COURSE DETAIL

ART FOUNDATIONS
Country Egypt
Host Institution American University in Cairo
Program(s) The American University in Cairo
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Art Studio
UCEAP Course Number 55
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title ART FOUNDATIONS
UCEAP Transcript Title ART FOUNDATIONS
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

This foundation-level studio course introduces the methods, materials, tools, and concepts of working across Surface (2D), Space (3D), and Time (4D)—both independently and in relation to one another. Students develop their own ideas while engaging with themes presented by the faculty, exploring how form and concept intersect. Core Studio integrates formal experimentation with conceptual inquiry, situating practice within both historical and contemporary contexts. Through lectures, demonstrations, readings, and short in-class assignments, students explore a wide range of approaches to contemporary cultural production. Studio work, individual meetings, and critiques are designed to encourage reflection, experimentation, and the development of a personal visual language. The course emphasizes a supportive and inclusive studio culture that respects diverse backgrounds and perspectives. Students are expected to actively participate in class discussions, critiques, and collaborative exercises, contributing to a critical and respectful environment. Occasional field trips and excursions outside the classroom supplement studio practice, offering additional opportunities for research and inspiration. Assignments encourage sketching, prototyping, editing, and problem-solving, while short readings foster critical awareness of the ideas and methods driving contemporary art. The course is designed to expose students to key debates and practices, while pushing them toward their own learning edges. Active engagement, risk-taking, and accountability are essential for building a confident, self-motivated practice.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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ARTV 2200

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Visual Arts

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