**BEGINNING FIBERS**

**ARTFI\_VS 2300 01**

**Spring Semester 2020**

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**Beginning Fibers**

Beginning Fibers will emphasize feltmaking, weaving, embroidery artist books and papermaking processes and concepts.

The Fibers Area equips students with the intellectual, aesthetic and technical skill required to create contemporary art. Students in the Fibers Area reflect a diverse range of intellectual and material approaches. Rigorous critical dialogue communicates social and political discourse intertwined to the Fibers discipline. Analog and digital technologies, global textile production, gender and sexuality, craftivism, community and sustainable making are topics explored by Fibers students. Techniques taught in the Fibers Area inform visual communication for all art media.

**Objectives**

-To learn Fiber techniques and media that contributes to your overall understanding of the field.

-Develop an understanding of how the techniques you learn in Fibers can be incorporated into other media such as drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture.

-To learn to critically evaluate your own work and the work of your colleagues.

-To become aware of historical and contemporary aspects of various fiber media.

-To further the development of a personal visual voice via creative, conceptual and critical thinking skills.

**Required Supplies**

**The following supplies are available as a kit at the MU Bookstore, listed under ARTFI\_VS 2300 01**

*-Metal edged ruler*

*-Scissors*

*-Seam ripper*

*-Utility knife or X-Acto knife +extra blades*

*-Awl*

*-Bone Folder*

*-Tapestry needles*

**The following supplies are required but not included in the Bookstore kit**

-Skid-proof waterproof shoes

-Apron or old shirt to protect your clothes

-Rubber kitchen gloves

-Permanent Sharpie marker extra fine tip

-Pencils and pens

-Indelible inks, watercolor paints, calligraphy pens

-A variety of paint brushes

-Found items and paper ephemera for use in artwork

-Sketchbook

**Supplies Provided by the Studio (you may decide you want to purchase some of these supplies for your personal use as all items are shared among this class and others)**

-Wool and wool yarn

-Window screen for wet felting

-Paper pulps

-Mold and deckle

-Additives for paper

-Decorative threads and waxed linen to bind books

-Fabric

-Embroidery hoop

-Embroidery floss

-Embroidery needles

-Frame loom

-Yarn

 -Container to hold supplies in locker

**Course Requirements**

**Attendance**

-Role will be taken at the beginning of every class.

-Attending every class is essential. You learn so much in class from demonstrations, slide presentations, examining actual samples, discussing and exchanging ideas and observing other people working. These class experiences cannot be duplicated so it is extremely important for you to be in class.

-All the techniques introduced in this course are highly demanding of your attention. I need to explain and demonstrate step by step during the class period.

-A maximum of three excused absences are permitted. Excused absences are defined as an illness with a doctor’s note or a family emergency. Please contact me prior to class via email if you anticipate and excused absence.

-Two or more unexcused absences will result in one full letter grade reduction of your final grade.

-Four or more unexcused absences will result in an automatic failure for the semester.

-Attendance is required at all critiques. Missing a critique without an excused absence will result in failure for the project.

**Tardiness and Early Departure**

-Demonstrations and lectures will take place at the beginning of class and will not be repeated. If you are tardy, you are responsible for obtaining the missed information from your classmates. It is important to be on time and to start class together.

-I expect you to use the entire class period to complete quality work.

-Being late to class or leaving early during the class period three times counts as one absence.

-If you are not present at the time of taking roll you will be marked as absent. It is your responsibility to inform me within the class period to change the roll.

**Participation**

-You are required to participate in discussions, class critiques and during studio time. Consistent communication with your peers is essential to your growth as an artist.

**Work Ethic and Studio Practice**

-Please come to class prepared with all materials needed for that day. Forgetting required materials does not excuse you from leaving the studio to acquire materials.

-Participating in cleaning and creating a good working environment is essential. Leaving messes will prevent other people from working well.

-Supplies like silkscreen squeegees are ruined if not cleaned shortly after use. Damage of supplies is unacceptable in any shared art studio.

-Clean all surfaces including the floor. Dry and clear all supplies and containers from dish rack regularly.

-Be careful handling studio tools, equipment and facilities. Please inform me, another faculty or staff member promptly when you notice that materials need to be refilled or equipment needs repaired.

-Be careful with personal belongings and please keep all doors locked when necessary. Do not prop open exterior doors.

-Only enrolled Art students should be present in the studio.

-The studio hours are 8:00AM-11:00PM. You gain access by swiping your University ID.

-If you come in to work outside of regularly scheduled class and there is a class in session, ask permission from the instructor before beginning to work.

**-Respect your studio time. With respect to staying focused in class, please limit cell phone and computer use during class time in the studio unless it directly relates to work you are producing. TURN OFF YOUR PHONE AND KEEP IT OFF AND UNDER THE TABLE.**

**Material and Food Safety**

-When working with dyes and any powdered chemicals. You **MUST** wear gloves and mix chemicals under the fume hood.

-NO FLIP FLOPS in the studio. Leave an extra pair of skid/water proof shoes in your locker.

-Dyes, dye and paper chemicals will dry and become airborne. If spills and even small drips are not wiped up immediately it can be a danger to our health.

-As is the case in all campus facilities alcohol and smoking are prohibited inside the studio as well as on campus grounds.

-Food and drink should only be placed on wooden tables and coffee area. Do not eat around dyes or other chemicals in the studio.

**Grading**

-You are required to work at least six hours per week in addition to class time.

-In class ‘work days’ should be used for working on projects for this class only. NO work for other classes will be worked on during this time.

-You must be prepared to present well-crafted and professionally finished work at the beginning of every critique or the grade for the project will drop one letter grade.

-No projects will be accepted after the due date. Projects turned in after due date will result in failure except in the case of a family emergency or serious illness.

-Any grade given can be improved upon by reworking the project. All reworked projects are due two weeks after the grade for the project is given.

Projects will be graded according to the following criteria:

-Creativity in design, technique and concept.

-Professional presentation and craftsmanship.

-The consideration of all project requirements.

-**Any fibers techniques take longer time and more effort than you think. It is important for an artist to challenge his or her capabilities since there is no standard measurement. I expect and appreciate the work in which I can find the trace of great effort.**

**Grade Definitions**

A-Greatly exceeds project requirements with outstanding effort in originality and craftsmanship.

B-Exceeds project requirements with significant effort in originality and craftsmanship.

C-Meets project requirements with effort in originality and craftsmanship.

D-Does not meet project requirements with little effort in originality and craftsmanship.

F-Does not meet project requirements with no effort in originality and craftsmanship or not submitted

**Grade**

**15% Attendance**

**15% Class Participation**

**10% Felt Portrait project**

**10% Artist Book project**

**10% Embroidery project**

**10% Frame Loom Weaving project**

**30% Final project**

**Academic Dishonesty**

Academic integrity is fundamental to the activities and principles of a university. All members of the academic community must be confident that each person's work has been responsibly and honorably acquired, developed, and presented. Any effort to gain an advantage not given to all students is dishonest whether or not the effort is successful. The academic community regards breaches of the academic integrity rules as extremely serious matters. Sanctions for such a breach may include academic sanctions from the instructor, including failing the course for any violation, to disciplinary sanctions ranging from probation to expulsion. When in doubt about plagiarism, paraphrasing, quoting, collaboration, or any other form of cheating, consult the course instructor.

**Students with Disabilities**

If you anticipate barriers related to the format or requirements of this course, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need to make arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please let me know as soon as possible.

If disability related accommodations are necessary (for example, a note taker, extended time on exams, captioning), please register with the Disability Center (http://disabilitycenter.missouri.edu), S5 Memorial Union, 573- 882-4696, and then notify me of your eligibility for reasonable accommodations. For other MU resources for persons with disabilities, click on "Disability Resources" on the MU homepage.

**Intellectual Pluralism**

The University community welcomes intellectual diversity and respects student rights. Students who have questions or concerns regarding the atmosphere in this class (including respect for diverse opinions) may contact the departmental chair or divisional director; the director of the Office of Students Rights and Responsibilities; the MU Equity Office, or equity@missouri.edu.

All students will have the opportunity to submit an anonymous evaluation of the instructor(s) at the end of the course.

**Executive Order #38, Academic Inquiry, Course Discussion and Privacy**

Faculty allowing recording:

University of Missouri System Executive Order No. 38 lays out principles regarding the sanctity of classroom discussions at the university. The policy is described fully in Section 200.015 of the Collected Rules and Regulations. In this class, students may make audio or video recordings of course activity unless specifically prohibited by the faculty member. However, the redistribution of audio or video recordings of statements or comments from the course to individuals who are not students in the course is prohibited without the express permission of the faculty member and of any students who are recorded. Students found to have violated this policy are subject to discipline in accordance with provisions of section 200.020 of the Collected Rules and Regulations of the University of Missouri pertaining to student conduct matters.

**Food and Housing**

Any student who faces challenges securing their food or housing and believes this may affect their performance in the course is urged to contact one of the offices below for support. Furthermore, please notify me if you are comfortable in doing so. This will enable Pazia to provide any resources that she may possess.  
      
    **Dean of Students  
      
    Student Accountability & Support- Care Coordinator**  
      
    G206 MU Student Center  
      
    Phone: 573-882-5543  
      
**Financial Aid**  
      
    11 Jesse Hall  
      
    Phone: 573-882-7506  
      
**Tiger Pantry  
      
    Rock Quarry Facility**  
      
    Room #8  
      
    1400 Rock Quarry Road  
      
    Phone: 573-882-3780  
      
**TRiO Program**  
      
    100 E Student Success Center  
      
    Phone: 573-882-2493  
      
    **Center for Academic Success and Excellence**  
      
    110 Student Success Center  
      
    573-882-9208

**CALENDAR**

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**Spring Semester 2020**

**Wednesday, January 22 Syllabus/studio tour/wet feltmaking prep**

**Monday, January 27 Wet feltmaking**

**Wednesday, January 29 Needle felting/felt portraits**

**Monday, February 3 Felt portraits/*Visual Art and Design Showcase,*** *Opening Reception, 5:00PM, Jesse Hall Rotunda*

**Wednesday, February 5 Felt Portraits due/*Visual Art and Design Showcase,*** *Panel Dialogue “Professional Journeys in Art & Design” and Award Ceremony, 5:00PM, Jesse Auditorium*

Monday, February 10                 Papermaking prep

Wednesday, February 12 Papermaking/*Visual Art and Design Showcase, Keynote Address Speaker: Dr. Craig Wilkins, 5:00PM, Jesse Auditorium*

Monday, February 17                 Papermaking/Artist books

Wednesday, February 19            Artist books

Monday, February 24 Tentative visit to the Ellis Library Special Collections

Wednesday, February 26 Artist book project

Monday, March 2 Artist book project

Wednesday, March 4 Artist book project

Monday, March 9 Artist book project due

Wednesday, March 11 Embroidery

Monday, March 16 Embroidery

Wednesday, March 18 Embroidery

Monday, March 23 Spring Break

Wednesday, March 25 Spring Break

Monday, March 30 Embroidery

Wednesday, April 1 Embroidery project due

Monday, April 6 Frame loom weaving

Wednesday, April 8 Frame loom weaving/fill the grid

Monday, April 13 Fill the grid

Wednesday, April 15 Fill the grid project due

Monday, April 20 Final project

Wednesday, April 22 Final project

Monday, April 27 Final project

Wednesday, April 29 Final project

Monday, May 4 Final project

Wednesday, May 6 Final project

Thursday, May 14 Final critique, 3:00-5:00PM

This calendar is subject to slight changes.