Course Description:

- Introduction to the fundamental elements of art & design, including the basic principles of design and color theory.
- Development of a formal vocabulary enabling verbal communication about visual phenomena and ideas.
- Development of craftsmanship and presentation skills in preparation for advanced art and design courses.
- Establishment of an organized work process and art making practice.
- Contextualization of work within historical and contemporary practices. Identification and utilization of the work’s relationship to everyday experiences of the world.
Learning Objectives:

Elements of Art:  
- Line
- Shape
- Value
- Color
- Texture

Principles of Design:  
- Unity & Variety
- Emphasis & Economy
- Balance & Harmony
- Tension
- Rhythm & Repetition
- Scale & Proportion

The application of these principles in conjunction with one another.
The identification of these principles in historical and contemporary art.

Prerequisite(s): None
Co-Requisite(s): None
Concurrent Enrollment: None
Recommended Preparation: Any previous design or drawing courses would be helpful.

Course Notes:

- Exercises and Projects: Hands on assignments will be divided into two groups. Exercises will focus on developing particular technical skills. Projects will provide a context for the application of those skills within a work of art.
- Group Critiques: Group critiques and class discussions are a vital part of this course. They allow students to practice the formal vocabulary necessary to communicate visual ideas, as well as provide feedback on the work. Participation in group critiques factors into the grade for each project.
- Class discussions: slide presentations, readings, workshops and field trips will help enhance verbal communication skills, provide resources for research on specific projects, as well as add some basic knowledge of contemporary art & design.
- Daily Timed Sketching: Each class will begin with a 30 - 45 minute warm-up sketching period (previous drawing experience is NOT required)
- Homework: You will need to spend a minimum of 6 hours a week completing projects outside of class time.
- Supplies: In addition to the preliminary supply list (see attached) you may need additional materials for specific projects during the semester. Students are responsible for having all the necessary supplies on hand for each class meeting. Not having the required materials will affect your participation grade.
- Blackboard: This course is posted on Blackboard. You can find course materials posted on the site and you will receive course announcements via this site. Please make
sure that your USC email account is active and that you check it regularly as that will be the account used to communicate with you via the Blackboard system. You can log on at: https://blackboard.usc.edu

Technological Proficiency Required:
None

Required Textbook:
The textbooks for this course are available at the USC bookstore. Regular readings will be assigned from the texts immediately:

Art Fundamentals: theory and Practice, McGraw Hill

Description and Assessment of Assignments
• Quality of work will be the most important criterion. This includes resolution and presentation of ideas, attention to detail, level of craftsmanship, and overall presentation.
• Commitment to the work and the creative process as shown by materials located and processes completed outside of class. The level of experimentation and risk taking demonstrated by this commitment.
• Participation in class discussion, group critiques and presentation of preliminary sketches.
• Understanding of terms and issues relating to the specific project.
  • A = Work of exceptional quality
  • B = Strong work
  • C = Average/satisfactory
  • D = Poor work
  • F = Incomplete or exceptionally poor quality

Grading Breakdown:

Projects & Exercises: 60%
Attendance: 15%
Participation: 15%
Designer Presentation: 10%

Grading Scale
Course final grades will be determined using the following scale
A  95-100
A- 90-94
B+ 87-89
B  83-86
B- 80-82
C+ 77-79
C  73-76
C- 70-72
D+ 67-69
D  63-66
D- 60-62
F  59 and below

Assignment Submission Policy:
Students are responsible for announcements and assignments missed due to an absence. Absence is not an excuse for late work. All late work will be deducted one full grade per late class meeting.

Grading Timeline:
Assignments are graded and returned within a week of submission.

Attendance Policy:
Due to the nature of this course attendance is mandatory. 3 or more unexcused absences will result in a lowered grade. Only absences accompanied with a signed doctor’s note are considered excused. Arriving after roll is called is considered a tardy. 3 tardies equal one absence. More than 5 unexcused absences will automatically result in a failing grade. NO EXCEPTIONS!! Arriving late, leaving early, making poor use of class time or arriving without proper supplies will severely affect student’s grade.

Course Schedule: A Weekly Breakdown
This is a labor intensive course. Please anticipate spending an additional 6 - 10 hours of outside work on the assignments each week.
| Week 1 | **Monday: 1/9**  
1. Syllabus  
2. Introductions  
3. Course Description  
4. Preparing squares  
5. Objectified film | **Wednesday: 1/11**  
1. Sketching  
2. Slide Presentation: Line  
3. In class sketches  
4. Assignment 1 assigned | Prepare 30 squares  
Art Fundamentals: Chapter 1 and 3 |
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| **Week 2** | **Monday: 1/16**  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY | **Wednesday: 1/18**  
1. Sketching  
2. Slide Presentation: Line  
3. Assignment 1 - studio time | Assignment 1  
Readings: *Warning: May Contain Non-Design Content* & *On Gouache*  
Read: Art Fundamentals: Chapter 2  
Read: Critique Tips (Posted on Blackboard)  
Read Introduction: Gone Tomorrow (Posted on Blackboard) |
| **Week 3** | **Monday: 1/23**  
1. Gouache Painting Demo  
2. Mounting Demo  
3. Assignment 1 - studio time  
4. Discuss: *Warning May Contain Non Design Content* | **Wednesday: 1/25**  
1. Sketching  
2. Assignment 1 - studio time | Complete Assignment 1  
Read: Art Fundamentals: Chapter 2  
Read: Critique Tips (Posted on Blackboard)  
Read Introduction: Gone Tomorrow (Posted on Blackboard) |
| Week 4 | **Monday: 1/30**  
1. Project One Due  
2. Critique  
3. Revision Assigned | Revision Assignment | Project One Due |
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| **Wednesday: 2/1**  
1. Sketching  
2. Revision - studio time | | |
| Week 5 | **Monday: 2/6**  
1. Sketching  
2. Revision - studio time | Revision Assignment | Chapter 4 in AF |
| **Wednesday: 2/8**  
1. Revision Due  
2. Critique | | |
| Week 6 | **Monday: 2/13**  
1. Sketching  
2. Lecture: Balance, Repetition, Focal Point  
3. Assignment 2 - studio time | Assignment 2  
Chapter 4 in AF | Revision Due |
| **Wednesday: 2/15**  
1. Sketching  
2. Assignment 2 - studio time | | |
| Week 7 | **Monday: 2/20**  
PRESIDENT’S DAY HOLIDAY | Finish Assignment  
2  
Chapter 5 in AF | |
| **Wednesday: 2/22**  
1. Sketching  
2. Assignment 2 - studio time  
3. Discuss Ted Talks | | |
| Week 8 | **Monday: 2/27**  
1. Assignment 2 Due  
2. Critique | **Wednesday: 3/1**  
1. Warm-Up Sketch  
2. Slide Lecture: Economy, Detail, Tension, Movement  
3. Group Poster Assignment | Milton Glaser article (on Blackboard) | Assignment 2 Due |
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| **Week 9** | **Monday: 3/6**  
1. GROUP POSTER PROJECT | **Wednesday: 3/8**  
1. Warm-Up Sketches  
2. Critique posters  
3. Value Lecture  
3. Assignment: Grey Scales | Chapter 5 in AF | |
| **Monday: 3/13**  
SPRING RECESS | **Wednesday: 3/15**  
SPRING RECESS | | | |
| **Week 10** | **Monday: 3/20**  
1. Sketching  
2. Grey Scales - studio time | **Wednesday: 3/22**  
1. Ted Talk  
2. Grey Scales - studio time | Grey scales | |
| **Week 11** | **Monday: 3/27**  
1. Grey Scales Due  
2. Sketching  
3. Color Lecture  
4. Assignment: Color Scales & Wheels | **Wednesday: 3/29**  
1. Sketching  
2. Color Scales & Wheels - studio time | Chapter 7 in AF Color Wheels & Scales | Gray Scales Due |
| Week 12 | Monday: 4/3  
1. Sketching  
2. Color Scales & Wheels - studio time  
**Wednesday: 4/5**  
1. Sketching  
2. Color Scales & Wheels - studio time | Color Wheel & Scales |
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| Week 13 | **Monday: 4/10**  
1. Sketching  
2. Color Scales & Wheels - studio time  
**Wednesday: 4/12**  
1. Color Scales & Wheels Due  
2. Assign Final Project | Color Wheels & Scales Due |
| Week 14 | **Monday: 4/17**  
1. Final Project - studio time  
**Wednesday: 4/19**  
1. Final Project - studio time | |
| Week 14 | **Monday: 4/24**  
1. Final Project - studio time  
**Wednesday: 4/26**  
1. Final Project - studio time | |
| | **FINAL CRITIQUE:**  
*Friday, May 5th: 11am - 1 pm* | |
SUPPLY LIST:

Bristol paper pad, 14”x17” (smooth)
Drawing pad, 11”x14”
12 - Illustration board, black 10”x14”
Tracing paper, 12” roll or 14”x17” pad
Designer Gouache
    Jet black (lg tube)
    Permanent white (lg tube)
    Primary: red, blue, yellow (3 tubes each)
Paint brushes: soft synthetic, flat 1”
3 - 2oz re-sealable paint containers
Palette for mixing paint
Palette knife
2 - Eyedroppers
Towel/rags/old t-shirt
2 - Water containers, large
Scissors
X-acto knife, #11 blades
Utility knife
Archival paper cement
Rubber cement pick-up eraser
Double sided tape, permanent
Artist tape, med tack, white
Cutting mat, 14”x17” or larger
T square, 24”, marked with inches
Various drawing supplies:
    Pencils, various
    Sharpener
    Pens (microns & sharpies)
    Eraser
    Ruler
Portfolio/carrying case for projects
Artbin or tackle box

REQUIRED:
Colored Pencils
RESOURCES

Academic Conduct:

Plagiarism – presenting someone else’s ideas as your own, either verbatim or recast in your own words – is a serious academic offense with serious consequences. Please familiarize yourself with the discussion of plagiarism in SCampus in Part B, Section 11, “Behavior Violating University Standards” policy.usc.edu/scampus-part-b. Other forms of academic dishonesty are equally unacceptable. See additional information in SCampus and university policies on scientific misconduct, policy.usc.edu/scientific-misconduct.

Support Systems:

Counseling and Mental Health - (213) 740-9355 – 24/7 on call studenthealth.usc.edu/counseling
Free and confidential mental health treatment for students, including short-term psychotherapy, group counseling, stress fitness workshops, and crisis intervention.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - 1 (800) 273-8255 – 24/7 on call suicidepreventionlifeline.org
Free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Services (RSVP) - (213) 740-9355(WELL), press “0” after hours – 24/7 on call studenthealth.usc.edu/sexual-assault
Free and confidential therapy services, workshops, and training for situations related to gender-based harm.

Office of Equity and Diversity (OED) - (213) 740-5086 | Title IX – (213) 821-8298 equity.usc.edu, titleix.usc.edu
Information about how to get help or help someone affected by harassment or discrimination, rights of protected classes, reporting options, and additional resources for students, faculty, staff, visitors, and applicants.

Reporting Incidents of Bias or Harassment - (213) 740-5086 or (213) 821-8298 usc-advocate.sypmlicity.com/care_report
Avenue to report incidents of bias, hate crimes, and microaggressions to the Office of Equity and Diversity | Title IX for appropriate investigation, supportive measures, and response.

The Office of Disability Services and Programs - (213) 740-0776 dsp.usc.edu
Support and accommodations for students with disabilities. Services include assistance in providing readers/notetakers/interpreters, special accommodations for test taking needs, assistance with architectural barriers, assistive technology, and support for individual needs.

USC Campus Support and Intervention - (213) 821-4710
campussupport.usc.edu
Assists students and families in resolving complex personal, financial, and academic issues adversely affecting their success as a student.

Diversity at USC - (213) 740-2101
diversity.usc.edu
Information on events, programs and training, the Provost’s Diversity and Inclusion Council, Diversity Liaisons for each academic school, chronology, participation, and various resources for students.

USC Emergency - UPC: (213) 740-4321, HSC: (323) 442-1000 – 24/7 on call
dps.usc.edu, emergency.usc.edu
Emergency assistance and avenue to report a crime. Latest updates regarding safety, including ways in which instruction will be continued if an officially declared emergency makes travel to campus infeasible.

USC Department of Public Safety - UPC: (213) 740-6000, HSC: (323) 442-120 – 24/7 on call
dps.usc.edu
Non-emergency assistance or information.

The Trojan Food Pantry is a collaborative effort involving various campus partners spearheaded by Student Governments (USG & GSG), USC Hospitality and Campus Activities and is located at Parkside Apartments (PKS) #135, 3730 S. McClintock Ave. Hours: Tuesday: 3:30 – 6:30 pm and Wednesday & Friday: 10:00 am– 1:00 pm. https://campusactivities.usc.edu/hours-of-operation-location/

KORTSCHAK CENTER FOR LEARNING AND CREATIVITY
The USC Kortschak Center offers academic coaching, workshops, study strategies & time management plans for all students wanting to improve their academic skills. This can be really key if you want to learn how to organize your practice, learn new study skills or just get help to make you a more effective learner during your time at USC. The Center is located at Student Union, Room 311 or you can go to their website to make an appointment: kortschakcenter.usc.edu

ROSKI ADMISSIONS INFORMATION
For information and an application to become a Roski minor, please visit http://roski.usc.edu/minors/ or contact the advisement office at 213-740-7567 with any questions. To become a Roski major, please visit http://roski.usc.edu/undergraduate_programs/ or
contact Antonio Bartolome, anbartol@usc.edu, 213-740-9153 with any questions about majoring in FA. Applications are due October 1st and March 1st every year.

PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE POLICY under COVID
NEW// for a 4 unit undergraduate class that meets 2X per week

Participation and attendance policy for ZOOM / COVID situation:
Participation: 15% of your grade for the course

Attendance policy:
Participation is REQUIRED for every class meeting. You are expected to be on time, prepared, and engaged. Students who miss more than 2 classes without a medical excuse or family emergency in writing will receive a deduction of half a letter grade for the course; a further half grade will be deducted for each 2 additional classes missed. Students who have more than 5 unexcused absences (i.e., those absences that have not been cleared with professor) will receive a failing grade for the course. Habitual tardiness is not acceptable. Three tardies equals one absence, with consequences as above.

Zoom Etiquette: In the event that we should have to use ZOOM.
MUTE your sound unless you are called on or have something to contribute. Turn off cell phones before class. Zoom and marked absent for that day with results per the above.
Students are expected to use their video camera and be visible during class. Attend class in appropriate attire. Showing up for class in pajamas, or in your bed is disrespectful to fellow classmates and the professor. It may also be necessary to create a neutral background when attending your Zoom class session. This will ensure your privacy and set the tone for the classroom experience. Students should have a designated workspace where they can attend Zoom and work on assignments and show physical work when appropriate.

Behavior Violating University Standards:
https://policy.usc.edu/scampus-part-b/
11.12 (section B&C)
B. Distribution or use of notes or recordings based on university classes or lectures without the express permission of the instructor for purposes other than individual or group study. This includes, but is not limited to, providing materials for distribution by services publishing class notes. This restriction on unauthorized use also applies to all information, which had been distributed to students or in any way had been displayed for use in relationship to the class, whether obtained in class, via email, on the Internet or via any other media. (See Section C.1 Class Notes Policy).

C. Recording a university class without the express permission of the instructor and announcement to the class. Recording can inhibit future free discussion and thus infringe on the academic freedom of other students as well as the instructor.