Graduate School of Art

The Graduate School of Art confers the terminal professional Master of Fine Arts in Illustration & Visual Culture and the Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts as set forth and accredited by the College Art Association of America and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

The residence requirement for the Master of Fine Arts degree is at least two years of full-time study (minimum 12 credits each semester). Students have five calendar years to complete their degree. Students work closely with faculty advisers to explore individual interests within the Sam Fox School and the larger university.

The MFA in Illustration & Visual Culture (IVC) (https://www.mfaivc.samfoxschool.wustl.edu/about) explores the idea of illustration and authorship by combining student practice in illustration and cartooning with curatorial training in visual and material culture. The program is built on the strengths and expertise of the Sam Fox School’s illustration and design faculty and the vast visual resources of Washington University, including the D. B. Dowd Modern Graphic History Library (https://library.wustl.edu/spec/mghl), a permanent site for studying the history and culture of American illustration.

The MFA in Visual Art (https://samfoxschool.wustl.edu/programs/mfa-va) is a critically engaged studio practice program that provides a forum for collaboration and both discipline-specific and interdisciplinary study. The program is an open landscape for the emerging artist — one that reflects the dynamic cultural shifts, global perspectives and evolving technologies that shape today’s complex art world. While investigating their roles and responsibilities as artists, students challenge traditional hierarchies and embrace new forms of aesthetic thinking that include socially engaged and situated practices, site-responsive work, post-studio production, de-skilling and DIY/maker movements. Graduate seminars provide contemporary and historical contexts for art making, while a thesis seminar supports students in their writing and the development of their ideas. Through a combination of self-directed study, studio critiques, visiting artist reviews, and research, students build a sophisticated awareness of the cultural conversations of our time.

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Courses

- F10 Art: Art foundation and major studio courses
- F20 Art: Art elective courses

F10 Art

F10 ART 541 Graduate Studio
Graduate studio work emphasizes individual development through a mix of independent study and activities structured around shared student and faculty interests. The direction of student artwork is determined through consultation with faculty, and faculty act as guides to realize objectives set by the student. Faculty provide critical commentary through ongoing dialogue with students and facilitate dialogue expanded by group critiques, contact with visiting artists, and museum and gallery trips. Graduate students are encouraged to explore traditional and experimental approaches to art making.
Credit 10 units. EN: H

F10 ART 541A Graduate Studio
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Credit 9 units.

F10 ART 542 Graduate Studio
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Credit 9 units. EN: H

F10 ART 542A Graduate Studio
Graduate studio work emphasizes individual development through a mix of independent study and activities structured around shared student and faculty interests. The direction of student artwork is determined through consultation with faculty, and faculty act as guides to realize objectives set by the student. Faculty provide critical commentary through ongoing dialogue with students and facilitate dialogue expanded by group critiques, contact with visiting artists, and museum and gallery trips. Graduate students are encouraged to explore traditional and experimental approaches to art making.
Credit 10 units. EN: H

F10 ART 553 A Context for Artmaking
This seminar provides various historical and critical contexts in which to place contemporary creative work. Discussions will focus on the aesthetic, social, political, and economic implications of creative production and reveal the intentions and strategies artists employ in their work.
Credit 3 units. EN: H

F10 ART 554 A Context for Artmaking
Continuation of F10 553. This course provides graduate students with a historical and critical context in which to place their work. Among other topics, discussions will focus on "definitions" of art, on the political implications of art production and criticism, and on the position of the artist in relation to cultural and economic powers. Preparation and participation in the meetings will be crucial to the success of this seminar as conversations will always ask how the student's own work relates to the larger history of contemporary art. The two essays that constitute the writing requirements for the course — one due at midterm and another written within the exam period at the end of the semester — will synthesize readings, discussions and students' own research in answering the same question. The seminar meets throughout the academic year, and the syllabus will remain flexible to allow for meetings with visiting artists and members of the faculty of the Graduate School of Art. Part 2 of 2. Prerequisites: first-year MFA student standing; F10 553. Graduate School of Art majors only.
Credit 3 units. EN: H

F10 ART 561 Illustration Studio 1: Drawing and Voice
This course provides a thorough exploration of drawing for communicative purposes, stretching from ideation to storytelling to authorship of text and image. Students will create single images and sequences, explore reproduction and multiplicity, and develop a sketchbook practice. In the process, students will develop a set of visual questions and thematic concerns. Working through projects designed for print and screen, illustrators will begin to define a distinctive voice to express their chosen content, including words, images, audio, and typography or lettering.
Credit 6 units.
F10 ART 562 Illustration Studio II: Artist, Author, Audience
This course explores the format of the self-generated publication: zines, mini-comics and short visual essays. Expanding upon the content discovered in the first semester studio, illustrators will create a variety of short works to be mass produced for public readership for both the screen and in print. Projects may range from animated sketches to formal visual essays. Research on audience and viewer experience will be a critical focus.
Credit 6 units.

F10 ART 571 The Illustrated Periodical
This course engages the cultural phenomenon of illustrated papers and magazines, primarily in the United States, in the 19th and 20th centuries. We will study the publishing enterprise as an early form of translocal community formation that anticipated the online culture of today. Course content will include the advent of industrial image production; modern reading and looking; the rivalry of illustration and photography; advertising; race and gender in the production and reception of commercial images; and the contingent status of illustration and its associated alienation from high visual culture. Canonical illustrators, cartoonists, projects, and texts will be included through a combination of lecture and discussion.
Credit 3 units.

F10 ART 572 Literatures of Drawing
This theoretically oriented seminar course covers drawing, printing, and cultural form, focusing on ideologies of illustration and cartooning as well as problems of visual representation, broadly speaking. Complementary focus will be placed on the portrayals of illustrators and cartoonists in literature and film to explore the complicated cultural status of the people who produce such work. Students will produce critical and argumentative writing and conduct research in the D.B. Dowd Modern Graphic History Library collections.
Credit 3 units.

F10 ART 573 Special Collections: Practice & Purpose
This course is an introduction to the theoretical foundations, practice, and profession of special collections and archives, with a focus on the diverse holdings of Washington University Libraries’ Special Collections, including the D.B. Dowd Modern Graphic History Library. Course topics will include the core concepts and values related to the access, design, curation, preservation, and stewardship of visual materials. Through discussions and hands-on activities, students will explore the processing, cataloging, and digitization of visual materials, offering them an opportunity to put theory into practice in special collections and archives.
Credit 3 units.

F10 ART 574 Special Collections: Exhibition & Engagement
This course focuses on the development, planning and mounting of exhibitions, which serve as a critical form of scholarly engagement and a vehicle for collection engagement in special collections practice. Students will learn underlying theories that guide exhibition creation, and they will have the opportunity to apply those theories through the curation and design of an exhibition of materials from the D.B. Dowd Modern Graphic History Library. The course will also explore additional WashU Libraries’ Special Collections visual holdings, such as the moving image and numismatics, through guest lectures and workshops.
Credit 3 units.

F10 ART 576 Comics and Cartooning: A Critical Survey
This survey course addresses the language and history of comics, beginning with the tradition of caricature in Europe and America; the emergence of proto-comics in the mid-19th century; early Sunday comic supplements beginning in the 1890s and the explosion of the comic strip as a popular form between 1900 and 1935; the advent of the comic book as an advertising premium and its development through the imposition of the comics code in 1954; and the development of underground comix and the emergence of the graphic novel.
Credit 3 units.

F10 ART 641 Graduate Studio
Graduate studio work emphasizes individual development through a mix of independent study and activities structured around shared student and faculty interests. The direction of student artwork is determined through consultation with faculty, and faculty act as guides to realize objectives set by the student. Faculty provide critical commentary through ongoing dialogue with students and facilitate dialogue expanded by group critiques, contact with visiting artists, and museum and gallery trips. Graduate students are encouraged to explore traditional and experimental approaches to art making. Prerequisite: second-year MFA student standing. Graduate School of Art majors only.
Credit 12 units. EN: H

F10 ART 642 Graduate Studio
Graduate studio work emphasizes individual development through a mix of independent study and activities structured around shared student and faculty interests. The direction of student artwork is determined through consultation with faculty, and faculty act as guides to realize objectives set by the student. Faculty provide critical commentary through ongoing dialogue with students and facilitate dialogue expanded by group critiques, contact with visiting artists, and museum and gallery trips. Graduate students are encouraged to explore traditional and experimental approaches to art making. Prerequisite: second-year MFA student standing. Graduate School of Art majors only.
Credit 12 units. EN: H

F10 ART 660 Thesis
Credit 3 units. EN: H

F10 ART 661 Illustration & Visual Culture Thesis Studio I
This advanced course focuses on defining a professional orientation in the practice, criticism, and curation of illustration and cartooning today, focusing on the studio and the archive as zones of investigation and achievement. The course work isolates issues of creative approach, production, distribution, and market position to define and test a major project concept. Projects may include picture books, zines, games, animated projects, comics, and other forms of published matter. Students will define research questions and establish an editorial orientation for critical engagement with visual culture. Project definition and early work will carry forward into the work of Illustration & Visual Culture Thesis Studio II.
Credit 9 units.
F10 ART 675 Readings in Visual and Material Culture

"No ideas but in things." Taking as a point of departure this famous line from a William Carlos Williams poem, which is often said to express the poet's commitment to a creative practice rooted in tangible things (as opposed to abstractions, formalism, a given subject matter or politics, and so on), this course explores the idea-thing relationship as it has come to be understood during the past century. Studying influential theories of visual and material culture, this course will engage historical, theoretical, and creative texts by Marx, Baudrillard, Bourdieu, Sontag, and others alongside concrete visual and material objects. Students will produce responsive writing and conduct individual research.

Credit 3 units.

F20 Art

Visit online course listings to view semester offerings for F20 ART (https://courses.wustl.edu/CourseInfo.aspx?sch=F&dept=F20&crsvl=5.6).

F20 ART 501A Drawing: Art Practice (Conceptual Methods in Drawing)

Same as F20 601A - First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 501A. Drawing is a communicative device; it is a primary means of conceptual strategy leading to effective visual exploration and expression, from thought to form. This studio course looks at the practice of drawing in the context of language, scientific paradigms, complementary and alternative art forms, socio-political theory and history as they relate to visual culture and invention. Lectures, critical readings, and analysis of historical and contemporary modes of drawing support students in their course work. Projects in this course may consider mapping, language systems, formulaic constructions, material essentialism, physiologic/kinesthetic approaches, and performative aspects of drawing.

Credit 3 units. EN: H

F20 ART 502D Drawing: Art Practice (Collage: History and Practice in Contemporary Art)

Same as F20 602D - First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 502D. This course will examine the role of collage in contemporary studio practice. Students will be required to assemble an archive of images from various sources, both found and self-generated, to produce work based on specific themes. This course integrates collage practice with other visual disciplines. Readings and discussion related to the course examine the evolution of collage and its present status and application within contemporary art production.

Same as F20 ART 303B

Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 502B Drawing: Art Practice (Conceptual Methods in Drawing)

Drawing is a communicative device; it is a primary means of conceptual strategy leading to effective visual exploration and expression, from thought to form. This studio course looks at the practice of drawing in the context of language, scientific paradigms, complementary and alternative art forms, socio-political theory and history as they relate to visual culture and invention. Lectures, critical readings, and analysis of historical and contemporary modes of drawing support students in their course work. Projects in this course may consider mapping, language systems, formulaic constructions, material essentialism, physiologic/kinesthetic approaches, and performative aspects of drawing.

Same as F10 ART 302B

Credit 3 units. Art: CDES, FAAM

F20 ART 509B Eco-Art

Eco-Art explores the intersection of art, ecology and ethics. Though the movement is broad and growing, eco-art re-envisions our relationship with the natural world by informing, challenging, inventing, and reclaiming. This studio-based course introduces various artistic practices and working methodologies related to environmental art, exploring “green” methodologies, repurposed objects, land art, ecoventions, social sculpture, and community activism. The course is organized around art historical precedents, and it is supported by critical essays and examples of contemporary practice, including discussion of eco-design and sustainable architecture. Projects are open to multidimensional solutions in a wide variety of media.

Same as F20 ART 309B

Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 503B Collage: History & Practice in Contemporary Art

This course examines the role of collage in contemporary studio practice. Students are required to assemble an archive of images from various sources, both found and self-generated, to produce work based on specific themes. This course integrates collage practice with other visual disciplines. Readings and discussion related to the course examine the evolution of collage and its present status and application within contemporary art production.

Same as F20 ART 303B

Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 502D Drawing: Art Practice (Collage: History and Practice in Contemporary Art)

Same as F20 602D - First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 502D. This course will examine the role of collage in contemporary studio practice. Students will be required to assemble an archive of images from various sources, both found and self-generated, to produce a body of work based on a specific theme. Readings and discussion related to the course will examine the evolution of collage and its present status and application within contemporary studio practice.

Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H


Same as F20 611D - First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 511D. This studio course focuses on various narrative strategies in relation to painting's mythology and its function in contemporary culture. Topics to include narrativity, the politics of lens and screen, invented fictions, social vs. virtual spaces, and site specificity. Instruction will encompass technical, conceptual and creative skills for taking an individually conceived project from idea to fruition. Students will be encouraged to consider traditional and alternative forms of painting as well as digital imaging, installation, net art, and so on. Lectures, critical essays, and analysis of historical precedents and contemporary practitioners will support students in their course work.

Credit 3 units. EN: H
F20 ART 511F Painting: Art Practice (Language of Abstraction)
Same as F20 611F. First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 511F. This course examines strategies of abstraction and non-objective image-making that originate in the painting studio, including those that are driven by concept, material, space, and/or process. Readings and discussions will examine the evolution and history of abstraction and its present applications within a contemporary studio practice. The course will engage students in both assigned and self-directed work that will enable them to experiment with a broad visual vocabulary while understanding the relationship between form and content.
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 511G Painting: Art Practice (Place and Space)
Same as F20 611G - First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 511G. This course examines ideas of place and space both observed and invented through the surface and materiality of paintings. Students develop a unique body of work through shared exploration of painting processes and materials, along with independent research. Critical assessment of work is complemented by faculty and peer discussions, readings, and critiques. Lectures, presentations, critical readings, and the analysis of historical and contemporary modes of figural representation will support students in their investigations. Required for the BFA in Art painting concentration. Prerequisite: Painting Studio: Material and Process. Critical assessment of work is complemented by faculty and peer discussions, readings, written critical analysis and field study.
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 511J Painting: Art Practice (Figure Structure)
This rigorous painting/drawing course explores new representations of the figure through its structure and contemporary contexts. Initial research involves anatomy lectures and extensive sketchbook activities that provide a vehicle for discovering the figure's architecture, mechanics and proportions. Students develop an independent body of work accessing visual data from a variety of sources (paintings, photography, sculpture, memory, model sessions), with the goal of developing expressive qualities with image-making. Lectures, presentations, critical readings, and the analysis of historical and contemporary figurative works support students in their investigations. Required for the BFA in Art painting concentration. Prerequisite: Painting Studio: Material and Culture. Open to BFA and BA students who have taken the prerequisite and others, including art minors and MFA students, with permission of the instructor.
Same as F10 ART 311J
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 511T The Poetics of Image-Making: People, Place & Space
This painting elective course examines the poetics of image-making, with a focus on the representation of people, place, and space, both observed and invented. Students learn the practice of painting and develop works through fundamental exercises as well as through the shared exploration of painting processes. Work outside of class for the beginner is project-based; advanced students produce an independent body of work. Critical assessment of work is complemented by faculty and peer discussions, readings, and field study. Required text: "The Poetics of Space" by Gaston Bachelard.
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 511U The Language of Moving Images
This course will examine the language of moving images, which includes -- among other elements -- shot construction, sequencing, duration, sound integration, scale, and situational contexts. Through screenings, readings, lectures, discussions and critiques, students will develop the skills required to interpret moving images and to think about their productions, which may utilize forms other than video or film and include installation components. This course is not focused on technical approaches, and students' creative work will be driven by individual concerns and may be accompanied by written analysis. Prerequisite: Digital Studio/Digital Design.
Same as F20 ART 311U
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 512E Painting: Art Practice (Place and Space)
Same as F20 612E. First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 512E. This course examines ideas of place and space — both observed and invented — established through the surface and materiality of paintings. Students develop a unique body of work through shared exploration of painting processes and materials, along with independent research. Critical assessment of work is complemented by faculty and peer discussions, readings, written critical analysis and field study. Prerequisite: First-year MFA student standing.
Credit 3 units. EN: H

F20 ART 512F Painting: Art Practice (Language of Abstraction)
Same as F20 612F. First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 512F. This course examines strategies of abstraction and non-objective image-making that originate in the painting studio, including those that are driven by concept, material, space and/or process. Readings and discussion will examine the evolution and history of abstraction and its present applications within a contemporary studio practice. The course will engage students in both assigned and self-directed work that will enable them to experiment with a broad visual vocabulary while understanding the relationship between form and content.
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM

F20 ART 512G Painting: Art Practice (Body Image)
Same as F20 612G - First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 512G. This is a rigorous painting/drawing studio course investigating various methods of pictorial construction (historical, contemporary) and the role of figuration in contemporary art practice. Students will be required to produce an independent body of work based on a theme and generated from a variety of references (imagination, life, photography, painting, film, etc.). Discussions to include contemporary notions of identity structures, social and gender politics. Lectures, critical readings and the analysis of historical and contemporary modes of figurative representation will support students in their investigations.
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 512H Painting: Art Practice (Place and Space)
This course examines ideas of place and space -- both observed and invented -- established through the surface and materiality of paintings. Students develop a unique body of work through shared exploration of painting processes and materials, along with independent research. Critical assessment of work is complemented by faculty and peer discussions, readings, written critical analysis and field study.
Same as F10 ART 312H
F20 ART 512P Painting: The Painted Figure
This studio course is an introduction to the practice of painting, with an emphasis on the pictorial representation of the human figure. Instruction will encompass a range of technical, conceptual and creative skills to be used for developing projects. In-class projects will include working from the live model. Students will be encouraged to consider traditional and alternative forms of painting. Lectures, critical essays, and analysis of historical precedents and contemporary practitioners will support students in their course work. No prerequisites.
Same as F20 ART 312P
Credit 3 units. Art: CDES

F20 ART 513F Sculpture: Foundry
Same as F20 613F - First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 513F. This course is an introduction to Blacksmithing materials, tools, and techniques. Students will explore the fundamental techniques of hand-forged metal. Metal can be manipulated as a plastic material and offers enormous possibilities for three-dimensional form. In this class we will explore these possibilities and expand our sculptural vocabulary.
Same as F20 ART 313H
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 513H Sculpture: Blacksmithing
Same as F20 113H, 213H, 413H - Juniors (only) register for F20 313H. This course is an introduction to Blacksmithing materials, tools, and techniques. Students will explore the fundamental techniques of hand-forged metal. Metal can be manipulated as a plastic material and offers enormous possibilities for three-dimensional form. In this class we will explore these possibilities and expand our sculptural vocabulary.
Same as F20 ART 313H
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 5143 Matter in Hand Workshop
Same as F20 113I, 213I, 413I - Juniors (only) register for F20 313I. Metal is the backbone of our modern world and a viable medium for self-expression. It can be employed as structure or as surface, it can be plastically deformed to create compound shapes or it can be connected to most any other material. Students will explore the creative potential of this material in the fabrication of sculptural forms. Students learn to weld using both gas and electric arc machines as well as the safe operation of drilling, grinding and finishing tools.
Same as F20 ART 313I
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 513M Sculpture: Art Practice (Sculptural Bodies)
Same as F20 613M - First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 513M. This course investigates the socio-political issues of the body, the figure and their potential in contemporary art practice. The term "body" is used as an organism, in an expansive way, to investigate the metaphorical, physical, emotional, cultural, and spiritual bodies. A variety of media and methods are explored with an emphasis on three-dimensional work and object-based performance. Lectures, demonstrations and readings contextualize the potential of sculptural systems to constitute the meaning of a contemporary body.

F20 ART 513Q Compositions in Clay
Same as F20 ART 313Q
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 5144 Matter in Hand Workshop
Same as F20 6144. First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 5144. All materials and processes carry meaning, so the choice of one material over another has an enormous impact on the celerity, power and resonance of your work of art. For example, the record of the evolution of human consciousness is forever embedded in the artworks and text designed, made and preserved in clay and paper. This course explores how the work of the hand informs the work of the brain and how, together, these activities find meaning in the mind. Through these and other processes and materials such as welded metal and cast glass, students will investigate how working with a particular material influences their concepts and resonates in the art they create. This 11-week course will investigate primary materials (clay, glass, concrete, paper, metal) and processes of art making. We will explore the manipulation of these to find meaning at this point in our evolution. Emphasis will be placed on individual student's investigation and experimentation. Each student will investigate these materials conceptually, physically and emotionally in relationship to their own studio practice.
Credit 1.5 units.

F20 ART 513P Sculpture: Art Practice (Iterative Systems)
This course investigates iterative approaches to making as a means to generate multiple works and ideas simultaneously. Activities such as mold-making and nontraditional drawing will be explored along with other process-based methods of capturing thoughtful gestures. Through readings and discussions, students will engage with historical precedents and contemporary principles that support the creation of self-directed work informed by the iterative mindset. Required for the BFA in Art sculpture concentration. Prerequisite: Sculpture Studio: Material and Culture. Open to BFA and BA students who have taken the prerequisite and others, including art minors and MFA students, with the permission of the instructor.
Same as F10 ART 313P
Credit 3 units.
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the art they create. This 11-week course will investigate primary
materials (clay, glass, concrete, paper, metal) and processes
of art making. We will explore the manipulation of these to find
meaning at this point in our evolution. Emphasis will be placed
on individual student's investigation and experimentation. Each
student will investigate these materials conceptually, physically
and emotionally in relationship to their own studio practice.
Credit 1.5 units.

F20 ART 514F Sculpture: Foundry
Same as F20 114F, 214F, 414F - Sophomores (only) register for
F20 114F. The focus of this course is to introduce students to the
basic principles of bronze and aluminum casting according to the
lost wax method. Students will learn mold making, direct organic
burnout, ceramic shell investment, metal chaging, and patination
in order to create finished sculpture. In addition to metal casting,
students will use other materials such as plaster, resin, steel,
wood, rubber, plastic, and foam to create a mixed media project
that explores a specific idea or theme. Additional work outside
the regularly scheduled class time is required.
Same as F20 ART 314F
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 514H Sculpture: Blacksmithing
Same as F20 114H, 214H, 413H - Juniors (only) register for F20
314H. This course is an introduction to Blacksmithing materials,
tools, and techniques. Students will explore the fundamental
techniques of hand-forged metal. Metal can be manipulated as
a plastic material and offers enormous possibilities for three-
dimensional form. In this class we will explore these possibilities
and expand our sculptural vocabulary.
Same as F20 ART 314H
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 514I Sculpture: Metal Fabrication
Same as F20 114I, 214I, 413I - Juniors (only) register for F20
314I. Metal is the backbone of our modern world and a viable
medium for self-expression. It can be employed as structure or
as surface, it can be plastically deformed to create compound
shapes or it can be connected to most any other material.
Students will explore the creative potential of this material in the
fabrication of sculptural forms. Students learn to weld using both
gas and electric arc machines as well as the safe operation of
drilling, grinding and finishing tools.
Same as F20 ART 314I
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 514J Sculpture: Art Practice (Material as Metaphor)
All materials carry meaning. This course familiarizes students
with histories and fabrication processes intrinsic to sculpture.
This course uses demonstrations and hands on experiences,
primarily but not exclusively with metal and wood working
processes to show how such materials inform a studio practice.
Lectures and techniques contextualize an understanding of
pre-formed and found material as a formal and conceptual
component resulting in the final work of art. In a critical
environment, students formulate their own material language and
defend their art practice and creative decisions.
Same as F10 ART 314J
Credit 3 units. Art: CDES, FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 514K Sculpture: Art Practice (Symbiosis)
Same as F20 614K. First-year MFAs (only) register for F20
514K. This course explores numerous scenarios that create
different levels of sculptural interactivity from low to high tech.
Students construct devices ranging from simple mechanisms to
large-scale installations fostering physical, analogue or digital
interaction between the viewer and the sculptural environment.
Viewer-activated systems create multiple interactive platforms,
initiating a responsive relationship between the sculpture and
the viewer. Lectures, demonstrations and readings devise a
broad understanding of the histories and potentials of symbiotic
relationships between a work of art and its audience.
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 515B Printmaking: Art Practice (Propaganda to
Decoration)
This course uses the print multiple as a starting point to
explore a continuum that runs from propaganda to decoration.
The fundamental attributes of the multiple, including its
accessibility and repeatability, arc from private to public and
from political to aesthetic. Reproduction, distribution, urban
communication, social space, intervention and site specificity are
explored through course lectures, readings, and discussions.
Collaboration, exchange, and relational practices provide
frameworks for self-directed projects using traditional and
alternative techniques in print media including lithography,
screen-printing, stencils, and photocopy. Required for the BFA
in Art Printmaking Concentration. Prereq: Printmaking Studio:
Material and Culture. Open to BFA and BA students who have
taken the prerequisite, and others, including minors and MFA
students, with consent of instructor.
Same as F10 ART 315B
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 515F Printmaking: Call and Response
In music, a call and response is a succession of two distinct
phrases usually written in different parts of the music, where
the second phrase is heard as a direct commentary on or in
response to the first. Printmaking: Call and Response is a
survey of printmaking with a foundation in traditional, historical,
and philosophical aspects of printmaking. It will cover basic
processes in intaglio, lithography, relief, and monotype. Students
are encouraged to work in response to the history of the print,
with an emphasis on mixed media and experimentation. This
class counts for the minor in art.
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 515H Printmaking: Art Practice (Feedback Loop:
Process and Print)
Same as F20 615H - First-year MFAs (only) register for F20
515H. This course focuses on variability, mutability, repeatability
and play within the process of printmaking, using etching,
collagraph, monotype and digital methods. The course explores
practices and contexts in printmaking as a contemporary art form
and promotes advanced conceptual and technical development
through creative practice, readings, discussions and critiques.
Projects are self-directed and based on course topics that
engage different approaches to process-based work, ranging
from the improvisational to the systematic. Emphasis is placed
on the shift from object to process, from the single manifestation
of the series, from fixed to flux and back again.
Credit 3 units.
F20 ART 516G Printmaking: Art Practice (Extra-Dimensional Printmaking)
Same as F20 616G. First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 516G. Pushing the boundaries of printmaking, prints move beyond the wall and into sculpture, installation, and time-based work. Relief, silkscreen, and intaglio processes are explored with an emphasis on print as theatre, object, and immersive environment. Through readings and discussions, students will engage with historical precedents and contemporary principles that support the creation of self-directed work that is extra-dimensional in physical and conceptual scope.
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM

F20 ART 517H Photography: Art Practice (Methods of Distribution)
Same as F20 617H - First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 517H. One of the most effective aspects of the photographic image today is its speed. The way that physical and virtual images are presented and distributed has changed significantly since the initial branding of photography as the medium of reproducibility. This class focuses on photography-based uses of the image through various distribution formats like the book, the poster, the newspaper, television, web, design, film, apparel, architecture, music, etc. The students make, read, look, listen, and experience 20th- and 21st-century photography practitioners who engage a range of disciplines and methods of distribution as they try to synthesize methods/models of their own. Rigorous student project critiques are complemented with discussions, writing assignments, and readings on media theory and contemporary uses of photography outside of the traditional exhibition-based contexts.
Credit 3 units. EN: H

F20 ART 517L Photography: Art Practice (Constellations, Sequences, Series)
Same as F20 617L - First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 517L. Series are the prevalent method for exhibiting photographic images. Through assignment-based and self-generated projects, students discover how photographic series are conceptualized, structured and sequenced. Special attention is given to the material meaning embedded in print size, order and spatial placement. The course provides in-depth coverage of image capture through medium-format analog and full-frame digital systems as well as intermediate digital editing and printing techniques. Students also explore various documentary and setup strategies through narrative and non-narrative photographic approaches. Through a rigorous critique structure, course readings and critical writing, students engage the historical discourse surrounding the series as a tool for artistic expression.
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 517M Architecture Through the Photographic Lens
Same as F20 117M, 217M, 417M - Juniors (only) register for F20 317M. Photography offers ways of seeing and representing the world around us. This course provides technical and conceptual frameworks for understanding architectural space as seen through the camera. Topics include building as site, landscape as context, and the architectural model as a representation tool. Students are introduced to a wide range of artists and architects, helping build a unique camera language to support their individual projects. Students will learn DSLR camera basics, fundamentals of Photoshop, digital printing techniques and studio lighting for documenting architectural models. The course assumes no prior experience with digital imaging technologies or materials. Digital camera required.
Same as F20 ART 317M
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM

F20 ART 517N Contemporary Portraiture
Same as F20 117N, 217N, 417N - Juniors (only) register for F20 317N. Historically, portraits were painted of the royal or wealthy to document an accurate likeness and display status and power. But with the advent of photography, artists were freed to develop interpretations in style, process and medium. With subjects such as family, friends, strangers, celebrities, or self, the portrait has been used to reflect culture, identity, and the relationship between the artist and sitter. Issues of race, sexuality, gender, vanity and status continue to be relevant to contemporary practice. Primarily a drawing class, students combine the study of contemporary portrait artists with a studio practice that encourages development of a unique voice. Students consider how pose, gesture, lighting and other factors work together to support their intentions. Initial assignment prompts progress to guided, independent pursuits. Students will be encouraged to experiment with image, materials, and processes. Live models will be used as well as other source material.
Same as F20 ART 317N
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM

F20 ART 517Q Drone Photography
This combination studio and discussion-based course examines the use of small unmanned aerial systems (sUAS) — otherwise known as drones — as a photographic medium. Studio sessions will introduce students to sUAS operation, various editing platforms, and output strategies. Lecture and discussion sessions will examine FAA regulations, the ethical implications of sUAS use by visual artists, and the rise of sUAS in the visual arts within the context of the history of aerial photography. All students will produce a body of work using drone capture as the primary medium. In order to ensure equal access to sUAS, students will be required to meet outside of class sessions.
Same as F20 ART 317Q
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 517Q Context, Curation, Communication: Seriality in the Photographic Image
Series and sequences are the prevalent method for exhibiting photographic images. Through assignment-based and self-generated projects, students discover how photographic series are conceptualized, structured, and sequenced. Special attention is given to the material meaning embedded in print size, order, and spatial placement. The course provides in-depth coverage of image capture through medium-format analog and full-frame digital systems as well as intermediate digital editing and printing techniques. Students also explore various documentary and setup strategies through narrative and non-narrative photographic approaches. Through a rigorous critique structure, course readings, and critical writing, students engage the historical discourse surrounding the series as a tool for artistic expression.
Credit 3 units.
F20 ART 517R Art Practice: Photography (Black-and-White Master Printing)
This course offers an introduction to black and white master printing techniques for analog and digital outputs. The first part of the course will focus on advanced darkroom techniques, as well as the use of developers, papers, and toners. The second part of the course will cover advanced digital b/w strategies, including quadtone RIPs, specialty papers, and Photoshop workflows. In addition to technical demonstrations, course lectures will look at the role master printers have played in the history of photography. Visits to the Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum and the St. Louis Art Museum print rooms will complement lectures and activities. All students will develop a portfolio of personally-driven work in black and white. Required for the BFA in Art Photography Concentration. Prereq: Photography Studio: Material and Culture. Open to BFA and BA students who have taken the prerequisite, and others, including minors and MFA students, with consent of instructor.
Same as F10 ART 317R
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 518C Documentary Film
This course investigates techniques of powerful nonfiction filmic storytelling that symbolically merges visual and literary narrative devices. We will explore the organic process of research, interaction and craft to construct three short films. Students will be encouraged to go beyond apparent subject matter to inquire into deeper/underlaying content that touches on timelessness and global/human topics. Within set parameters, students choose their own filmic topics and structures. Graduate and undergraduate students can form teams or work independently as their own producer, writer, director, cinematographer, editor and sound recordist. No previous experience required.
Same as F20 ART 328C
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM, CDES, FAAM

F20 ART 518J Photography: Art Practice (Slow Image: Large Format Photography)
Same as F20 618J. First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 518J. This course provides an in-depth study of the large format analog camera and its unique formal position. Using the 4x5" format, students examine this slow, high-fidelity photographic medium both technically and conceptually. Students employ a comprehensive photographic process, including loading sheet film, applying the zone system, scanning large format film, editing digital images, and creating large format digital inkjet prints. Class activities include rigorous student project critiques, as well as reading and discussion. Class participants investigate the role of high-fidelity images. Assignments may address portraiture, still life, interior and exterior architecture, landscape and abstract photography. Large format 4x5" cameras will be available for use.
Credit 3 units. EN: H

F20 ART 518P Photography: Art Practice (Art, Environment, Culture & Image)
The medium of photography offers multiple ways to engage with critical social, political and environmental issues. Throughout this course, a wide range of photographic tools and modes of production will be explored, including digital and film-based materials and a variety of printing techniques. The course will also consider the integration of alternative methods of lens-based communication and working to construct images within relevant contexts of meaning. Through presentations and readings, students will be introduced to a range of contemporary artists working with essential topics such as climate change, ecological sustainability, energy production and extraction, and the human body and technology. Students will work to build a final and self-directed project identified through their ongoing research and image production. Required for the BFA in Art Photography concentration. Prerequisite: Photography Studio: Material and Culture.
Same as F10 ART 318P
Credit 3 units. Art: CDES, FAAM

F20 ART 525J Sculpting Realities
This course investigates new digital technologies -- particularly mixed, augmented, and virtual reality -- through the consideration of one critical question: "What does it mean to be real?" Students will learn the basics for making works of art, design, and architecture in alternative realities through 3D scanning, 3D modeling, and immersive world building. In addition to tutorials and multidisciplinary collaborative studio projects, students will investigate issues of reality and the use of alternative reality tools through readings, discussions, presentations, and other dialogues. The semester will culminate in a final project that translates a physical experience or artifact into a digital one.
Same as F20 ART 325J
Credit 3 units. Art: FADM

F20 ART 527A History of Photography
Same as F20 627A. First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 527A. Survey of the history of photography and a look at the medium from the camera obscura to contemporary developments. Social and technological developments examined in terms of their influence on the medium.
Credit 3 units. EN: H

F20 ART 527A History of Photography
Same as F20 627A. First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 527A. Survey of the history of photography and a look at the medium from the camera obscura to contemporary developments. Social and technological developments examined in terms of their influence on the medium.
Credit 3 units. EN: H

F20 ART 528A History of Photography
Same as F20 628A. First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 528A. Survey of the history of photography and a look at the medium from the camera obscura to contemporary developments. Social and technological developments examined in terms of their influence on the medium.
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 528C Documentary Film
This course investigates techniques of powerful nonfiction filmic storytelling that symbolically merges visual and literary narrative devices. We will explore the organic process of research, interaction and craft to construct three short films. Students will be encouraged to go beyond apparent subject matter to inquire into deeper/underlaying content that touches on timelessness and global/human topics. Within set parameters, students choose their own filmic topics and structures. Graduate and undergraduate students can form teams or work independently as their own producer, writer, director, cinematographer, editor and sound recordist. No previous experience required.
Same as F20 ART 328C
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM
F20 ART 529C Time-Based Media: Art Practice (Mediated Performance)
Same as F20 629C - First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 529C. This course explores the body as a time-based medium and a vehicle of expression that interacts with cinematic and sound technologies, undergoing gradual semantic, virtual and visceral transformations. Students create performance-based video and sound works that are mediated with electronic/digital technology and performed or screened in public. Collaborative, individual political and poetic actions and happenings are encouraged. Students focus on the production of conceptually rigorous and technically convincing work that embodies their performative, experimental and individually designed ideas.
Credit 3 units. EN: H

F20 ART 529L Time-Based Media: Art Practice (Special Topics: The Language of Moving Images)
Same as F20 629L - First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 529L. This course will examine the language of filmic images as they relate to various visual art forms, which includes, among other elements, shot construction, sequencing, pace, duration, sound integration, scale, and situational contexts. Through screenings, readings, lectures, discussions and critiques, students will develop the analytical skills required to interpret moving images and to think deeply about their productions, which may utilize forms other than video or film and include installation components. Not focused heavily on technical approaches, creative work will be driven predominantly by individual concerns and may be accompanied by written analysis.
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 530I Time-Based Media: Art Practice (New Media in Art)
Same as F20 630I. First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 530I. Exploring the intersection of art and technology, the course focuses on the phenomenon of time as an artistic medium and as the subject of work. Through the production of time-based works in a virtual realm, students learn about compositional choices, narrative and non-narrative strategies, and ethical and political responsibilities that artists and artist collectives face in the 21st century. Students gain exposure to selected software as it pertains to their individually designed projects. Readings, writing assignments and an active participation in critiques of works by contemporary new media artists will be part of this seminar.
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM

F20 ART 532E Panel By Panel: Narrative Comics
Comics are a medium with a long history. The desire to tell a story through a sequence of images has existed since humans began drawing and documenting. This course teaches students to create comics, with both fiction and nonfiction narratives. Students will be introduced to historic and contemporary examples of comics over the course of the semester. Through assignments and in-class workshops, students will learn the basics of making comics, including panel transitions, the relationship between words and pictures, pitching a concept, breaking a plot down into a script, production. Assignments will span a range of narrative lengths; exploration of digital and print formats is encouraged.
Credit 3 units. Art: CDES, FADM

F20 ART 533E Research Methods (Image and Story)
This is a course in image-making for functional contexts. Students develop projects that isolate issues of approach, production, distribution and market in the landscape of illustration and cartooning today. Targeted research questions are posed in response to individual student work. Successful completion of the course requires the development of and commitment to an aesthetic and creative position within the fields of illustration and cartooning. Readings address the history and culture of illustration, comics and animation.
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 535J Introduction to Animating in Three Dimensions
Same as F20 635J - First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 535J. This course explores 3D animation in the short film format. Students move from an overview of the process and visual vocabulary of animation to defining filmic ideas, the visual gag, and character-driven content. Cinematic shot design, timing, character design, and sound design are studied for determining the most effective means of communicating desired content. Hand-drawn sketches are imported into a 3D animation program as the basis to model and animate characters, create settings, and add special effects. An animated sequence is produced to show evidence of personal inquiry and level of expertise. Prerequisite: Drawing or equivalent or permission of instructor.
Credit 3 units. EN: H

F20 ART 535K Animated Worlds
This course explores traditional and experimental 3D animation in a short film format. Beginning students will learn polygon and NURBS modeling, texturing, lighting, rigging props, and characters in Maya. A storyboard, animatic and final rendered short will be developed for two major projects. Advanced skill sets include development, character design, 3D modeling, rigging, visual effects, sound, and rendering. No prerequisites or previous experience required. This course can be taken multiple times at either the beginner or advanced level, and it is open to students of all levels across the university. Graduate and advanced students can build independent projects with permission of the instructor.
Same as F20 ART 335K
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 536A Interaction Design: Understanding Health and Well-Being
Same as F20 236A, F20 436A - Juniors (only) register for F20 336A. Through a blend of presentations from practitioners, classroom lectures, readings, discussion and hands-on exercises, this class will engage principles and methods of interaction design within the context of health challenges. Broadly defined, interaction design is the practice of designing products, environments, systems, and services with a focus on behavior and user experience. We will take on an in-depth challenge in the area of health and well-being and work in cross-disciplinary design teams with an external partner organization. Students will gain experience in planning and executing a human centered design process featuring research, ideation, synthesis, concept development, prototypes and a final presentation, which may include visual design, animation, and sound.
Students will work in teams to develop several intermediate project deliverables, such as prototypes and sketches. No prior coursework is necessary though experience with Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign are helpful. Students engage with communities in creative collaborative association with underserved communities in St. Louis. Works of research and thinking, and this results in works that reflect and honor the cultural aesthetic and ecological values of the specific community. Each student will be given a modest budget to support their concept. The course involves guest speakers, individual research, site visits, and group discussions. Credit 1.5 units.

F20 ART 536I Communication Design I
Same as F20 136I, 236I, 436I. Juniors (only) register for F20 336I. Students are introduced to the fundamentals of communication design. Through studio exercises and lectures, students are exposed to a broad range of conceptual, aesthetic and strategic issues in the field. The course explores principles of two-dimensional design, typography, and the relationship of text and image in order to persuade and inform. It helps students to learn a design methodology for illuminating and solving problems and provides baseline training in the Adobe Suite. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to design basic projects and have criteria to provide an informed evaluation of the effectiveness of a given design. It provides an introduction to design as a tool for business and marketing. Credit 3 units. Art: FADM EN: H

F20 ART 536J Advanced Animation
Same as F20 136J, 236J, 436J. Juniors (only) register for F20 336J. This course focuses on completing a short animated film as a group project utilizing a workflow similar to that used in the animated feature film industry. The class will first develop a story. Individuals will then be assigned tasks according to strong areas of interest to create a storyboard and animatic. Key moments will be identified to be animated first. Once agreed on, students will be able to choose to work in various parts of the pipeline including Character Design; Layout and Set Design; 3D modeling; Rigging; Animation; Textures; Special Effects; Sound; Rendering and Editing. Finally, it is all put together as a short. This is an advanced course that assumes some experience in Maya or similar 3D program, or for those who have already developed skills in any form of animation. Prerequisite: Introduction to Animating in Three Dimensions or permission of instructor. Credit 3 units. Art: FADM EN: H

F20 ART 5444 The Art of Community Engagement Project
Same as F20 6444 - First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 5444. This course consists of a public art project completed in association with underserved communities in St. Louis. Works of art will be proposed and executed during the course’s duration. Students will engage with various communities in creative collaborative research and thinking, resulting in work, which reflects and honors the cultural aesthetic and ecological values of the specific community. Each student will present their concepts to a committee from the institution. Each student will be given a modest budget to support the production and installation of their work. Course will involve guest speakers, individual research, site visits and group discussions. Credit 1.5 units. EN: H

F20 ART 5445 Art & Community Engagement
This 11-week course consists of public art projects completed in association with underserved communities in St. Louis. Works of art will be proposed and executed during the course’s duration. Students engage with communities in creative collaborative research and thinking, and this results in works that reflect and honor the cultural aesthetic and ecological values of the specific community. Each student will be given a modest budget to support their concept. The course involves guest speakers, individual research, site visits, and group discussions. Credit 1.5 units.

F20 ART 5461 BookLab
Same as F20 6461 - First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 5461. This course will address several alternative forms of the book and the effect they have on shaping content. We will pay particular attention to the concept of authorship in contemporary artists books, which will be supported by visits to the Olin Library Special Collections. Using the materials and equipment in the Kranzberg Book Studio students will work with the instructor to explore the origination and shaping of content through form. Letterpress, alternative print process, and bookbinding techniques will be covered. Credit 1.5 units.

F20 ART 547T Artist's Book
This course will examine the role of the book as an artifact of material culture. We will investigate definitions of the artist's book and current uses of the book form as metaphor in contemporary art. We will look at the work of artists such as Anselm Kiefer, Ann Hamilton, Rachel Whiteread, Kiki Smith, William Kentridge, Sophie Calle, Dieter Rot, and many others. In addition, we will look at the role of artist's books and publications in many 20th-century artistic movements. Course projects will center around the exploration of various types of editioned artworks, such as artist's multiples, mail art, zines, and more. Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 551A Sound Environments
This course explores sound and musical composition in a digital format, functioning as a sculptural, spatial, psychological, and architectural intervention. The course offers an introduction to current sound art practices and examines how sound projects are capable of altering our sense of space and time. Sonic space necessarily touches upon experimental music and installation art as closely related to sound art. The course introduces students to basic methods of sound recording and editing software and hardware, with the goal of composing sound works for space and for headphones. Readings pertaining to current developments in contemporary experimental music and sound art as well as regular writing assignments accompany the course. Credit 3 units. Art: FADM EN: H

F20 ART 562 Why Art Matters
This lecture and discussion course will examine how art, which productively utilizes ambiguity and discontinuity, is a distinctive form of expression and communication. Functioning not as a bearer of meaning but rather as a shaper of meaningful questions, art invites interpretation and introspection. As such, art -- which often functions to rekindle perception and give rise to new ways of thinking about and being in the world -- empowers individual thought, encourages empathy, and celebrates the diversity of ideas and opinions that are vital to conditions of freedom. With this in mind, multimedia lectures will explore the perspectives of contemporary artists (e.g., James Turrell, Cerith Wyn Evans, Wanggechi Mutu), psychologists (e.g., Winnicott, Frankl, Freud), philosophers (e.g., Heidegger, Bataille, Merleau-
F20 ART 5713 Introduction to Book Binding
Same as F20 1713, 2713, 4713. Juniors (only) register for F20 3713. This class will serve as an introduction to the book as artifact of material culture. A variety of traditional and non-traditional book structures will be explored. Students will learn from historical approaches to constructing the codex form including the single signature pamphlet, the multi-signature case binding, the coptic, and the medieval long stitch. Students will learn Japanese binding and its many variations. Several contemporary variations will be introduced, including the tunnel, the flag book, the accordion and the carousel. Students will explore the visual book using found imagery and photocopy transfers, and will produce a variety of decorated papers to be used in their bindings.
Same as F20 ART 3713
Credit 3 units. Art: FADM EN: H

F20 ART 578 Contemporary Discourses: Art + Feminism
This course investigates the impact of feminism on contemporary art, focusing on artwork produced between the 1960s and the present day. Through an examination of global practices in a wide range of media, including artworks in the university’s Kemper Museum collection, students will delve into innovative aesthetic strategies that criticize assumptions of gender, race and social class and consider the intricate tie between the identity of the author and the content of the work. This course is taught by a practicing artist, who together with the students will uncover historical developments and epic omissions. This is a lecture course with a discussion component. Requirements include participation in weekly discussion sections, regular response papers, and a final written curatorial project. No prerequisites in Art or Art History required.
Same as F20 ART 378
Credit 3 units. Art: CPSC, FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 5783 Special Topics in Visual Culture: Introduction to Illustration Studies
Same as F20 6783 - First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 5783. How have knowledge, opinion, and feeling been communicated visually from the advent of automated printing presses to the invention of the internet, and to what effect? Using concepts in visual studies and communication studies, this course explores the histories of primarily American visual-verbal texts to investigate how minds and hands conceived, produced, distributed, and consumed illustrated print media in the 19th and 20th centuries. Beginning with the neurological basis of vision, we will examine ways culture affects perception, how print technologies shape content, how word and image rhetorically shape beliefs, how power relations imbue images and publishing, and the ways counterculture forms such as caricature and posters can be used to intervene socially.
Students will conduct original research using University Libraries Special Collections to hone their ability to write convincingly and professionally about imagery. No prerequisites; counts toward design minor.
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 5851 Art-ivism
Same as F20 6851 - First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 5851. What is art-ivism? It seems appropriate that a new word be invented to identify strategies used by artists to raise questions and seek answers to some of the most pressing issues of our day. This workshop is a series of conversations, readings and brainstorming sessions for graduate students whose studio practice touches on the intersection of art and the political. We will begin with questioning and seeking answers in the studio that then generate more questioning. What does this historical and geographic moment in time signify for each of us as individuals and as members of a collective community? As individuals we stand in our own truths and this can be empowering. As artists how can we activate our passions toward actuality and how can this be contagious for our “audience” through the actions and objects generated from our studio practice? What challenges does activist art present in your studio? Is art a mirror of culture or can it be a producer of culture? Does art have the power to change culture? Can artists be agents of history? To culminate this workshop, graduate students will present their work as aligned with contemporary issues and as an open inquiry to how their studio practice may be a tool for social change.
Credit 1.5 units.

F20 ART 585B Beyond Words, Beyond Images: Representation After History
The seminar focuses on art in the public domain and examines contemporary practices that engage public memory and the meta-city. Prompting students to consider their own practice in the context of public space, the seminar offers examples of projects that contribute to global cultural and political discourse. Weekly illustrated lectures, readings, writing assignments, screenings, discussions, and individual research lead toward the final term paper. Individual studio consultations serve as a platform for the discussion of students' evolving practice, leading toward the final project in a medium of choice. MFA VA students and graduate students in architecture are especially welcome. This is an upper-level course open to juniors, seniors, and graduate students only.
Same as F20 ART 385B
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM, GFAH, VC

F20 ART 592A BookLab
Same as F20 692A. First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 592A. This course will address several alternative forms of the book and the effect they have on shaping content. We will pay particular attention to the concept of authorship in contemporary artists' books, which will be supported by visits to the Olin Library Special Collections. Using the materials and equipment in the Kranzberg Book Studio, students will work with the instructor to explore the origination and shaping of content through form. Letterpress, alternative print process, and bookbinding techniques will be covered.
Credit 1.5 units.
F20 ART 601A Drawing: Art Practice (Conceptual Methods in Drawing)  
Same as F20 501A - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 601A. Drawing is a communicative device; it is a primary means of conceptual strategy leading to effective visual exploration and expression, from thought to form. This studio course looks at the practice of drawing in the context of language, scientific paradigms, complementary and alternative art forms, socio-political theory and history as they relate to visual culture and invention. Lectures, critical readings, and analysis of historical and contemporary modes of drawing support students in their course work. Projects in this course may consider mapping, language systems, formulaic constructions, material essentialism, physiologic/kinesthetic approaches, and performative aspects of drawing.  
Credit 3 units. EN: H

F20 ART 602 Drawing  
An advanced drawing course for third- and fourth-year students. Individualized instruction allows students to explore various media and stylistic approaches in both figurative and nonfigurative modes.  
Same as F20 ART 302  
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 602B Drawing: Art Practice (Conceptual Methods in Drawing)  
Drawing is a communicative device; it is a primary means of conceptual strategy leading to effective visual exploration and expression, from thought to form. This studio course looks at the practice of drawing in the context of language, scientific paradigms, complementary and alternative art forms, socio-political theory and history as they relate to visual culture and invention. Lectures, critical readings, and analysis of historical and contemporary modes of drawing support students in their course work. Projects in this course may consider mapping, language systems, formulaic constructions, material essentialism, physiologic/kinesthetic approaches, and performative aspects of drawing.  
Same as F10 ART 302B  
Credit 3 units. Art: CDES, FAAM

F20 ART 602D Drawing: Art Practice (Collage: History and Practice in Contemporary Art)  
Same as F20 502D. Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 602D. This course will examine the role of collage in contemporary studio practice. Students will be required to assemble an archive of images from various sources, found and self-generated, to produce a body of work based on a specific theme. Readings and discussion related to the course will examine the evolution of collage and its present status and application within contemporary studio practice.  
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM

F20 ART 603B Collage: History & Practice in Contemporary Art  
This course examines the role of collage in contemporary studio practice. Students are required to assemble an archive of images from various sources, both found and self-generated, to produce work based on specific themes. This course integrates collage practice with other visual disciplines. Readings and discussion related to the course examine the evolution of collage and its present status and application within contemporary art production.  
Same as F20 ART 303B  
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 609B Eco-Art  
Eco-Art explores the intersection of art, ecology and ethics. Though the movement is broad and growing, eco-art re-envisions our relationship with the natural world by informing, challenging, inventing, and reclaiming. This studio-based course introduces various artistic practices and working methodologies related to environmental art, exploring “green” methodologies, repurposed objects, land art, ecovertions, social sculpture, and community activism. The course is organized around art historical precedents, and it is supported by critical essays and examples of contemporary practice, including discussion of eco-design and sustainable architecture. Projects are open to multidimensional solutions in a wide variety of media.  
Same as F20 ART 309B  
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 611 Painting  
Same as F20 511. Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 611. This course is an introduction to oil painting with an emphasis on the principles of color, construction and paint handling. Students will explore the possibilities of representational painting as applied to still-life, interiors, landscape and the human figure. The course is designed especially for beginning painters, but can accommodate painters at all levels of proficiency.  
Credit variable, maximum 6 units. EN: H

Same as F20 511D. Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 611D. This studio course focuses on various narrative strategies in relation to painting’s mythology and its function in contemporary culture. Topics to include narrativity, the politics of lens and screen, invented fictions, social vs. virtual spaces, and site specificity. Instruction will encompass technical, conceptual and creative skills for taking an individually conceived project from idea to fruition. Students will be encouraged to consider traditional and alternative forms of painting as well as digital imaging, installation, net art, and so on. Lectures, critical essays, and analysis of historical precedents and contemporary practitioners will support students in their course work. Required for a concentration in painting.  
Credit 3 units. EN: H

F20 ART 611F Painting: Art Practice (Language of Abstraction)  
Same as F20 511FF. First-year MFAs (only) register for F20 611F. This course examines strategies of abstraction and non-objective image-making that originate in the painting studio, including those that are driven by concept, material, space, and/ or process. Readings and discussions will examine the evolution and history of abstraction and its present applications within a contemporary studio practice. The course will engage students in both assigned and self-directed work that will enable them to experiment with a broad visual vocabulary while understanding the relationship between form and content.
F20 ART 611G Painting: Art Practice (Place and Space)
Same as F20 511G - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 611G. This course examines ideas of place and space — both observed and invented — established through the surface and materiality of paintings. Students develop a unique body of work through shared exploration of painting processes and materials, along with independent research. Critical assessment of work is complemented by faculty and peer discussions, readings, written critical analysis and field study. Required for a concentration in painting.
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 611J Painting: Art Practice (Figure Structure)
This rigorous painting/drawing course explores new representations of the figure through its structure and contemporary contexts. Initial research involves anatomy lectures and extensive sketchbook activities that provide a vehicle for discovering the figure’s architecture, mechanics and proportions. Students develop an independent body of work accessing visual data from a variety of sources (paintings, photography, sculpture, memory, model sessions), with the goal of developing expressive qualities with image-making. Lectures, presentations, critical readings, and the analysis of historical and contemporary figurative works support students in their investigations. Required for the BFA in Art painting concentration. Prerequisite: Painting Studio: Material and Culture. Open to BFA and BA students who have taken the prerequisite and others, including art minors and MFA students, with permission of the instructor.
Same as F10 ART 311J
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 611T The Poetics of Image-Making: People, Place & Space
This painting elective course examines the poetics of image-making, with a focus on the representation of people, place, and space, both observed and invented. Students learn the practice of painting and develop works through fundamental exercises as well as through the shared exploration of painting processes. Work outside of class for the beginner is project-based; advanced students produce an independent body of work. Critical assessment of work is complemented by faculty and peer discussions, readings, and field study. Required text: "The Poetics of Space" by Gaston Bachelard.
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 611U The Language of Moving Images
This course will examine the language of moving images, which includes -- among other elements -- shot construction, sequencing, duration, sound integration, scale, and situational contexts. Through screenings, readings, lectures, discussions, and critiques, students will develop the skills required to interpret moving images and to think about their productions, which may utilize forms other than video or film and include installation components. This course is not focused on technical approaches, and students’ creative work will be driven by individual concerns and may be accompanied by written analysis. Prerequisite: Digital Studio/Digital Design.
Same as F20 ART 311U
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 612E Painting: Art Practice (Place and Space)
Same as F20 512E - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 612E. This course examines ideas of place and space — both observed and invented — established through the surface and materiality of paintings. Students develop a unique body of work through shared exploration of painting processes and materials, along with independent research. Critical assessment of work is complemented by faculty and peer discussions, readings, written critical analysis and field study.
Credit 3 units. EN: H

F20 ART 612F Painting: Art Practice (Language of Abstraction)
Same as F20 512F. Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 612F. This course examines strategies of abstraction and non-objective image-making that originate in the painting studio, including those that are driven by concept, material, space and/or process. Readings and discussion will examine the evolution and history of abstraction and its present applications within a contemporary studio practice. The course will engage students in both assigned and self-directed work that will enable them to experiment with a broad visual vocabulary while understanding the relationship between form and content.
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM

F20 ART 612G Painting: Art Practice (Body Image)
Same as F20 512G - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 612G. This is a rigorous painting/drawing studio course investigating various methods of pictorial construction (historical, contemporary) and the role of figuration in contemporary art practice. Students will be required to produce an independent body of work based on a theme and generated from a variety of references (imagination, life, photography, painting, film, etc.) Discussions to include contemporary notions of identity structures, social and gender politics. Lectures, critical readings and the analysis of historical and contemporary modes of figurative representation will support students in their investigations.
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 612H Painting: Art Practice (Place and Space)
This course examines ideas of place and space -- both observed and invented -- established through the surface and materiality of paintings. Students develop a unique body of work through shared exploration of painting processes and materials, along with independent research. Critical assessment of work is complemented by faculty and peer discussions, readings, written critical analysis and field study.
Same as F10 ART 312H
Credit 3 units. Art: CDES

F20 ART 612P Painting: The Painted Figure
This studio course is an introduction to the practice of painting, with an emphasis on the pictorial representation of the human figure. Instruction will encompass a range of technical, conceptual and creative skills to be used for developing projects. In-class projects will include working from the live model. Students will be encouraged to consider traditional and alternative forms of painting. Lectures, critical essays, and analysis of historical precedents and contemporary practitioners will support students in their course work. No prerequisites.
Same as F20 ART 312P
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM
F20 ART 613F Sculpture: Foundry
Same as F20 513F - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 613F. The focus of this course is to introduce students to the basic principles of bronze and aluminum casting according to the lost wax method. Students will learn mold making, direct organic burnout, ceramic shell investment, metal casting, and patination in order to create finished sculpture. In addition to metal casting, students will use other material such as plaster, resin, steel, wood, rubber, plastic and foam to create a mixed media project that explores a specific idea or theme. Additional work outside the regularly scheduled class time is required.
Credit variable, maximum 6 units.

F20 ART 613G Sculpture: Wood
Same as F20 513G - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 613G. The focus of this course is to introduce students to the basic principles of wood sculpture with an emphasis on furniture making.
Credit variable, maximum 6 units. EN: H

F20 ART 613H Sculpture: Blacksmithing
Same as F20 113H, 213H, 413H - Juniors (only) register for F20 313H. This course is an introduction to Blacksmithing materials, tools, and techniques. Students will explore the fundamental techniques of hand-forged metal. Metal can be manipulated as a plastic material and offers enormous possibilities for three-dimensional form. In this class we will explore these possibilities and expand our sculptural vocabulary.
Same as F20 ART 313H
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 613I Sculpture: Metal Fabrication
Same as F20 113I, 213I, 413F - Juniors (only) register for F20 313I. Metal is the backbone of our modern world and a viable medium for self-expression. It can be employed as structure or as surface, it can be plastically deformed to create compound shapes or it can be connected to most any other material. Students will explore the creative potential of this material in the fabrication of sculptural forms. Students learn to weld using both gas and electric arc machines as well as the safe operation of drilling, grinding and finishing tools.
Same as F20 ART 313I
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 613M Sculpture: Art Practice (Sculptural Bodies)
Same as F20 513M - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 613M. This course investigates the socio-political issues of the body, the figure and their potential in contemporary art practice. The term "body" is used as an organism, in an expansive way, to investigate the metaphorical, physical, emotional, cultural, and spiritual bodies. A variety of media and methods are explored with an emphasis on three-dimensional work and object-based performance. Lectures, demonstrations and readings contextualize the potential of sculptural systems to constitute the meaning of a contemporary body.
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 613P Sculpture: Art Practice (Iterative Systems)
This course investigates iterative approaches to making as a means to generate multiple works and ideas simultaneously. Activities such as mold-making and nontraditional drawing will be explored along with other process-based methods of capturing thoughtful gestures. Through readings and discussions, students will engage with historical precedents and contemporary principles that support the creation of self-directed work informed by the iterative mindset. Required for the BFA in Art sculpture concentration. Prerequisite: Sculpture Studio: Material and Culture. Open to BFA and BA students who have taken the prerequisite and others, including art minors and MFA students, with the permission of the instructor.
Same as F10 ART 313P
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 613Q Compositions in Clay
In this course, students will broaden their understanding of clay as a viable medium of visual expression and three-dimensional exploration. Students will learn basic hand-building techniques to create sculptural constructions, discover the practical applications of wheel throwing through form and function, and explore ceramic tools and equipment to create installation projects. Each student's skill level will be considered, and projects will be adjusted accordingly. Emphasis will be placed on critical assessment and articulation of material.
Same as F20 ART 313Q
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 6143 Matter in Hand Workshop
Same as F20 5143. Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 6143. All materials and processes carry meaning, so the choice of one material over another has an enormous impact on the celerity, power and resonance of your work of art. For example, the record of the evolution of human consciousness is forever embedded in the artworks and text designed, made and preserved in clay and paper. This course explores how the work of the hand informs the work of the brain and how, together, these activities find meaning in the mind. Through these and other processes and materials such as welded metal and cast glass, students will investigate how working with a particular material influences their concepts and resonates in the art they create. This 11-week course will investigate primary materials (clay, glass, concrete, paper, metal) and processes of art making. We will explore the manipulation of these to find meaning at this point in our evolution. Emphasis will be placed on individual student's investigation and experimentation. Each student will investigate these materials conceptually, physically and emotionally in relationship to their own studio practice. Open to all Sam Fox graduate students with priority given to MFA candidates. Sam Fox School undergraduates may enroll with permission of instructor.
Credit 1.5 units.

F20 ART 6144 Matter in Hand Workshop
Same as F20 5144. Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 6144. All materials and processes carry meaning, so the choice of one material over another has an enormous impact on the celerity, power and resonance of your work of art. For example, the record of the evolution of human consciousness is forever embedded in the artworks and text designed, made and preserved in clay and paper. This course explores how the work of the hand informs the work of the brain and how, together, these activities find meaning in the mind. Through these and other processes and materials such as welded metal and cast glass, students will investigate how working with a particular material influences their concepts and resonates in the art they create. This 11-week course will investigate primary materials (clay, glass, concrete, paper, metal) and processes of art making. We will explore the manipulation of these to find
meaning at this point in our evolution. Emphasis will be placed on individual student’s investigation and experimentation. Each student will investigate these materials conceptually, physically and emotionally in relationship to their own studio practice.
Credit 1.5 units.

F20 ART 614F Sculpture: Foundry
Same as F20 114F, 214F, 414F - Sophomores (only) register for F20 114F. The focus of this course is to introduce students to the basic principles of bronze and aluminum casting according to the lost wax method. Students will learn mold making, direct organic burnout, ceramic shell investment, metal chasing, and patination in order to create finished sculpture. In addition to metal casting, students will use other materials such as plaster, resin, steel, wood, rubber, plastic, and foam to create a mixed media project that explores a specific idea or theme. Additional work outside the regularly scheduled class time is required.
Same as F20 ART 314F
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 614H Sculpture: Blacksmithing
Same as F20 114H, 214H, 413H - Juniors (only) register for F20 314H. This course is an introduction to Blacksmithing materials, tools, and techniques. Students will explore the fundamental techniques of hand-forged metal. Metal can be manipulated as a plastic material and offers enormous possibilities for three-dimensional form. In this class we will explore these possibilities and expand our sculptural vocabulary.
Same as F20 ART 314H
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 614I Sculpture: Metal Fabrication
Same as F20 114I, 214I, 413I - Juniors (only) register for F20 314I. Metal is the backbone of our modern world and a viable medium for self-expression. It can be employed as structure or as surface, it can be plastically deformed to create compound shapes or it can be connected to most any other material. Students will explore the creative potential of this material in the fabrication of sculptural forms. Students learn to weld using both gas and electric arc machines as well as the safe operation of drilling, grinding and finishing tools.
Same as F20 ART 314I
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 614J Sculpture: Art Practice (Material as Metaphor)
All materials carry meaning. This course familiarizes students with histories and fabrication processes intrinsic to sculpture. This course uses demonstrations and hands on experiences, primarily but not exclusively with metal and wood working processes to show how such materials inform a studio practice. Lectures and techniques contextualize an understanding of pre-formed and found material as a formal and conceptual component resulting in the final work of art. In a critical environment, students formulate their own material language and defend their art practice and creative decisions.
Same as F10 ART 314J
Credit 3 units. Art: CDES, FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 614K Sculpture Art Practice (Symbiosis)
Same as F20 514K. Second-year MFA students (only) register for F20 614K. This course explores numerous scenarios that create different levels of sculptural interactivity from low to high tech. Students construct devices ranging from simple mechanisms to large-scale installations fostering physical, analogue or digital interaction between the viewer and the sculptural environment. Viewer-activated systems create multiple interactive platforms, initiating a responsive relationship between the sculpture and the viewer. Lectures, demonstrations and readings devise a broad understanding of the histories and potentials of symbiotic relationships between a work of art and its audience.
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM

F20 ART 615 Printmaking
Same as F20 115, 215, 415. Juniors (only) register for F20 315. Survey of printmaking covering basic processes in intaglio, lithography, relief, and monotype. Emphasis on mixed media and experimentation with a foundation in traditional, historical, and philosophical aspects of printmaking. Students are encouraged to work at a level suited to their individual technical skills and conceptual interests.
Same as F20 ART 315
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 615B Printmaking: Art Practice (Propaganda to Decoration)
This course uses the print multiple as a starting point to explore a continuum that runs from propaganda to decoration. The fundamental attributes of the multiple, including its accessibility and repeatability, arc from private to public and from political to aesthetic. Reproduction, distribution, urban communication, social space, intervention and site specificity are explored through course lectures, readings, and discussions. Collaboration, exchange, and relational practices provide frameworks for self-directed projects using traditional and alternative techniques in print media including lithography, screen-printing, stencils, and photocopy. Required for the BFA in Art Printmaking Concentration. Prereq: Printmaking Studio: Material and Culture. Open to BFA and BA students who have taken the prerequisite, and others, including minors and MFA students, with consent of instructor.
Same as F10 ART 315B
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 615F Printmaking: Call and Response
In music, a call and response is a succession of two distinct phrases usually written in different parts of the music, where the second phrase is heard as a direct commentary on or in response to the first. Printmaking: Call and Response is a survey of printmaking with a foundation in traditional, historical, and philosophical aspects of printmaking. It will cover basic processes in intaglio, lithography, relief, and monotype. Students are encouraged to work in response to the history of the print, with an emphasis on mixed media and experimentation. This class counts for the minor in art.
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 615H Printmaking: Process and Print
Same as F20 515H - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 615H. This course focuses on variability, mutability, repeatability and play within the process of printmaking, using etching, collagraph, monotype and digital methods. The course explores practices and contexts in printmaking as a contemporary art form and promotes advanced conceptual and technical development through creative practice, readings, discussions and critiques. Projects are self-directed and based on course topics that
engage different approaches to process-based work, ranging from the improvisational to the systematic. Emphasis is placed on the shift from object to process, from the single manifestation to the series, from fixed to flux and back again. Required for a concentration in printmaking.

Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 616 Printmaking
Same as F20 116, 216, 416. Juniors (only) register for F20 316. Survey of printmaking covering basic processes in intaglio, lithography, relief and monotype. Emphasis on mixed media and experimentation with a foundation in traditional, historical and philosophical aspects of printmaking. Students are encouraged to work at a level suited to their individual technical skills and conceptual interests.

Same as F20 ART 316
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 616G Printmaking: Art Practice (Extra-Dimensional Printmaking)
Same as F20 516G. Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 616G. Pushing the boundaries of printmaking, prints move beyond the wall and into sculpture, installation, and time-based work. Relief, silkscreen, and intaglio processes are explored with an emphasis on print as theatre, object, and immersive environment. Through readings and discussions, students will engage with historical precedents and contemporary principles that support the creation of self-directed work that is extra-dimensional in physical and conceptual scope.

Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM

F20 ART 617H Photography: Art Practice (Methods of Distribution)
Same as F20 517H. - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 617H. One of the most effective aspects of the photographic image today is its speed. The way that physical and virtual images are presented and distributed has changed significantly since the initial branding of photography as the medium of reproducibility. This class focuses on photography-based uses of the image through various distribution formats like the book, the poster, the newspaper, television, web, design, film, apparel, architecture, music, etc. The students make, read, look, listen, and experience 20th- and 21st-century photography practitioners who engage a range of disciplines and methods of distribution as they try to synthesize methods/models of their own. Rigorous student project critiques are complemented with discussions, writing assignments, and readings on media theory and contemporary uses of photography outside of the traditional exhibition-based contexts.

Credit 3 units. EN: H

F20 ART 617L Photography: Art Practice (Constellations, Sequences, Series)
Same as F20 517L. - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 617L. Series are the prevalent method for exhibiting photographic images. Through assignment-based and self-generated projects, students discover how photographic series are conceptualized, structured and sequenced. Special attention is given to the material meaning embedded in print size, order and spatial placement. The course provides in-depth coverage of image capture through medium-format analog and full-frame digital systems as well as intermediate digital editing and printing techniques. Students also explore various documentary and set-up strategies through narrative and non-narrative photographic approaches. Through a rigorous critique structure, course readings and critical writing, students engage the historical discourse surrounding the series as a tool for artistic expression.

Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 617M Architecture Through the Photographic Lens
Same as F20 117M, 217M, 417M - Juniors (only) register for F20 317M. Photography offers ways of seeing and representing the world around us. This course provides technical and conceptual frameworks for understanding architectural space as seen through the camera. Topics include building as site, landscape as context, and the architectural model as a representation tool. Students are introduced to a wide range of artists and architects, helping build a unique camera language to support their individual projects. Students will learn DSLR camera basics, fundamentals of Photoshop, digital printing techniques and studio lighting for documenting architectural models. The course assumes no prior experience with digital imaging technologies or materials. Digital camera required.

Same as F20 ART 317M
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM

F20 ART 617N Contemporary Portraiture
Same as F20 117N, 217N, 417N - Juniors (only) register for F20 317N. Historically, portraits were painted of the royal or wealthy to document an accurate likeness and display status and power. But with the advent of photography, artists were freed to develop interpretations in style, process and medium. With subjects such as family, friends, strangers, celebrities, or self, the portrait has been used to reflect culture, identity, and the relationship between the artist and sitter. Issues of race, sexuality, gender, vanity and status continue to be relevant to contemporary practice. Primarily a drawing class, students combine the study of contemporary portrait artists with a studio practice that encourages development of a unique voice. Students consider how pose, gesture, lighting and other factors work together to support their intentions. Initial assignment prompts progress to guided, independent pursuits. Students will be encouraged to experiment with image, materials, and processes. Live models will be used as well as other source material.

Same as F20 ART 317N
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM

F20 ART 617P Drone Photography
This combination studio and discussion-based course examines the use of small unmanned aerial systems (sUAS) — otherwise known as drones — as a photographic medium. Studio sessions will introduce students to sUAS operation, various editing platforms, and output strategies. Lecture and discussion sessions will examine FAA regulations, the ethical implications of sUAS use by visual artists, and the rise of sUAS in the visual arts within the context of the history of aerial photography. All students will produce a body of work using drone capture as the primary medium. In order to ensure equal access to sUAS, students will be required to meet outside of class sessions.

Same as F20 ART 317P
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H
F20 ART 617Q Context, Curation, Communication: Seriality in the Photographic Image
Series and sequences are the prevalent method for exhibiting photographic images. Through assignment-based and self-generated projects, students discover how photographic series are conceptualized, structured, and sequenced. Special attention is given to the material meaning embedded in print size, order, and spatial placement. The course provides in-depth coverage of image capture through medium-format analog and full-frame digital systems as well as intermediate digital editing and printing techniques. Students also explore various documentary and setup strategies through narrative and non-narrative photographic approaches. Through a rigorous critique structure, course readings, and critical writing, students engage the historical discourse surrounding the series as a tool for artistic expression.
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 617R Art Practice: Photography (Black-and-White Master Printing)
This course offers an introduction to black and white master printing techniques for analog and digital outputs. The first part of the course will focus on advanced darkroom techniques, as well as the use of developers, papers, and toners. The second part of the course will cover advanced digital b/w strategies, including quadtone RIPs, specialty papers, and Photoshop workflows. In addition to technical demonstrations, course lectures will look at the role master printers have played in the history of photography. Visits to the Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum and The St. Louis Art Museum print rooms will compliment lectures and activities. All students will develop a portfolio of personally-driven work in black and white. Required for the BFA in Art Photography Concentration. Prereq: Photography Studio: Material and Culture, Open to BFA and BA students who have taken the prerequisite, and others, including minors and MFA students, with consent of instructor.
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 618K Photography: Art Practice (Documentary Photography & Social Practice)
Same as F20 518K - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 618K. This course focuses on the various philosophical, aesthetic and technical approaches to photographing the contemporary, human-altered landscape and the communities we live in. Through slide lectures, field trips, in-depth critique and supervised lab work, students are expected to increase their awareness of how their own personal responses relate to those of other photographers with the same contemporary issues of documentary photography. A project-based seminar focusing on objectivity of the photographic document.
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM

F20 ART 618P Photography: Art Practice (Art, Environment, Culture & Image)
The medium of photography offers multiple ways to engage with critical social, political and environmental issues. Throughout this course, a wide range of photographic tools and modes of production will be explored, including digital and film-based materials and a variety of printing techniques. The course will also consider the integration of alternative methods of lens-based communication and working to construct images within relevant contexts of meaning. Through presentations and readings, students will be introduced to a range of contemporary artists working with essential topics such as climate change, ecological sustainability, energy production and extraction, and the human body and technology. Students will work to build a final and self-directed project identified through their ongoing research and image production. Required for the BFA in Art photography concentration. Prerequisite: Photography Studio: Material and Culture.
Same as F10 ART 318P
Credit 3 units. Art: CDES, FAAM

F20 ART 619 Ceramics
Same as F20 519 - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 619. An introduction to the design and making of functional pottery as well as sculptural objects. Students learn basic forming processes of the wheel, coil and slab construction. While the emphasis is on high-fired stoneware, students will be introduced to Raku and soda firing. Content and advanced processes and skills are encouraged according to the individual’s level. An introduction to the design and making of functional pottery as well as sculptural objects. Students learn basic forming processes of the wheel, coil and slab construction. While the emphasis is on high-fired stoneware, students will be introduced to Raku and soda firing. Content and advanced processes and skills are encouraged according to the individual’s level. An introduction to the design and making of functional pottery as well as sculptural objects. Students learn basic forming processes of the wheel, coil and slab construction. While the emphasis is on high-fired stoneware, students will be introduced to Raku and soda firing. Content and advanced processes and skills are encouraged according to the individual’s level.
Credit 3 units. EN: H

F20 ART 620 Ceramics
Same as F20 120, 220, 420. Juniors (only) register for F20 620. An introduction to the design and making of functional pottery as well as sculptural objects. Students learn basic forming processes of the wheel, coil and slab construction. While the emphasis is on high-fired stoneware, students will be introduced to Raku and soda firing. Content and advanced processes and skills are encouraged according to the individual’s level.
Credit 3 units. EN: H
F20 ART 625J Sculpting Realities
This course investigates new digital technologies -- particularly mixed, augmented, and virtual reality -- through the consideration of one critical question: “What does it mean to be real?” Students will learn the basics for making works of art, design, and architecture in alternative realities through 3D scanning, 3D modeling, and immersive world building. In addition to tutorials and multidisciplinary collaborative studio projects, students will investigate issues of reality and the use of alternative reality tools through readings, discussions, presentations, and other dialogues. The semester will culminate in a final project that translates a physical experience or artifact into a digital one.
Same as F20 ART 325J
Credit 3 units. Art: FADM

F20 ART 627A History of Photography
Same as F20 527A - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 627A. Survey of the history of photography and a look at the medium from the camera obscura to contemporary developments. Social and technological developments examined in terms of their influence on the medium.
Credit variable, maximum 6 units. EN: H

F20 ART 628A History of Photography
Same as F20 528A - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 628A. Survey of the history of photography and a look at the medium from the camera obscura to contemporary developments. Social and technological developments examined in terms of their influence on the medium.
Credit variable, maximum 6 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 628C Documentary Film
This course investigates techniques of powerful nonfiction filmic storytelling that symbiotically merges visual and literary narrative devices. We will explore the organic process of research, interaction and craft to construct three short films. Students will be encouraged to go beyond apparent subject matter to inquire into deeper/underlaying content that touches on timelessness and global/human topics. Within set parameters, students choose their own filmic topics and structures. Graduate and undergraduate students can form teams or work independently as their own producer, writer, director, cinematographer, editor, and sound recordist. No previous experience required.
Same as F20 ART 328C
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM

F20 ART 629C Time-Based Media: Art Practice (Mediated Performance)
Same as F20 529C - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 629C. This course explores the body as a time-based medium and a vehicle of expression that interacts with cinematic and sound technologies, undergoing gradual semantic, virtual and visceral transformations. Students create performance-based video and sound works that are mediated with electronic/digital technology and performed or screened in public. Collaborative, individual political and poetic actions and happenings are encouraged. Students focus on the production of conceptually rigorous and technically convincing work that embodies their performative, experimental and individually designed ideas. Projects are informed by readings in media theory, writing assignments, and active participation in critiques of works by contemporary media artists.

F20 ART 629L Time-Based Media: Art Practice (Special Topics: The Language of Moving Images)
Same as F20 529L - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 629L. This course will examine the language of filmic images as they relate to various visual art forms, which includes, among other elements, shot construction, sequencing, pace, duration, sound integration, scale, and situational contexts. Through screenings, readings, lectures, discussions and critiques, students will develop the analytical skills required to interpret moving images and to think deeply about their productions, which may utilize forms other than video or film and include installation components. Not focused heavily on technical approaches, creative work will be driven predominantly by individual concerns and may be accompanied by written analysis.
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 630I Time-Based Media: Art Practice (New Media in Art)
Same as F20 530I. Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 630I. Exploring the intersection of art and technology, the course focuses on the phenomenon of time as an artistic medium and as the subject of work. Through the production of time-based works in a virtual realm, students learn about compositional choices, narrative and non-narrative strategies, and ethical and political responsibilities that artists and artist collectives face in the 21st century. Students gain exposure to selected software as it pertains to their individually designed projects. Readings, writing assignments and an active participation in critiques of works by contemporary new media artists will be part of this seminar.
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM

F20 ART 635J Introduction to Animating in Three Dimensions
Same as F20 535J - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 635J. This course explores 3D animation in the short film format. Students move from an overview of the process and visual vocabulary of animation to defining filmic ideas, the visual gag, and character-driven content. Cinematic shot design, timing, character design, and sound design are studied for determining the most effective means of communicating desired content. Hand-drawn sketches are imported into a 3D animation program as the basis to model and animate characters, create settings, and add special effects. An animated sequence is produced to show evidence of personal inquiry and level of expertise. Prerequisite: Drawing or equivalent or permission of instructor.
Credit 3 units. EN: H

F20 ART 635K Animated Worlds
This course explores traditional and experimental 3D animation in a short film format. Beginning students will learn polygon and NURBS modeling, texturing, lighting, rigging props, and characters in Maya. A storyboard, animatic and final rendered short will be developed for two major projects. Advanced skill sets include development, character design, 3D modeling, rigging, visual effects, sound, and rendering. No prerequisites or previous experience required. This course can be taken
multiple times at either the beginner or advanced level, and it is open to students of all levels across the university. Graduate and advanced students can build independent projects with permission of the instructor.
Same as F20 ART 335K
Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 636A Interaction Design: Understanding Health and Well-Being
Same as F20 236A, F20 436A - Juniors (only) register for F20 336A. Through a blend of presentations from practitioners, classroom lectures, readings, discussion and hands-on exercises, this class will engage principles and methods of interaction design within the context of health challenges. Broadly defined, interaction design is the practice of designing products, environments, systems, and services with a focus on behavior and user experience. We will take on an in-depth challenge in the area of health and well-being and work in cross-disciplinary design teams with an external partner organization. Students will gain experience in planning and executing a human centered design process featuring research, ideation, synthesis, concept development, prototypes and a final presentation, which may include visual design, animation, and sound. Students will work in teams to develop several intermediate project deliverables, such as prototypes and sketches. No prior coursework is necessary though experience with Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign are helpful.
Same as F20 ART 336A
Credit 3 units. Art: CPSC, FADM EN: H

F20 ART 636J Introduction to Animating in Three Dimensions
Same as F20 536J - Second-year MFA students (only) register for F20 636J. This course explores 3D animation in the short film format. Students move from an overview of the process and visual vocabulary of animation to defining filmic ideas, the visual gag, and character-driven content. Cinematic shot design, timing, character design, and sound design are studied for determining the most effective means of communicating desired content. Hand drawn sketches are imported into a 3D animation program as the basis to model and animate characters, create settings, and add special effects. An animated sequence is produced to show evidence of personal inquiry and level of expertise.
Credit 3 units. EN: H

F20 ART 636K Communication Design II
Same as F20 536K - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 636K. This course continues the elements of communication design in a more professional context. Students will advance their understanding of concept development and visual execution. They will also examine contemporary professional work in the field and will be introduced to the business of the profession, including work with clients. Course work will integrate fundamental design skills with business presentations and team-based projects. The final course assignment will come from an external firm. Students will work in groups and make a professional presentation to the client.
Credit 3 units. EN: H

F20 ART 6444 The Art of Community Engagement Project
Same as F20 5444 - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 6444. This course consists of a public art project completed in association with underserved communities in St. Louis. Works of art will be proposed and executed during the course’s duration. Students will engage with various communities in creative collaborative research and thinking, resulting in work, which reflects and honors the cultural aesthetic and ecological values of the specific community. Each student will present their concepts to a committee from the institution. Each student will be given a modest budget to support the production and installation of their work. Course will involve guest speakers, individual research, site visits and group discussions.
Credit 1.5 units.

F20 ART 6445 Art & Community Engagement
This 11-week course consists of public art projects completed in association with underserved communities in St. Louis. Works of art will be proposed and executed during the course’s duration. Students engage with communities in creative collaborative research and thinking, which results in works that reflect and honor the cultural aesthetic and ecological values of the specific community. Each student will be given a modest budget to support their concept. The course involves guest speakers, individual research, site visits, and group discussions.
Credit 1.5 units.

F20 ART 6461 BookLab
Same as F20 5461, Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 6461. This course will address several alternative forms of the book and the effect they have on shaping content. We will pay particular attention to the concept of authorship in contemporary artists books, which will be supported by visits to the Olin Library Special Collections. Using the materials and equipment in the Kranzberg Book Studio, students will work with the instructor to explore the origination and shaping of content through form. Letterpress, alternative print process, and bookbinding techniques will be covered. Open to all Sam Fox graduate students with priority given to MFA candidates. Sam Fox School undergraduates may enroll with permission of instructor. Prerequisites: none.
Credit 1.5 units.

F20 ART 6477 Artist’s Book
This course will examine the role of the book as an artifact of material culture. We will investigate definitions of the artist’s book and current uses of the book form as metaphor in contemporary art. We will look at the work of artists such as Anselm Kiefer, Ann Hamilton, Rachel Whiteread, Kiki Smith, William Kentridge, Sophe Calle, Dieter Rot, and many others. In addition, we will look at the role of artist’s books and publications in many 20th-century artistic movements. Course projects will center around the exploration of various types of editioned artworks, such as artist’s multiples, mail art, zines, and more.
Same as F20 ART 3477
Credit 1.5 units.

F20 ART 651A Sound Environments
This course explores sound and musical composition in a digital format, functioning as a sculptural, spatial, psychological, and architectural intervention. The course offers an introduction to current sound art practices and examines how sound projects are capable of altering our sense of space and time. Sonic space necessarily touches upon experimental music and installation art
as closely related to sound art. The course introduces students to basic methods of sound recording and editing software and hardware, with the goal of composing sound works for space and for headphones. Readings pertaining to current developments in contemporary experimental music and sound art as well as regular writing assignments accompany the course.

Same as F20 ART 351A
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 662 Why Art Matters
This lecture and discussion course will examine how art, which productively utilizes ambiguity and discontinuity, is a distinctive form of expression and communication. Functioning not as a bearer of meaning but rather as a shaper of meaningful questions, art invites interpretation and introspection. As such, art -- which often functions to rekindle perception and give rise to new ways of thinking about and being in the world -- empowers individual thought, encourages empathy, and celebrates the diversity of ideas and opinions that are vital to conditions of freedom. With this in mind, multimedia lectures will explore the perspectives of contemporary artists (e.g., James Turrell, Cerith Wyn Evans, Wangchi Mutu), psychologists (e.g., Winnicot, Frankl, Freud), philosophers (e.g., Heidegger, Bataille, Merleau-Ponty), linguists (e.g., Lacan, Pierce, Saussure), sociologists, cognitive scientists, cultural theorists and others. In addition, readings, discussions, in-class group interpretations and written critical analysis will provide students with the tools required to understand how art, which is a distinctive form of expression and communication, matters; it matters, as Bill O’Brien argues, because it teaches us how we matter.

Same as F20 ART 362
Credit 3 units. Art: VC EN: H

F20 ART 663 Thesis Seminar: Giving Form to Opinions
This seminar provides second-year students in the Graduate School of Art with the opportunity to respond to critical positions in modern and contemporary art practice. The course uses touchstone issues to sharpen the student’s skills in research and analysis and to accustom the students to writing on a regular basis. Writing assignments and presentations throughout the semester — based on assigned critical readings — will help prepare the student’s critical positions with respect to their thesis projects.

Credit 3 units. Art: GFAH

F20 ART 6713 Introduction to Book Binding
Same as F20 1713, 2713, 4713. Juniors (only) register for F20 3713. This class will serve as an introduction to the book as artifact of material culture. A variety of traditional and non-traditional book structures will be explored. Students will learn from historical approaches to constructing the codex form including the single signature pamphlet, the multi-signature case binding, the coptic, and the medieval long stitch. Students will learn Japanese binding and its many variations. Several contemporary variations will be introduced, including the tunnel, the flag book, the accordion and the carousel. Students will explore the visual book using found imagery and photocopy transfers, and will produce a variety of decorated papers to be used in their bindings.

Same as F20 ART 3713
Credit 3 units. Art: FADM EN: H

F20 ART 675 Readings in Visual and Material Culture
“No ideas but in things.” Taking as a point of departure this famous line from a William Carlos Williams poem, which is often said to express the poet’s commitment to a creative practice rooted in tangible things (as opposed to abstractions, formism, a given subject matter or politics, and so on), this course explores the idea/thing relationship as it has come to be understood in the past century. Studying influential theories of visual and material culture, this course will engage historical, theoretical, and creative texts by Marx, Baudrillard, Bourdieu, Sontag, and others alongside concrete visual and material objects. Students will produce responsive writing and conduct individual research.

Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 678 Contemporary Discourses: Art + Feminism
This course investigates the impact of feminism on contemporary art, focusing on artwork produced between the 1960s and the present day. Through an examination of global practices in a wide range of media, including artworks in the university’s Kemper Museum collection, students will delve into innovative aesthetic strategies that criticize assumptions of gender, race and social class and consider the intricate tie between the identity of the author and the content of the work. This course is taught by a practicing artist, who together with the students will uncover historical developments and epic omissions. This is a lecture course with a discussion component. Requirements include participation in weekly discussion sections, regular response papers, and a final written curatorial project. No prerequisites in Art or Art History required.

Same as F20 ART 378
Credit 3 units. Art: CPSC, FAAM EN: H

F20 ART 6783 Special Topics in Visual Culture: Introduction to Illustration Studies
Same as F20 5783 - Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 6783. How have knowledge, opinion, and feeling been communicated visually from the advent of automated printing presses to the invention of the internet, and to what effect? Using concepts in visual studies and communication studies, this course explores the histories of primarily American visual-verbal texts to investigate how minds and hands conceived, produced, distributed, and consumed illustrated print media in the 19th and 20th centuries. Beginning with the neurological basis of vision, we will examine ways culture affects perception, how print technologies shape content, how word and image rhetorically shape beliefs, how power relations imbue images and publishing, and the ways counterculture forms such as caricature and posters can be used to intervene socially. Students will conduct original research using University Libraries Special Collections to hone their ability to write convincingly and professionally about imagery. No prerequisites; counts toward design minor.

Credit 3 units.

F20 ART 6851 Art-ivism
Same as F20 5851. Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 6851. What is art-ivism? It seems appropriate that a new word be invented to identify strategies used by artists to raise questions and seek answers to some of the most pressing issues of our day. This workshop is a series of conversations, readings, and brainstorming sessions for graduate students whose studio practice touches on the intersection of art and the political. We will begin with questioning and seeking answers
in the studio that then generate more questioning. What does this historical and geographic moment in time signify for each of us as individuals and as members of a collective community? As individuals, we stand in our own truths, and this can be empowering. As artists, how can we activate our passions toward actuality, and how can this be contagious for our “audience” through the actions and objects generated from our studio practice? What challenges does activist art present in your studio? Is art a mirror of culture, or can it be a producer of culture? Does art have the power to change culture? Can artists be agents of history? To culminate this workshop, graduate students will present their work as aligned with contemporary issues and as an open inquiry to how their studio practice may be a tool for social change. Open to all Sam Fox graduate students, with priority given to MFA candidates. Credit 1.5 units.

F20 ART 685B Beyond Words, Beyond Images: Representation After History
The seminar focuses on art in the public domain and examines contemporary practices that engage public memory and the meta-city. Prompting students to consider their own practice in the context of public space, the seminar offers examples of projects that contribute to global cultural and political discourse. Weekly illustrated lectures, readings, writing assignments, screenings, discussions, and individual research lead toward the final term paper. Individual studio consultations serve as a platform for the discussion of students’ evolving practice, leading toward the final project in a medium of choice. MFA VA students and graduate students in architecture are especially welcome. This is an upper-level course open to juniors, seniors, and graduate students only.
Same as F20 ART 385B
Credit 3 units. Art: FAAM, GFAH, VC

F20 ART 692A BookLab
Same as F20 592A. Second-year MFAs (only) register for F20 692A. This course will address several alternative forms of the book and the effect they have on shaping content. We will pay particular attention to the concept of authorship in contemporary artists’ books, which will be supported by visits to the Olin Library Special Collections. Using the materials and equipment in the Kranzberg Book Studio, students will work with the instructor to explore the origination and shaping of content through form. Letterpress, alternative print process, and bookbinding techniques will be covered.
Credit 1.5 units.