

# ART 480

## Independent Study

### Self-Exploration in Oil Painting

Eastern Connecticut State University  
Department of Art & Art History | Digital Art & Design

Independent Study | ART 480 | Fall 2023 | Soojin Kim | Office: FAIC 318 |

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#### Course Description

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This course is designed for artists who have a foundational understanding of oil painting techniques and wish to delve deeper into the realm of self-portraiture as a means of creative and personal exploration. Students will enhance their technical abilities, explore the power of self-portraiture, or simply embark on a journey of self-discovery through the painting process. This course will provide a supportive and inspiring environment to help students to achieve their artistic goals.

Primary Software Used: **Adobe InDesign**

Levels: Undergraduate

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#### Overview

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This independent study will explore the power of self-portraiture, or simply embark on a journey of self-discovery through oil painting as a main artistic medium.

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#### Objectives

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- ❑ Building upon your existing skills, you will refine your understanding of oil painting techniques, including brushwork, color mixing, and layering.
  - ❑ Examine the works of master painters who used self-portraits as a means of self-expression.
  - ❑ Learn how to infuse your self-portraits with narrative elements, allowing your artwork to tell a compelling story about your identity and experiences.
  - ❑ Discover how to convey your emotions and inner thoughts through the careful manipulation of color, composition, and brushwork in your self-portraits.
  - ❑ Engage in constructive critiques and discussions.

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#### Materials

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- ❑ Oil Painting Materials(Paints, Brushes, Medium & Canvases)
  - ❑ Drawing Materials(Sketchbook, notes & drawing tools)

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## Recommended Reading

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Kimmelman. (1998). Portraits : talking with artists at the Met, the Modern, the Louvre, and elsewhere (1st ed.). Random House.

Ayres. (2006). Painting people : figure painting today. D.A.P./Distributed Art Pubs.

Lydia Yee. (2020). Radical Figures: Painting in the New Millennium. Whitechapel Gallery

Lionnet. (2018). Autobiographical Voices. Cornell University Press.

<https://doi.org/10.1353/book.58045>

Buescu, Duarte, J. F., Ferreira Duarte, J., Carvalhão Buescu, H., Buescu, Helena Carvalhão, & Duarte, João Ferreira. (2007). Stories and portraits of the self. Rodopi.

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## Revisions To Syllabus

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The information contained in this syllabus is subject to revision at the discretion of the instructor. Students will be notified of any changes that will be made.

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## Grading

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**Your grade is based on 20%-Reading Assignemnts, 70%-Creative Outcome, and 10% -Class participation** Readings(if there are) are due before the beginning of class for the date assigned so that you are familiar with the topics and prepared for discussion. Assignments are due at the beginning of class unless otherwise notified by the instructor.

**A** 100–95 90% | **B** 89 85 80% | **C** 79 75 70% | **D** 69 65 60% | **F** 59% or below (A grade of C, 75% is the minimum grade which counts toward your major.)

**A.** Superior execution; maximum originality; excellent concentration and initiative; cooperative with peers; excellent judgment; superior attitude and dedication; highly imaginative, original, and experimental; very consistent in work ethic; a significant improvement

**B.** Strong execution and originality; adequate concentration and initiative; cooperative with peers; good attitude, dedication, and judgment; imaginative and experimental; consistent in work ethic; noticeable improvement.

**C.** Average execution, concentration, organization, and attitude; some imagination and originality; lacks some consistency in work ethic; some improvement.

**D.** Poor execution and improvement; limited originality; little concentration and organization; poor judgment; evades responsibility and cooperation; lacks work ethic, concentration, and organization

**F.** Fails to execute to minimum standards, insignificant improvement; no originality; minimum concentration and organization; evades responsibility and cooperation; no work ethic.

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## Attendance Policy

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You are required to attend each class in its entirety. More than 2 absences, 2 late arrivals or early departures will affect your grade negatively unless you have a doctor's note. Attendance will be taken at any moment in class. It is your responsibility to see me during class if you arrive after attendance is taken. Email me ahead of time if you cannot attend class, if you will be late for class, and if you need to leave early for class. This does not constitute an excused absence, it is a professional best practice.

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**Department of Art & Art  
History Policy on  
Returning Artwork and  
Other Assignments**

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Assignments will be returned during scheduled class time, instructor's office hours, or by special arrangement with the instructor. The instructor will hold assignments for six weeks following the end of class. Assignments not picked up during this period will become the property of the university and may be discarded.

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**Assistance at the Writing  
Center**

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The Eastern Writing Center, located in the ASC and staffed by trained peer tutors, is available to help all students with their writing. The Writing Center supports the liberal-arts mission of Eastern by helping students with their writing from any class, at any stage, from brainstorming and drafting to revision to proofreading and editing. We help students do their own work and do it more comfortably and confidently. Any student can and should use the Writing Center. The process of talking with readers about writing and getting feedback on student writing is something all writers do and can benefit from. Students can either drop into the Center or make an appointment by going to the "Useful Links" column on the Current Students webpage and selecting

"GradesFirst" <http://www.easternct.edu/index/current-students/>.

Students are asked to bring copies of any assignment sheets to the Writing Center, so tutors know what is expected of the assignment.

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**Assistance with Academic  
Advising and Subject  
Tutoring at the Academic  
Service Center**

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Students are encouraged to use the support offered by the Academic Services Center (ASC) located on the ground floor of the Library. Advising Services and tutoring in math, writing, and other subjects, including supplementary instruction, are available. The ASC also offers Peer Academic Coaching (PAC) assistance with study techniques, time management, "Eastern in 4" planning and understanding learning styles. For further information about our services, please call 465-4625 or check the ASC

website at

<https://www.easternct.edu/academic-services/index.html>

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**Office of Access Ability  
Services (OAS)**

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Eastern Connecticut State University is committed to following the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. If you are a student with a disability (or think you may have a disability) and require adaptations or accommodations, or assistance evacuating a building in the case of an emergency, please contact the Office of AccessAbility Services (OAS) at 860-465-0189 to discuss your request further. Any student registered with the OAS should contact the instructor as soon as possible for assistance with classroom accommodations. Please note that accommodations are not retroactive, and must be communicated through a Letter of Accommodation which is drafted by the OAS. The link to the OAS website is:

<http://www1.easternct.edu/accessability/>

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## **Cheating, Plagiarism, and Personal Misconduct**

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Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the University's numerous policies and procedures contained in the University Catalog and Student Handbook. The Code of Conduct policies and the Policy on Academic Misconduct are of special significance, since cheating, plagiarism, and personal misconduct are strictly prohibited and carry severe penalties. Students should read and understand Eastern's Academic Misconduct Policy, which can be found in the student handbook.

<https://www.easternct.edu/student-affairs/studenthandbook.html>

All violations will be handled under the procedures established in this policy.

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## **Student Sexual Misconduct Policy**

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Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, as well as the Board of Regents Policy on Sexual Misconduct Reporting, Support Services, and Processes, prohibit acts of sexual misconduct – sexual harassment, sexual assault, sex-based discrimination, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, and inappropriate relationships between employees and students. If you or someone you know has been or experiences harassment or assault, resources are available with the Sexual Assault & Interpersonal Violence Response Team (SAIV-RT). Alleged violations can be reported to the Title IX Coordinator in the Office of Equity and Diversity at 860-465-5791. Reports to law enforcement can be made to Eastern Connecticut State University Police Department at 860-465-5310. To receive support and advocacy, please contact the Coordinator of the Sexual Assault & Interpersonal Violence Response Team (SAIV-RT) at 860-465-4314. You may also visit the SAIV-RT website at

<https://www.easternct.edu/.../sexualassaultpolicyandprocedures.html> for more information including a list of confidential resources.

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## **Student Crisis Statement**

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Any student who is facing challenges (i.e. mental health, securing food/housing) and believes this may affect their performance in the course is urged to contact the Dean of Students at 860-465-5244 for support. Students experiencing an immediate threat to their safety or wellbeing should contact 24-hour emergency services by dialing 911 or the Eastern's University Police Department: 860-465-5310.

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## **Final Examination Statement**

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University policy states that "No examination shall be given during the final week of scheduled classes of a full semester course." Faculty must receive prior approval from the Vice-President of Academic Affairs in order to schedule an examination during the final week of classes. Faculty may, with approval from the Vice-President of Academic Affairs in consultation with the Academic Dean and Registrar, hold a single exam session for all sections of the same course. Students will be notified of the exam date, time, and place on the course syllabus.