

UMass Dartmouth - CVPA
2D Form and Surface
Course: FOU 120 (3 credits)
Meets: T/Th 9:30-12:15 Star Store room 254

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This course introduces the fundamental principles of visual language, including formal, technical and conceptual aspects of image making in two-dimensions. Focus is placed on hand skills, observation, and implementation through a variety of materials, processes, and methodologies. Students will develop a visual and verbal language for analyzing, organizing, shaping, and communicating two-dimensional form and meaning. Course is designed for the first year art student.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Practice a wide range of brainstorming, creative thinking techniques, and conceptual engagement (informed choices and deep intentions) through the creation and critique of artworks
- Practice creating two-dimensional formal compositions through hands-on exercises and assignments
- Develop a visual vocabulary that will provide students with a common language through reading, writing, and verbal practice during critique/discussion
- Practice analyzing examining the principles and elements of design through oral and written critique
- Practice technical craftsmanship skills through the creation of artworks
- Analyze a variety of approaches to development of a successful studio practice via observation of professional artists

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