

Creative Thinking

.301 Tues

6:30-10:30 p.m.

Eric Venegas

Course Content

Art 360 will serve as a foundation for approaching design challenges with boldness and confidence. The student will learn to let go of the idea of perfection, ask the right questions, challenge the status quo and communicate effectively with rough concepts and broad descriptions derived from a variety of sources and observations for inspiration.

The course focus will be on increasing the student's ability to generate ideas, concepts, and prototypes quickly that communicate ideas effectively. Through a series of in-class exercises, the student will learn individually and in groups to tackle design challenges generating quality ideas with more confidence and prolificness.

Course Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Encourage and support idea generation in a group setting.
- Participate in idea generation with boldness and fearlessness.
- Develop and communicate ideas rapidly.
- Produce many concepts to address a single design challenge.
- Present rough ideas and concepts to a group in an effective and clear manner.
- Develop verbal and written communication skills.

Class Parameters

Class meetings, discussion and instruction will take place face to face, with the exception of two weeks. The class will manage projects via D2L within MyLeo. Chrome works best.

You will need to incorporate checking your email with the frequency equal to your social media interaction, adding notifications for email receipts from the instructor is suggested.

Project Parameters

All your assignments complete during the scheduled class times. Your outcomes will be saved in the Jamboard virtual space or saved by you and uploaded to D2L (to be determined on an assignment by assignment basis).

Homework will be assigned in advance and is an essential part of the in-class assignments. Please be prepared.

Material Requirements

Creative Thinking will be using collaborative virtual tools that allows for rapid ideation and idea-sharing.

JamBoard FAQ/Pen Display Tablets for Digital Drawing



Wacom

Q: Do I need a digital pen/stylus to use Jamboard? Yes. Wacom digital solutions, Windows Pen enabled devices, and Apple devices with Pen input will work.

Wacom makes reliable, industry-standard digital stylus input devices.

There are also other solutions from different manufacturers. Please read reviews and make sure you are purchasing a compatible device with your current computer hardware and software. (OS versions, cable and wireless connectivity, etc.) Please see QRCode(s).



Alternatives to Wacom

Q: Will any email account work? No. You will need a Gmail account. Free accounts can be created here, please see QRCode.

Q: Is Jamboard compatible with iOS, Android, Windows, macOS, and Chrome OS? Can we join Jam sessions with these devices?

Yes, Jamboard works with Android, iOS, Windows, Mac, and Chrome OS. You can create or join a live Jam session on iOS and Android by using the Jamboard App. The Jamboard app can be downloaded from Google Play (Android) and the App Store (iOS).



Gmail Sign-up

You will have full functionality when using the Jamboard app on tablets. It will be as if you're standing right in front of the Jamboard itself.

When using the Jamboard app on a mobile phone, you will still be able to contribute to the Jam session, but you won't have access to all of the features. PCs running Windows, macOS, and Chrome OS will have real-time view-only access to the Jam session by using a web browser. Simply click the link sent from the Jamboard to join.

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This class is collaborative. You will be providing critiques of your fellow student's work and receiving feedback from your professor to increase your creativity and prepare you for the rest of your academic journey.

Instructor contact and response time

Eric.Venegas@tamuc.edu

Please contact Christi:

Christi.Spruill@tamuc.edu with any questions.

Communication from students will be responded to within a reasonable time during the work week.

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Weekend communication will be handled the next business day, unless noted. Due to the high volume of email that is received, an important message may be missed. If an important email has not been responded to within 2 days, please send again.

Please use your university email as your primary source of contact. If your email is more than a short paragraph, please consider making a Zoom appointment.

If you have an emergency, please feel free to email me: Eric.Venegas@tamuc.edu

Attendance

FIRST ABSENCE: The student will receive an email and a copy goes to Lee

SECOND ABSENCE: The student will receive an email and a copy goes to Lee who will contact the student.

THIRD ABSENCE: Lee emails the student that they have failed the course. Two tardies of 10 minutes equals one absence.

A tardy of 60 minutes equals one absence.

Leaving the Zoom call before class is dismissed is an absence.

Not having your camera on during class can result in a tardy or absence at the instructors discretion.

If a student is OVER 10 MINUTES late for the final, a full grade will be deducted from his or her final grade.

If a student does not show up for the final they automatically fail the class.

Syllabus Update Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

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Grading Guidelines

Grades will be assigned according to the following scale:

A — 90-100

Work well above the general class level, evidence of participation in related activities

Outside of the classroom, thoughtful participation in classroom discussion and critique

Superlative work: careful attention to craft and presentation. Originality of idea and execution work together. Goes beyond merely solving the problem – one who performs at this level is visibly outstanding, work is outstanding in every respect.

B — 80-89

Work above the general class level, participation in classroom discussion and critique

Fine work. A few minor changes could have been considered and executed to bring piece together. Goes beyond merely solving the problem. Above average: solution to the problem and idea well planned. Execution is well done.

C — 70-79

Average work, minimal requirements met

Average or a bit above: slipping in levels of originality, craft and presentation. The piece does not work well as a unified whole or statement yet effort was made. You have solved the problem but in a relatively routine way.

D — 60-69

Work below class average, lack of participation and/or poor attendance

You have solved the problem but there is much room for improving your skills and developing your concepts further.

You have neglected the basic craftsmanship skills and breadth and depth of idea development. You were unable to meet mini deadlines. Represents careless and/or incomplete effort. Work is substandard.

F — 0-59

Inferior or unacceptable work and effort, work not turned in, or failure to attend class.

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Please use headphones during class when participating in synchronous instruction via Zoom.

You are required to have a camera and a microphone. You must have your camera on at all times and your mic on according to the situation. Not having your camera on can result in an absence or tardy at the instructors discretion.

The University is providing you with the Creative Cloud.

A reliable internet connection is suggested for successful classroom participation.

D2L/Brightspace

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

Access and Navigation

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

Communication and Support

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

University Specific Procedures*Student Conduct*

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook.

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

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The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Gee Library- Room 162
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu
Website: Office of Student Disability Resources and Services
<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus document and/or consult your event organizer.

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

A&M-Commerce Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel