

ART 552.801

**MFA VIS COM  
EXHIBITION**

**Monday & Wednesday**  
6:30-10:30PM

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**Joshua Ege**  
OFFICE DALLAS 1914

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday:**  
5:30 PM-6:30 PM

**Wednesday:**  
5:30 PM-6:30 PM

*Additional office hours  
may be available upon  
request*

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Final thesis exhibition/execution process and final paper. A self-directed final study and development of a thesis exhibition, and final research paper directed by a designated major professor with feedback from a selected thesis committee.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- Final checks, input and feedback from your major professor and committee towards the conclusion of your final thesis paper
- Develop a workable weekly schedule based on your thesis direction
- Explore and expand your current thesis research and incorporate results into your exhibition and final paper
- Receive guidance in facilitating your exhibition concerning your direction, venue, budget and final execution
- Finalize a realistic thesis exhibition strategy and procedure and proceed to the completion of the build stage
- Be prepared to execute your thesis exhibition and write a well-crafted thesis companion paper using the prescribed format incorporating your exhibition process, and or study's results
- Receive the necessary approvals to move forward to the exhibition build stage
- Receive the necessary approvals for your final thesis paper submission
- Preparation for graduation

**SUGGESTED TEXTBOOKS AND RESOURCES**

Various sources identified through the student's research, or sources suggested by thesis committee members germane to the progress and direction of the thesis research and exhibition agenda.  
Other significant design university's MFA archives/repositories (SVA, VCU, Stanford D-school)  
Research in real libraries/journals  
AIGA archives  
Communication Arts Magazine  
Fast Company Magazine  
Media: National Public Radio, 90.1 and news sources of all stripes  
Anywhere, and anything relevant to this topic (recorded interviews, ethnography, etc.)

**COURSE STRUCTURE / EXPECTATIONS**

The course structure will be a mix of individual meetings with your professor and class meetings TBD.

**WORDS TO-THE-WISE**

Show up, be committed in your work, and immerse yourself in the process. It is your show to enjoy! If you fall behind, run like hell to catch up! Also, please let me know if you need to come to see me. I am here to help.

**CLASS POLICY**

Computers, cell-phones, earbuds, or other personal technology. Devices may not be turned on or used in class without the permission of the instructor. First offense: (a pass) Subsequent offense (s): (this will affect your participation grade)

**ABSENCE POLICY**

You may be absent from class twice.  
On your first absence, you will receive an e-mail warning  
On your second absence, you will receive an e-mail  
On your third absence, you will receive an F in the class. If you wish to drop the class, you will receive a drop/fail.  
Two tardies of 20 minutes or more equal an absence.

**GRADING SCALE**

This course is a Pass/Fail class. The will not be a standard A, B, C, D, or F grade in the course. If you successfully meet the requirements of the class and exhibition, you will have earned a Pass at the completion of the course.

**TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS LMS**

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

**ACCESS AND NAVIGATION**

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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/D2L, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

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

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND PLAGIARISM**

Texas A&M University-Commerce does not tolerate plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty. Conduct that violates generally accepted standards of academic honesty is defined as academic dishonesty.

- Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, the submission of someone else's materials as one's own work.
- Scholastic dishonesty may involve one or more of the following acts: cheating, plagiarism, or collusion.
- Plagiarism is the use of an author's words or ideas as if they were one's own without giving credit to the source, including, but not limited to, failure to acknowledge a direct quotation. Cite your references.
- Cheating is the willful giving or receiving of information in an unauthorized manner during an examination, illicitly obtaining examination questions in advance, copying computer or Internet files, using someone else's work for assignments as if it were one's own, or any other dishonest means of attempting to fulfill the requirements of a course.
- Collusion is intentionally aiding or attempting to aid another in an act of scholastic dishonesty, including but not limited to, providing a paper or project to another student, providing an inappropriate level of assistance, communicating answers to a classmate during an examination, removing tests or answer sheets from a test site, and allowing a classmate to copy answers.
- Academic dishonesty could result in expulsion from the University

**STATEMENT ON ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ADA ELIGIBLE STUDENTS**

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 132  
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/>

**STATEMENT ON STUDENT BEHAVIOR**

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See current Student Guidebook).

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an on-line forum: Netiquette <http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html>

**NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE**

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in on-line 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.

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#### **HANDBOOK & SAFETY**

While the on-line manual covers specific issues related to the Department of Art, Texas A&M University Commerce policies must also be followed. All users of Department of Art (DOA) classrooms and facilities are required to follow the health and safety guidelines outlined in this manual at all times. Report any safety issues IMMEDIATELY to your instructor(s), Teaching Laboratory Specialist, or to the DOA Health and Safety Liaison. Each course instructor will discuss their area's inherent risks, procedures and policies to provide the student with informed consent. These will be reviewed verbally at the start of each semester. A link to the on-line Handbook: <https://sites.tamuc.edu/art/resources/healthandsafety/>

#### **CAMPUS CONCEALED CARRY STATEMENT**

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.

Web url: <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.

#### **SYLLABUS CHANGE 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.

#### **INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please email me any questions as well as your class project work at the email below. **NOTE:** E-mail should be used for brief verbal communications. If your e-mail is lengthy schedule an appointment. Emails will be responded to within 24 hours on the next business day.

[joshua.ege@tamuc.edu](mailto:joshua.ege@tamuc.edu)

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**SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY, JUNE 5TH**

Review Syllabus & Important Dates

Review Thesis Exhibition Presentation

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH**

Review & Practice Thesis Exhibition Presentation

**MONDAY, JUNE 12TH**

Review & Practice Thesis Exhibition Presentation

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH**

Review & Practice Thesis Exhibition Presentation

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH**

Thesis Exhibition Presentation Set up

**MONDAY, JUNE 19TH**

Review & Practice Thesis Exhibition Presentation

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST**

Final Review & Practice Thesis Exhibition Presentation

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD**

Thesis Exhibition Presentation

**MONDAY, JUNE 26TH**

Review Thesis Chapter 4 & 5 Progress

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH**

Review Thesis Chapter 4 & 5 Progress

**MONDAY, JULY 3RD**

Review Thesis Chapter 4 & 5 Progress

**MONDAY, JULY 5TH**

Review Thesis Chapter 4 & 5 Progress

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**DEADLINE WEDNESDAY, JULY 3RD**

Thesis submission to Major Professor

**DEADLINE WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH**

Major Professor signs off with committee revisions and sends to program coordinator with all signatures

**DEADLINE WEDNESDAY, JULY 17TH**

Program coordinator sends final thesis to department head for signature

**DEADLINE WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, JULY 24TH**

Last day to submit final thesis for summer graduation

**SUMMER GRADUATION: AUGUST 11TH**

All graduating students must complete this application to initiate the graduation process whether or not you plan to attend the ceremony.

Complete the on-line graduation application through myLeo Summer 2023

- Applications for Summer 2023 will open First Class Day for Summer I - June 5 through June 23.
- Masters & Doctoral Ceremony: Friday, August 11, 2023
- Diplomas are sent to your address you supplied on your graduation application approximately 6-8 working weeks after commencement.
- A Graduation application fee of \$40 is applied to your student account at the time of application. The fee will need to be paid before a transcript or diploma can be mailed.
- You can purchase your regalia by contacting the Texas Book Company at 903-886-5830 or <https://www.amcbookstore.com/MerchList?ID=2052>
- Payment can be made on myleo through leopay or at the cashier's office.

Final graduation application filing deadline June 23, 2023

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/graduation/graduationSteps.aspx>