolen…

Once a painting assignment is completed and graded, the student must take the work home. CVAD does not provide long-term storage of work.

Students will dispose of all hazardous liquids (thinners, brush cleaners, turpentine) in the hazardous liquids jugs in the corner of the room next to the storage cabinet. Dispose of all oily rags in the red fire bins also in the corners of the painting studio. No paint, acrylic or oil, should be disposed of in the sink drains. Throw all scraped paint into a trashcan containing a liner. Brushes may be cleaned in the sink, but only after sufficiently rinsing them in your thinner containers.

You are expected to assist in maintaining a classroom environment that is safe and conducive to learning. In order to assure that everyone has an opportunity to gain from time spent in class, unless otherwise approved by the instructor, you are prohibited from using cellular phones or laptops, taking photographs, video or audio recordings, checking your email or the internet, updating your social media, eating or drinking in class, making offensive remarks, reading, sleeping or engaging in any other form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in, minimally, a request to leave class, which will be counted as an unexcused absence.

Wash hands (including under fingernails) after using toxic materials and chemicals (even if you were wearing gloves). Wear protective gloves and use plastic drop cloth to contain chemicals, paints, and stains when applying. Artist materials can be messy, wear clothes that you are ok with getting dirty or you may want to bring an apron.

*Cell phones and headphones may be used for music in class during painting sessions. Please put them away during all critiques, instructions, demos, etc. and keep headphone volume to a level that allows you to be aware of your surroundings. If you need to make or accept a phone call, etc. please step out to do so in the hallway.

There will be no smoking, vaping, eating, or drinking allowed in the classroom.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
According to UNT Policy 18.1.16, Student Academic Integrity, academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University.

ACCEPTABLE STUDENT BEHAVIOR
Student behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The University's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including University and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at deansofstudents.unt.edu/conduct.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION & PROCEDURES
UNT Emergency Guide: https://emergency.unt.edu/about-us UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify students with critical information in the event of an emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). In the event of a university closure, please refer to the course management system for contingency plans for covering course materials.

In case of emergency (alarm will sound), please follow the building evacuation plans posted on each floor of your building and proceed to the nearest parking lot. In case of tornado (campus sirens will sound) or other weather related threat, please go to the nearest hallway or room without exterior windows and
remain there until an all clear signal is sounded. Follow the instructions of your instructors and act accordingly.

COVID-19:
*In the event we need to switch to remote instruction, all students will need to have access to the following supplies and equipment: internet, computer, laptop/video camera, digital camera, microphone, speakers/audio, and all equipment necessary to fully participate in online course transition and zoom meetings. If you need assistance attaining or sourcing this equipment, please reach out to me or to the UNT &/or CVAD Technology Department. 
https://vpaa.unt.edu/return Please refer to UNT’s Return to Learn for updates. UNT encourages everyone to wear a face covering when indoors, regardless of vaccination status, to protect yourself and others from COVID infection, as recommended by current CDC guidelines. Face covering guidelines could change based on community health conditions. UNT face-covering requirements are subject to change due to community health guidelines. Any changes will be communicated via the instructor.

Center for Student’s Rights and Responsibilities:
The student is reminded of his or her rights and responsibilities, both academically and personally, as a student at the University of North Texas. For a full elaboration of these issues please see www.unt.edu/csrr.

INCOMPLETE GRADES
An Incomplete Grade ("I") is a non-punitive grade given only during the last one-fourth of a term/semester and only if a student (1) is passing the course and (2) has a justifiable and documented reason, beyond the control of the student (such as serious illness or military service), for not completing the work on schedule.
In consultation with the instructor, complete a request for an Incomplete Grade. This form can be found on the department website and must be turned into the department chair prior to the last day of classes (not the exam date). Note: A grade of Incomplete is not automatically assigned to students

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION
The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking reasonable accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with a reasonable accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request reasonable accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of reasonable accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of reasonable accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of reasonable accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information, refer to the Office of Disability Access website at http://www.unt.edu/oda. You may also contact ODA by phone at (940) 565-4323.

SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION, HARRASSMENT & ASSAULT
UNT is committed to providing an environment free of all forms of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. If you (or someone you know) has experienced or experiences any of these acts of aggression, please know that you are not alone. The federal Title IX law makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses. UNT has staff members trained to support you in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, helping with legal protective orders, and more.
UNT’s Dean of Students’ website offers a range of on-campus and off-campus resources to help support survivors, depending on their unique needs: http://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources. UNT’s Student Advocate she can be reached through e-mail at SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or by calling the Dean of Students’ office at 940-565-2648. You are not alone. We are here to help.

STUDENT EVALUATION ADMINISTRATION DATES
Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The student evaluation of instruction is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. The survey will be made available during weeks 13 and 14 to provide students with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. Students will receive an email from "UNT SPOT Course Evaluations via IASystem Notification" (no-reply@iasystem.org) with the survey link. Students should look for the email in their UNT email inbox. Simply click on the link and complete the survey. Once students complete the survey they will receive a confirmation email that the survey has been submitted. For additional information, please visit the spot website at www.spot.unt.edu or email spot@unt.edu.

PERMISSION TO USE STUDENT ARTWORK
We would like to use your work to spread the news about the amazing art made at CVAD! Please help us put your talent on display by allowing us to photograph and exhibit your art on CVAD’s social media, websites and paper advertising. There are forms on Canvas that you can sign or print digitally. Thank you!

Supply List
- Canvas (un-primed): Cotton Duck, 10 or 12 oz. Weight, as needed (1st supplied by CVAD)
- Lumber for stretchers: Shop demo required, as needed (1st supplied by CVAD)
- 3 Masonite or plywood panels: 2’ x 2’ or larger
- 6 Sheets Heavy duty drawing paper (Arches Cover, Rives BFK, Stonehenge or similar)
- Staple gun and staples (Powershot or similar recommended)
- Masking Tape (1”), Scissors or Utility Knife
- Canvas Pliers and a hammer
- Sketchbook, Graphite Pencils (choice, at least some designed for drawing), Sharpener, Eraser, Drawing tools of choice
- Gesso (At least one full gallon for this semester)
- Palette knife (Diamond point, metal end recommended —you may want to try out a couple of different designs)
- Palette: Glass or Plexiglas, butcher tray or disposable paper palette (1 provided by CVAD)
- Brushes: range of small to large sizes…MUST have one each-Flat 8, 10, 12, Bright 8, 10. Please buy good quality brushes. They will be worth it and can last for years!
- Gesso Brush: 2” or larger house painting brush (cheaper at hardware store, $$ at art store)
- Paint: You must buy all required colors in Oil and Acrylic paint.
  Required colors: Cadmium Red Deep, Cadmium Yellow Light (not “Pale”), Ultramarine Blue, Burnt Umber, Titanium White (Large (200ml) Tube…you will probably use more than one this semester!). *You may use a high quality Napthol Red and Alizarin Crimson instead of Cad Red or Hansa Yellow instead of Cad Yellow.
  Recommended/Optional colors: Naples Yellow/Yellow Ochre, Burnt Sienna, Phthalo Blue, Raw Umber, Phthalo Green, Ivory Black, Dioxazine Purple, Permanent or Cad. Orange, Alizarin Crimson, Viridian Green
- Oil paint thinners: GAMSOL only. Other solvents cannot be used as a thinner in our painting studio due to safety concerns.
- Mediums for Oil Paint. Galkyd (recommended), or Liquin/other brand of alkyd medium. You may also mix your own medium with OMS or Turps, dammar varnish, linseed and/or stand oil (small amounts of turpentine will be allowed in the form of a painting medium)
● **Rags:** Rags are a must! Cotton painting rags from Home Depot or Lowe’s are a good buy, so are Box o’ Towels/Shop Rags (no red rags for painting, they are good for cleaning but will leave fibers, etc on your brushes). You can also recycle old t-shirts and other cotton fabrics.

● **Containers for medium and thinners.** Lids are required, no plastic with solvents/oil mediums! Large Coffee cans, mason/baby-food jars are great. *Everyone gets 1 Silicoil with Gamsol from CVAD.*

● **Saran Wrap** (required) & **Cut-Rite Wax Paper** (recommended)

● **Optional for Oil Painting:** Dammar Varnish or Crystals, Stand oil, and/or linseed oil. Boiled linseed oil or OMS from hardware stores are not suitable for oil painting.

● **Other options:** Brush Soap for cleaning brushes, **nitrile gloves**, modeling paste, acrylic mediums and additives, Lava soap/Fast Orange, or other mechanic’s type hand cleaners. Baby wipes also make cleaning up oil paint from tables, etc. really easy.

● **Other items may need to be purchased throughout the semester.** You will be expected to replenish supplies & surfaces as needed.
I ____________________________________(print full name) acknowledge that I have read the course syllabus. I understand the course structure, grading and attendance policies as well as the risk factor rating. I hereby agree to the syllabus and its provisions.

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Course number and section                        Risk Rating

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E-mail address (print)

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Signature                                         Date
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I hereby grant permission to UNT and CVAD to use, copy, reproduce, publish, distribute or display any and all works created in my classes while at UNT. Additionally, I consent to the use of my name to coincide with images of my artwork.

1. Scope of Permission. This permission extends to the use of the described work and images of such work: (1) for academic purposes in order to demonstrate examples of student work to current and future UNT students; (2) for public display in the galleries or on the campus of the UNT or on the UNT website; (3) for promotional materials created by UNT in all forms of media now known or later developed, including but not limited to exhibition catalogues, direct mail, websites, advertising, social media, and classroom presentations. My permission is on-going, but can be revoked by giving the professor of record for this course written notice of my wish to revoke permission and use of any images of my artwork. UNT will have three months from the date of my notice to stop all use agreed with this permission.

2. Certificate of Ownership. I am the owner of all work submitted and the work is not subject to any restriction that would prevent its use consistent with this permission. All aspects of the work are original to me and have not been copied. I understand that as owner of the work I have the right to control all reproduction, copying and use of the work in accordance with U.S. copyright laws.

3. Privacy Release. I hereby authorize and consent to the release, maintenance and display of my name if necessary and any other personally identifiable information that I have provided in connection with the work and its use described in this Agreement.

4. Signature. By signing below I hereby grant the permissions indicated above. I understand that this grant of permission relates only to the use of the described work. This is not an exclusive right and I may sell, give or otherwise transfer the rights to such work to others on a non-exclusive or exclusive basis. However, in the event that I do sell, give or otherwise transfer ownership or the exclusive right to use my work to another party, I will notify UNT immediately in writing through the professor of record for this course. UNT will have three months from the date of my notice to stop all use in accordance with this permission.

Printed name: __________________________________________________________
Signature: ______________________________________________________________
Date: _________________________________________________________________
Name of Course: ________________________________________________________