



Course Outline

2026-2027 Catalog

ART 60 - Sculpture I

Catalog Description

Transfer Status: CSU/UC

Unit(s): 3.00

Lecture: 25.50 Contact hours/51.00 Out of class hours/76.50 Total hours/1.50 Unit(s)

Lab: 76.50 Contact hours/0.00 Out of class hours/76.50 Total hours/1.50 Unit(s)

Total: 102.00 Contact hours/51.00 Out of class hours/153.00 Total hours/3.00 Unit(s)

Course Description: This course is an introduction to three-dimensional sculptural principles, techniques, and concepts utilizing a wide range of materials and practices. Various sculpture methods are practiced with attention to creative self-expression and historical context.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Express aesthetic or conceptual intents in various three dimensional media that may include several of the following, but are not limited to: plaster, clay, wood, stone, glass, bronze, iron, steel, concrete and the use of digital technologies such as 3D printers and scanners.
2. Produce sculpture projects using the basic tools and forming techniques of sculpture (manipulative, substitution, subtractive, additive, fabrication, assemblage etc.) in a safe and appropriate manner.
3. Display basic skills and craftsmanship in sculpture media using the formal principles of design and visual elements.
4. Create sculptural works that demonstrate understanding of representational, abstract, non-objective, or conceptual imagery.
5. Examine and describe historical and contemporary developments, trends, materials, and approaches in sculpture.
6. Assess and critique sculptural works in group, individual, and written contexts using relevant critique formats, concepts and terminology.
7. Safely utilize tools and specialized equipment.

Course Content

Topic Titles / Suggested Time Topic

Lecture

<u>Topics</u>	<u>Lec Hrs</u>
Major sculptural principles including but not limited to subtractive, additive, fabrication, construction, assemblage, substitution/casting, installation, and digitally based processes	2.50
Introduction to representational, abstract, non-objective, and conceptually based imagery	2.50
Development of vocabulary specific to sculpture	2.50
Introduction to sculptural materials including but not limited to clay, metal, plaster, stone, found objects etc.	2.50
Creative thinking, problem solving, and decision-making skills used in the visual arts	2.50
Formal visual elements and principles of design	2.50
Appreciation, interpretation and understanding of both Western and Non-Western artworks with an emphasis on the impact of historical, contemporary, cultural, and physical contexts of sculptural works	2.50
Analysis and criticism of sculptural works in oral and written contexts using relevant critique formats, concepts, and terminology	2.50
Studio equipment, tool use, maintenance, and safety	2.50
Contemporary trends, materials, and approaches in sculpture and three-dimensional art	3.00
Total Hours:	25.50

Lab

<u>Topics</u>	<u>Lab Hrs</u>
Problem solving visual exercises that develop 3-Dimensional awareness and require exploration and manipulation of the basic material used to create sculpture	10.00
Studio projects that explore the elements and organizing principles of three-dimensional design including but not limited to the use of additive, subtractive, substitution, fabrication, assemblage, digital, etc.	20.00
Studio projects that include, but are not limited to, the use of representational, abstract, non-objective and conceptual imagery	20.00
Development of skill and processes using a variety of artistic materials, techniques and tools appropriate to an introductory study of sculpture, which may include, but are not limited to: paper, wood, plaster, wire, metal, clay, fibers, mixed media	20.00
Safe use of tools and specialized equipment	6.50
Total Hours:	76.50

Methods of Instruction

- A. Class Activities
- B. Demonstrations
- C. Field Trips
- D. Homework: Students are required to complete two hours of outside-of-class homework for each hour of lecture
- E. Lecture
- F. Problem-Solving Sessions

Methods of Evaluation

- A. Exams/Tests
- B. Projects
- C. Homework
- D. Class participation
- E. Written Assignments
- F. Class Discussion

Examples of Assignments

Reading Assignments

1. Read Handout on Materials & Techniques and prepare to discuss the information in class.
2. Read Anxious Visions, Surrealist Art, segment on Max Ernst, Hans Bellmer, and Man Ray. Take notes on these artists' creative processes and prepare to discuss the similarities and differences to your creative process in class.

Writing Assignments

1. Write an in-class critique on the artwork of your classmates. Apply the elements of art and design principles in your critique and determine meaning based on your reading of visual language.
2. Write an essay on a three-dimensional art work on display in the Butte College Art Gallery. Analyze the visual language and material use as it pertains to the content of the work.

Out-of-Class Assignments

1. Research an assigned 20th/21st century three-dimensional artist in conjunction with class lecture on design elements and technical instruction in the production of three-dimensional artworks, and apply those elements and techniques to assigned project.
2. Research the Performance Artist Guillermo Gomez Pena and prepare to discuss his working methods, materials, and installations in class.

Recommended Materials of Instruction

Peck, J. (2007). *Sculpture As Experience*. Krause Publishing, 2nd.

Parkinson, P. (2016). *Making Sculpture from Scrap Metal*. Crowood Press, 1st.

Other Learning Materials

clay, resin, wood, metal, wire, glue, fiber, cardboard, found objects, hot glue gun, clay carving tools, and other tools and materials as needed based on projects.

Books, films, and periodicals located in the ARTS Resource Center.

Minimum Qualifications

Art (Masters Required)

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