**Studio in Drawing**

**Course Description:**

In this course you will be introduced to a wide variety of materials and techniques to improve your drawing ability. Mediums will include: pencil, ink, charcoal, scratch boards and chalk.

I will teach you the skills, tips and tricks to drawing and observing more accurately. It is your job to have faith in the techniques and to apply those skills to their work.

**Supplies:**

-Unlined Sketchbook - Lined Paper for notes & essays (you can organized this however you choose)

**Projects/Assignments:**

 **Major in-class projects:**

Will focus on a new medium, technique and/or subject matter.

 **Independent projects:**

You will have time in class to work independently. This is your opportunity to do what you want to do. Take advantage of it!! Experiment and share with the group. You will teach each other as much as I teach you. These are not graded, they are just for you.

**Sketchbook assignments:**

Due every **Tuesday** unless you are told otherwise. You should spend a minimum of one hour a week on your sketchbook assignments. Some assignments will be given to you, some will be student choice.

**Reflection Essays:**

You are expected to turn in a reflection essay for each project/unit that examines your work and that of one of your peers.

 **Participation/Performance grades:**

Earned weekly.

* Behavior during class time
* Responsible use of materials, including having materials with you for class
* Time on task
* Timeliness of projects/essays
* Participation in Critiques

**Course Grading: Projects: 60%**

* Major In-Class Projects (grade based on project rubric that includes essay)

**Homework/Participation: 40%**

* Sketchbook Assignments
* Preparatory work for Projects
* Weekly In-class Participation & Performance grades

\*Extra Credit is not given in my High School courses. Your grade is based on the “regular credit”

**Absence/Late Work Policy:**

It is YOUR responsibility to see me to make up any work if you miss class. Become familiar with our website and be sure to check there for announcements and assignments if you are out. Work is due on the day you return to school unless other arrangements are made with me beforehand.

 If an assignment is not turned in when you enter class you will be given the opportunity to stay after school to complete it or get it to me by the end of the day for a reduced grade (one letter grade). Please do not insult either of us by asking for more time. You know when your work is due and I need to be fair and consistent.

 As you will see, we don’t have much time, so use what you have wisely and advocate for yourself if you need help or more time.

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