

## University Western Ontario, Department of Visual Art

SA 3623 – Advanced Painting, 2021-22

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<b>Course:</b>	SA 3623	<b>Office Hours</b>	Monday 12:30-1:30 or by appointment
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### Course Description

SA 3263 (Advanced Painting) will explore the history, materiality, and visual language of painting. Through exposure to a range of historical concepts and developments alongside rigorous experimentation with material-specific processes, this course will investigate the discipline of painting while emphasizing the individuation of the student's pictorial language. Students will be encouraged to develop working methodologies in the realization of their own independent studio work while also exploring themes outlined by the instructor. The course materials will be shared through instructor and student-led presentations, group critiques and discussions, assigned readings, and studio projects.

Experimentation and a willingness to challenge inherited perceptual models will be encouraged as students develop greater independence and clarity of vision. The instructor will work with students individually to address technical and theoretical concerns specific to their studio projects. There will also be group critiques and discussions relevant to the course content.

### Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate technical, analytical, and critical awareness of a wide range of material and conceptual problems specific to the painting practice and the visual arts
- Demonstrate an advanced knowledge of historical and contemporary issues relevant to the development and evaluation an evolving painting practice
- Demonstrate a sound, individuated and analytical awareness of the field of contemporary painting necessary for continued development within the faculty of visual arts and beyond

### Course Requirements

#### Assigned Readings:

The course includes required readings, followed by student and instructor-led discussions and presentations designed to foster a working knowledge of critical and theoretical concepts. Assigned readings will be made available through OWL. All work will be posted to a moderated blog. Details to follow.

### Participation and Attendance:

“Advanced Painting,” as the name implies, is a course in which the student should truly develop the language, expressiveness, and intentionality of an exciting and rigorous practice. In such an environment independent investigation and critical focus is mandatory. Students should be prepared to spend a minimum of one hour working outside of class for every hour of class time. Attendance is **mandatory**. Students are expected to show up to every class, on time, and with the appropriate material and must clean up after themselves at the end of each class. Missing more than 15% of classes (including late arrival and early departure) without prior consultation with the instructor may result in a failing grade. Students that miss class for medical reasons must present documented medical or bereavement excuses vetted through their academic advisor.

Students are expected to complete all assignments on the due date for critiques. Failure to hand in assignments in a professional, organized manner may result in instructor declining to grade portfolio. Each student is responsible for knowing the assignments, procedures, and due dates. Students are expected to complete all assignments by the due date; failure to do so may result in a failing grade (F). Requests for deadline extensions cannot be considered unless approved by the instructor at least 24 hours before the assignment is due and will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Attendance is mandatory and missing 15% or more of class time can result in a failing grade.

Lastly, it is expected that students take notes on all lectures, presentations, and class discussions. A sketchbook or journal should be brought to each class along and the Course Outline.

### Evaluation and Critiques:

As an instructor, I will attempt to provide an environment of respect and security in which students will be encouraged to engage in a wide latitude of experimentation. In this environment of mutual respect there will be regular critiques of student projects in which **participation is mandatory**. Participation will be evaluated and constitute a portion of the final grade. Grades for this course are based upon the submission of class assignments and failure to submit projects will result in the subsequent loss of their respective percentage of the final grade.

### Evaluation:

Studio Assignments	80%
Participation in critiques and class discussion	10%
Attendance, conduct and professionalism (showing up on time, ready to work and with your materials)	10%

Studio assignments and subsequent critiques will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **effort:** the degree to which a student is willing to really engage with a project and the willingness to challenge inherited conceptual models
- **creativity and innovation:** the ways in which a student experiments and arrives at

- interesting and thoughtful uses of material language and structure
- **clarity of intent:** despite the wide range of possibilities and latitude for experimentation, it is important that a student can identify the parameters of his or her own practice and present this in a clear and cogent manner
  - application of a **critical vocabulary** in relation to one's work and an expressed awareness of the **theoretical** issues that have emerged in this class.

Students may contact the instructor for additional assistance or critique of work, either in class, during office hours, or by appointment. (Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to speak one-on-one).

**Grading:** Based on the student's success in meeting the above requirements, grades will be assessed according to the following standard:

<b>A+ 90 - 100%</b>	Outstanding work, well exceeding the basic requirements of the project and demonstrating profound insight.
<b>A 80 - 89%</b>	Excellent work, well exceeding the basic requirements of the project and demonstrating creative insight.
<b>B 70 - 79%</b>	Very good work, showing thorough understanding of the course material and exceeding the basic requirements.
<b>C 60 - 69%</b>	Satisfactory work, meeting the basic project requirements and showing good understanding of the material.
<b>D 50 - 59%</b>	Satisfactory work that meets basic requirements and demonstrated some understanding of the course material, but not a thorough understanding.
<b>F below 50%</b>	Unsatisfactory work which shows insufficient effort or comprehension.

Supplies:

Oil Paint (acrylic is optional)

- cadmium red
- cadmium yellow
- raw umber
- cobalt blue
- sap green
- titanium white
- bone black
- walnut oil can be used for thinning paint and cleaning brushes

Watercolour paint (same or similar pigments as with oil. Please make sure to have Cadmium red, cadmium yellow and cobalt blue)

-watercolour paper

Drawing supplies: graphite, willow charcoal, compressed charcoal, ink and drawing paper

Brushes:

- #1, #2, #6, #8 round bristle
- #2, #4, #8 bright bristle

an assortment of cheap house painting brushes including a flat 2-inch

Supports and Other:

- board for stretching watercolour paper
- canvas (to be discussed)
- masking tape (variety of sizes)
- large container (for holding water to clean brushes)
- wood for building canvas supports (or “stretchers”) to be discussed
- bar of laundry soap and or dishwashing detergent
- paper towels or rags

\*(Please note that certain materials will be discussed in class and are not included on Supplies list).

## **Visual Arts Department POLICIES**

### **Prerequisite Checking:**

You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites and that you have not taken an antirequisite course. Lack of prerequisites may not be used as basis of appeal. If you are not eligible for a course, you may be removed from it at any time, and you will receive no adjustment to your fees. These decisions cannot be appealed.

### **Plagiarism:**

Plagiarism, which may be defined as “The act or an instance of copying or stealing another’s words or ideas and attributing them as one’s own,” will not be tolerated. (Citation excerpted from Black’s Law Dictionary, 1999, 7th ed., p. 1170). This includes presenting the visual or aural work of another creator as your own. Visual or Aural Plagiarism may involve both hand-based media such as drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture, as well as digital media such as photography, video and sound. It includes work subsequently manipulated or transferred between different media, as well as self-plagiarism – work submitted for assignments previously produced and graded for another course. Similar to textual plagiarism, all student work involving the visual or aural work of others must be appropriately cited/identified whether in print or orally. Failure to do so will lead to similar academic penalties as those identified in Western’s Academic Calendar.

### **Student Conduct:**

All students will conduct themselves in a manner that will be consistent with the maturity and academic integrity expected of university students. Student conduct shall be consistent with the general laws of the community and with University regulations. Students shall show regard and respect for the rights, safety, and property of all members of the University community and are expected to act in a responsible manner within the University and the community at large.

[https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/code\\_of\\_conduct.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/code_of_conduct.pdf)

### **Academic Sanctions:**

In instances of non-payment of prescribed tuition and other fees, the University shall seal the academic record. When an academic record is sealed, the student will not be able to: a) view grades; b) register in future courses; c) receive transcripts or a degree diploma; d) obtain admission or readmission.

The above prohibitions shall be in force until such time as indebtedness to the University, including payment of fee for removal of the seal, has been cleared to 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](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&Command=showCategory&Keywords=academic%20sanctions&SubHeadingID=169&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading_169)

### **Additional Course Material Request Policy**

For online courses the material may be presented in a variety of ways at the instructor’s discretion. Requests for additional material can only be made in cases necessitating academic accommodation. If a student requires Academic Accommodation for the course material, they can contact Western’s Academic Support & Engagement department. <http://academicsupport.uwo.ca/>

### **Academic Consideration:**

Students will have up to two (2) opportunities during the regular academic year to use an on-line portal to self-report an absence during the term, provided the following conditions are met: the absence is no more than 48 hours in duration, and the assessment for which consideration is being sought is worth 30% or less of the student's final grade. Students are expected to contact their instructors within 24 hours of the end of the period of the self-reported absence, unless noted on the syllabus. Students are not able to use the self-reporting option in the following circumstances:

- for exams scheduled by the Office of the Registrar (e.g., December and April exams)
- absence of a duration greater than 48 hours,
- assessments worth more than 30% of the student's final grade,
- if a student has already used the self-reporting portal twice during the academic year

If the conditions for a Self-Reported Absence are not met, students will need to provide a Student Medical Certificate if the absence is medical, or provide appropriate documentation if there are compassionate grounds for the absence in question. Students are encouraged to contact their Faculty academic counselling office to obtain more information about the relevant documentation.

Students should also note that individual instructors are not permitted to receive documentation directly from a student, whether in support of an application for consideration on medical grounds, or for other reasons. **All documentation required for absences that are not covered by the Self-Reported Absence Policy must be submitted to the Academic Counselling office of a student's Home Faculty.**

For Western University policy on Consideration for Student Absence, see [Policy on Academic Consideration for Student Absences - Undergraduate Students in First Entry Programs](#)

and for the Student Medical Certificate (SMC), see:

[http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf).

#### **Attendance:**

Under university regulations, if someone misses more than 15% of their classes (15% is equivalent to missing 8 hours of Lecture and/or Studio Lab, due to absence or lateness, or a combination of both, per semester) without written corroboration for health or bereavement, students can be debarred from participation in final evaluations and/or assignments.

Note that if a student is consistently absent from a 3-hour class for 1 hour, they will exceed the 15% cutoff and be debarred; assignments may stop being accepted and such assignments will receive a mark of 0 (zero)

#### **Religious Accommodation**

Students should consult the University's list of recognized religious holidays, and should give reasonable notice in writing, prior to the holiday, to the Instructor and an Academic Counsellor if their course requirements will be affected by a religious observance. Additional information is given in the [Western Multicultural Calendar](#).

#### **Electronic Devices:**

**During Exams:** Unless you have medical accommodations that require you to do so, or explicit permission from the instructor of the course, you may not use any electronic devices during any tests, quizzes, midterms, examinations, or other in-class evaluations.

**During Lectures and Tutorials:** Although you are welcome to use a computer during lecture and tutorial periods, you are expected to use the computer for scholastic purposes only, and refrain from engaging in any activities that may distract other students from learning. From time to time, your professor may ask the class to turn off all computers, to facilitate learning or discussion of the material presented in class. **Unless explicitly noted otherwise, you may not make audio or video recordings of lectures – nor may you edit, re-use, distribute, or re-broadcast any of the material posted to the course website.**

**Normal Building Access (September 1st to April 30th) (Subject to change):**

The John Labatt Visual Arts Centre will be closed at 10:00pm each night Monday to Friday. There will be no after-hour access for undergraduate students. The Centre is open weekends 12:00pm-5:00pm unless otherwise posted; access by side entrances only. Students should be prepared to vacate the building promptly at 10:00pm and 5:00pm. You must also sign-in with the building monitors when working in the workshop areas outside of regular office hours.

**Permission re: Promotion:**

You grant permission for Western University to reproduce your name, information describing your artwork, representations of your work and any other information you have provided for the purpose of display, promotion and publicity either now or in the future.

By installing your artwork in the John Labatt Visual Arts Centre, you grant Western University an irrevocable, perpetual, royalty-free world-wide licence to photograph your artwork and use such photograph(s) for the promotion of your artwork and/or Western University, including, without limitation, advertising, display, editorial, packaging, promotion, television, social media, the Department of Visual Arts website, flickr, Twitter, Instagram etc.). Students wishing to not have their work photographed should not exhibit it in the Visual Arts Centre, Artlab Gallery or Cohen Commons. As the area is open to the public, students, faculty, staff and other visitors will not be prohibited from photographing your artwork while on exhibit at the John Labatt Visual Arts Centre.

You otherwise retain all ownership in your artwork.

**Artwork Installation Liability Release:**

You understand that the area where your artwork will be hanging or displayed is unsupervised and is in a part of the building that may be open to the public, day and evening, whether or not the building is open. Western University accepts no responsibility for damage to, or loss of, artwork at any time while on display or while being transported to or from the John Labatt Visual Arts Centre. By displaying your artwork in the John Labatt Visual Arts Centre, you accept all risk of loss or damage to your artwork. Western University does not provide insurance for the artwork on exhibition. If you wish to insure artwork, it is your responsibility to do so.

**Removal:**

Western University reserves the right to dispose of artwork not picked up by April 15th of each year.

**Support Services:**

There are various support services around campus and these include, but are not limited to:

Registrarial Services <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>  
 Student Support Services <https://student.uwo.ca/psp/heprdweb/?cmd=login>  
 Services provided by the USC <http://westernusc.ca/services/>  
 Academic Support and Engagement <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Health and Wellness <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help. Immediate help in the event of a crisis can be had by phoning 519.661.3030 (during class hours) or 519.433.2023 after class hours and on weekends.

**Health and Wellness:**

Western offers a variety of counselling services and several mental health resources for students. If you or a friend are feeling overwhelmed, confused or unsure of your mental health state, please don't ignore it. There are steps you can take to help yourself or help others. Western provides several on-campus health-related services to help engage in healthy living while pursuing your degree. For example, to support physical activity, all students receive membership in Western's Campus Recreation Centre. Further information regarding health and wellness-related services available to students may be found at <http://www.health.uwo.ca/>.

If you are in emotional or mental distress should refer to Mental Health Support at Western <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> 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 found on the third floor of the JLVAC. Here is the full list of inclusive washrooms at UWO: [http://www.uwo.ca/equity/doc/inclusive\\_washrooms.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/equity/doc/inclusive_washrooms.pdf).

Please contact the Media Lab Technician, Jennifer Slauenwhite ([jslauen@uwo.ca](mailto:jslauen@uwo.ca)), for card access to the elevator and stairs if you are in need of the 3rd floor gender neutral/accessible washroom for the academic year.

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<https://communications.uwo.ca/comms/land-acknowledgement/>