

**BEGINNING FIBERS**  
**ARTFI\_VS 2300 section 02**  
**Spring Semester 2020**

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**Beginning Fibers:**

Beginning Fibers will emphasize surface design (dyeing and textile printing), embroidery, papermaking, and artists' books.

**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 peers.
- 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

**Suggested Texts:**

- *The Papermaker's Companion: The Ultimate Guide to Making and Using Handmade Paper* by Helen Hiebert
- *Art Cloth* by Jane Dunnewold
- *Eco Colour - Botanical Dyes for Beautiful Textiles* by India Flint
- *Shibori: The Inventive Art of Japanese Dyeing* by Yoshiko Wada
- *The Surface Designer's Handbook* by Holly Brachtman

\*\*To supplement your work in this class, you may want to look at the books in our studio library (though they must not leave the office where they're shelved), and at issues of the following periodicals, which can be found in the Current Periodicals reading room at Ellis Library as well as the studio library.

*American Craft*  
*FiberArt Now*  
*Shuttle, Spindle, and Dyepot*

*Sculpture Magazine*  
*Hand Papermaking*  
*Surface Design*

**Required Texts:**

There are no required textbooks. Books from the Fibers library will be utilized regularly in class.

**Drawings and Sketchbook:**

You are required to maintain a sketchbook, and make drawings to augment your studio work during the semester. This work should be presented during individual meetings, where your progress will be discussed.

**Materials:**

For this class you will need to purchase a kit from the Mizzou Store (textbook department).

This kit contains:

- Bookbinders needles
- Awl
- Bone Folder
- Metal edged ruler
- Utility knife
- X-Acto knife
- Fabric scissors
- Seam ripper

**Additional materials:**

- Additives for paper
- Collage materials
- Skid-proof and waterproof shoes/boots
- Apron or old shirt to protect clothing (we have a few aprons in the studio)
- Rubber kitchen gloves
- Mechanical pencil
- Sketchbook
- Box to store paper samples
- Sewing needles (variety pack)
- Embroidery thread
- Embroidery hoop
- Paintbrushes
- Sobo glue

**Optional materials:**

- Paper scissors
- Self-healing cutting mat
- Large container to hold supplies in locker
- Found items and paper ephemera for use in artwork
- Clean yogurt or Tupperware containers with lids for dyeing
- 5 gallon buckets
- old sheets or towels for use in papermaking studio

### **Attendance:**

- Roll 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 an 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.
- If you have any concerns regarding your attendance, please email me at [rkbth@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:rkbth@mail.missouri.edu). If any issues arise regarding your attendance, a notification will be sent through MU Connect.

### **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 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 to be 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 8:00 am - 11:00 pm. 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.

**\*\*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. PLEASE TURN YOUR PHONE ON SILENT AND PUT IT AWAY DURING CLASS.**

#### **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 skidproof/waterproof 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 MU 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. 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 is allowed 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.
- Projects turned in after the due date will result in a lower grade, 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

**Fibers techniques take longer and more effort than you think. It is important for an artist to challenge their 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

**Grading Scheme:**

A+	100% - 98%
A	98% - 93%
A-	93% - 90%
B+	90% - 87%
B	87% - 83%
B-	83% - 80%
C+	80% - 77%
C	77% - 73%
C-	73% - 70%
D+	70% - 67%
D	67% - 63%
D-	63% - 60%
F	60% - 0%

**Grade**

20% Class Participation (updated in Canvas at the end of each unit)

20% Critique Participation

60% Samples and Projects

**Assignments and due dates are subject to change based upon progress throughout the semester.**

**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, 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.

**Disability Center:**

<http://disabilitycenter.missouri.edu>

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573-882-4696

**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](mailto:equity@missouri.edu).

All Students will have the opportunity to submit an anonymous evaluation of the instructor 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 recording 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.