

Introduction to Techniques
FA 100.2C and FA 100.2D

Spring 2022
Fridays
Section C: 11AM - 12:50pm
Section D: 3 - 4:50pm
41 Cooper Sq, room 806
Instructor: Coco Klockner

1. COURSE OBJECTIVES

From the course catalog:

An introduction to the physical aspects of working with wood, metal, plaster, and plastics, as well as **an introduction to on-campus computer facilities and resources. A basic introduction to the Adobe interface, specifically Photoshop and Illustrator will be provided.** Year-long course.

Instructor's outline:

Intro to Techniques is a survey-style course that introduces a range of digital tools that cover a broad scope of utility. You will learn to generate and modify 2D digital images, edit digital video, create 3D models, and will be introduced to common workflow concepts. We will also cover best practices relating to data, file, and storage types along with related image, video, and 3D standards. Each of these lessons will focus on how these tools can apply to artmaking.

You will create a rudimentary web-based portfolio to organize the material you create in class sessions as the course progresses. Assignments will generally be completed in class, though you will sometimes have minor tasks assigned to prepare for in-class activities, none of which should take more than 30 minutes to complete.

To successfully complete this course, students are required to follow attendance policy and be present for the full class period, complete in-class assignments, and participate in discussions.

COURSE CALENDAR (Fridays, unless otherwise specified)

<u>1/21:</u> Introduction	<u>1/28:</u> Web concepts (Github)	<u>2/4:</u> Intro to vectors (Illustrator I)
<u>2/9 (Wednesday):</u> Vectors cont'd (Illustrator II) AACE lab visit (TBD)	<u>2/11:</u> Intro to 3d modeling (Rhino I)	<u>2/18:</u> No classes, Founder's Day
<u>2/25:</u> 3D modeling cont'd (Rhino II)	<u>3/4:</u> Intro to 3d fabrication concepts	<u>3/11:</u> Intro to pixels (Photoshop I)
<u>3/18:</u> No classes, Spring Break	<u>3/25:</u> Intro to photography tech	<u>4/1:</u> Documentation/lighting
<u>4/8:</u> Pixels cont'd (Photoshop II)	<u>4/15:</u> Intro to Video (Premiere I)	<u>4/22:</u> Video cont'd (Premiere II)
<u>4/29:</u> Indesign	<u>5/6:</u> No classes, Study Period	<u>5/13:</u> Review/Presentations

2. GRADING

This course is graded Pass/Fail. At the end of every semester each student receives a P or F grade for their semester's work in each area, which will be based on standard letter grade tracking. The grading criteria is as follows:

40% attendance	30% in-class projects	20% acquired proficiency	10% participation
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The meanings for the letter grades are as follows:

P Passing, earned a grade in the range from A to D

F Failure to meet the minimum requirements of a subject

I Incomplete

W Withdrawn

WU Withdrawn Unauthorized

3. ASSESSMENT

Attendance is mandatory, and students are expected to arrive to class on time. The following attendance policies will apply to all students:

- Two unexcused late arrivals (more than 15min) will be equal to one unexcused absence;
- Two unexcused absences will reduce your letter grade by one level;
- Three unexcused absences will require a mid-semester review, after which you may be asked to withdraw from the class;
- More than three unexcused absences may result in an Incomplete or Failure grade.

4. DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

The Cooper Union will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented disabilities. Students with disabilities who are seeking accommodations because of their disability must **contact the Dean of Students, Christopher Chamberlin, at chamber@cooper.edu**. The Dean of Students will evaluate your documentation and issue you a letter informing you of the accommodations you are eligible to receive. Disability accommodation services are available only to students who are registered with the Dean of Students and submit appropriate documentation. Students who register for disability accommodations will receive a detailed letter from the Dean of Students. Students are responsible for reading the letter provided by the Dean of Students and following all instructions. Students with disability accommodations are encouraged to speak with the Dean of Students as soon as possible. Additional information can be found online at <http://cooper.edu/students/student-affairs/disability>.

5. SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND DISCRIMINATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Please feel comfortable coming to me with issues or concerns regarding sexual misconduct and discrimination, but be aware that I have some reporting requirements as a member of the faculty. If you inform me of an issue of sexual harassment, sexual assault, or discrimination, I will keep the information as private as I can but am required to report basic incident details to Cooper's Title IX Coordinator, Grace Kendall. **If you would like to speak to the Coordinator directly, she can be reached at gkendall@cooper.edu, 212-353-4053, or in person on the 3rd floor of the residence hall (29 3rd Avenue).**

The Title IX Coordinator will be able to assist you in understanding all of your options and in connecting you to available resources both on- and off-campus. Speaking with the Title IX Coordinator does not obligate you to file a complaint or participate in an investigation unless you choose to do so. **To speak with someone CONFIDENTIALLY about issues of sexual misconduct, you may contact the Student Care Coordinator and Counselor, Cassandra Jolicoeur at jolicoeu@cooper.edu, 212-353-4006, or in person on the 3rd floor of the residence hall (29 3rd Avenue).** Off-campus CONFIDENTIAL support for sexual violence is available through the Safe Horizon Crisis Center (212-577-7700) or the RAINN hotline (877-995-5247) or can be found in the Cooper Union Sexual Misconduct Policy (<https://cooper.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/assets/site/files/2020/Cooper-Union-Policy-Upholding-Human-Rights-Title-IX-Protections.pdf>).

6. COUNSELING AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Counseling Services at The Cooper Union are coordinated through the Office of Student Affairs. Our Student Care Coordinator and Counselor, Cassandra Jolicoeur, is here to meet with students to provide support and to discuss mental health and counseling needs. **Cassandra can be reached at jolicoeu@cooper.edu or at 212.353.4006.**