



CAMOSUN COLLEGE
School of Arts & Science
Department of Communications

VIST-131-X01
Technique 2
Winter 2020

COURSE OUTLINE

The course description is available on the web @ <http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/vist.html>

W Please note: This outline will not be kept indefinitely. It is recommended students keep this outline for their records, especially to assist in transfer credit to post-secondary institutions.

1. Instructor Information

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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Produce finished artwork in a variety of media, both black-and-white and full-colour.
2. Render illustrations, word balloons, and captions in repro-ready form
3. Scan, render and format artwork for both analog (print) and digital (web applications).
4. Complete and publish in print and/or web, a 16-page comic or graphic novel

3. Required Materials

- (a) Text: N/A
- (b) Other: *Please refer to materials supply list*

4. Course Content and Schedule

VIST 131 Technique 2

NB: This course and VIST 123 (PERSPECTIVE DRAWING) are closely interconnected, and assignments in VIST 131 will be reviewed in VIST 123, which are to be completed as both CLASSWORK and HOMEWORK

All classes commence with Show & Tell: students share comics and graphic novels they currently read or have recently discovered with the class, along with a brief analysis of the specific appeal of form and/or content, in particular how it relates to the subject at hand

A critical component of classes is the tripartite critique; a critical analysis of assignments by the student, their peers, and the teacher

Week 1 – January 8

LECTURE / DEMONSTRATION: Introduction to VIST 131 Course with overview of learning outcomes and assignments. Introduction to Adobe Creative Cloud, and to basic Photoshop tools and techniques under Window menu: Workspace, Actions, Brushes, Channels, Character/Paragraph, History, Info, Navigator, Paths, Colour/Swatches, and Tools

CLASSWORK: Explore Window menu options and tools

Week 2 – January 15

LECTURE / DEMONSTRATION: Introduction to Photoshop tools and techniques under Edit (Undo, Fade, Cut/Copy/Paste, Fill/stroke, Transform, Keyboard Shortcuts), Layers (Creation, Duplication, Blending Modes, Adjustment, Masks, Matting), and Selection (Layers, Colour Range, Feather, Modify, Transform Load/Save Alpha Channels) menus. Format pages for reproduction

CLASSWORK: Practice formatting pages and apply tools and techniques

Week 3 – January 22

LECTURE / DEMONSTRATION: Advanced use of primary tools (Selection, Move, Lasso, Magic Wand, Crop, Paintbrush, Eraser, Gradient, Paint Bucket) including creation of custom brushes and masks

CLASSWORK: Practice colouring pages from Fall Term assignments

Week 4 – January 29

LECTURE / DEMONSTRATION: Advanced use of secondary tools (Clone stamp, Art History Brush, Blur, Sharpen, Smudge, Dodge, Burn, Sponge)

CLASSWORK: Colouring of first 8-pager

**Assignment #1: 8-page comic, is DUE at the beginning of the next class!
This assignment is worth 30% of your final grade.**

Week 5 – February 5

LECTURE / DEMONSTRATION: Introduction to Photoshop tools and techniques under Image (Colour Modes, Adjustments, Levels, Curves, Colour Balance, Brightness & Contrast, Hue & Saturation) and Filter (Artistic, Blur, Brush Strokes, Distort Noise, Pixelate, Render, Sharpen, Sketch, Stylize, Texture) menus

CLASSWORK: Finish colouring of first 8-pager

Week 6 – February 12

LECTURE / DEMONSTRATION: Formatting for print and online delivery, RGB and CMYK colour spaces

Week 7 – February 19

READING WEEK

Week 8 – February 26

LECTURE / DEMONSTRATION: Use of Type and Path tools

CLASSWORK: Flattening of second 8-pager

**Assignment #2: 8-page comic, is DUE at the beginning of the next VIST-131 class!
This assignment is worth 30% of your final grade.**

Week 9 – March 4

LECTURE / DEMONSTRATION: Introduction to InDesign, File menu (Document, Setup, Export), Edit menu, and Toolbar

CLASSWORK: Colouring second 8-pager

Week 10 – March 11

LECTURE / DEMONSTRATION: Assembling 28 page comic-book in InDesign, introduction to Layout, Type, Object, and View Menus

CLASSWORK: Create InDesign file for 28 page comic-book

Flattening third 8-pager

Week 11 – March 18

LECTURE / DEMONSTRATION: Cover artwork for wraparound saddle-stitched and perfect bound applications created in InDesign

CLASSWORK: Colouring of third 8-pager, setup of cover artwork file

Week 12 – March 25

LECTURE / DEMONSTRATION: Critique of 28 page comic-book/cover InDesign files

CLASSWORK: Finalize 28 page comic-book content NB: Final PDF must be completed by this date!

**Final Assignment: 8-page storyboard, is DUE at the beginning of the next class!
This assignment is worth 30% of your final grade.**

Week 13 – April 1

LECTURE / DEMONSTRATION: Advanced Photoshop techniques for image enhancement/manipulation

CLASSWORK: Practice image enhancement/manipulation

Week 14 – April 8

LECTURE / DEMONSTRATION: Final critique of term projects

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

Eight Page Comic	30%	DUE: February 5th
Eight Page Comic	30%	DUE: March 5th
Final Assignment	30%	DUE: April 2th
Class participation	10%	

*See attached Grading Rubrics at the end of this outline

6. Grading System

Standard Grading System (GPA)

Competency Based Grading System

7. Recommended Materials to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

-See supply list and Grading Rubrics

8. College Supports, Services and Policies

Immediate, Urgent, or Emergency Support

If you or someone you know requires immediate, urgent, or emergency support (e.g. illness, injury, thoughts of suicide, sexual assault, etc.), **SEEK HELP**. Resource contacts @ <http://camosun.ca/about/mental-health/emergency.html> or <http://camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence/get-support.html#urgent>

College Services

Camosun offers a variety of health and academic support services, including counselling, dental, disability resource centre, help centre, learning skills, sexual violence support & education, library, and writing centre. For more information on each of these services, visit the **STUDENT SERVICES** link on the College website at <http://camosun.ca/>

College Policies

Camosun strives to provide clear, transparent, and easily accessible policies that exemplify the college's commitment to life-changing learning. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of College policies. Policies are available on the College website at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/>. Education and academic policies include, but are not limited to, Academic Progress, Admission, Course Withdrawals, Standards for Awarding Credentials, Involuntary Health and Safety Leave of Absence, Prior Learning Assessment, Medical/Compassionate Withdrawal, Sexual Violence and Misconduct, Student Ancillary Fees, Student Appeals, Student Conduct, and Student Penalties and Fines.

A. GRADING SYSTEMS <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/index.html>

The following two grading systems are used at Camosun College:

1. Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7

77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D		1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

2. Competency Based Grading System (Non GPA)

This grading system is based on satisfactory acquisition of defined skills or successful completion of the course learning outcomes

Grade	Description
COM	The student has met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
DST	The student has met and exceeded, above and beyond expectation, the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
NC	The student has not met the goals, criteria or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.

B. Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/index.html> for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description

I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that are designed to have an anticipated enrollment that extends beyond one term. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course.
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

Grading Rubric for All Assignments

	A Range (80 -100%)	B Range (70 – 79%)	C Range (60 – 69%)	D Range (50 – 59%)
Digital	Demonstrates strong understanding and appropriate utilization of Photoshop for scanning, formatting, and colouring artwork, and InDesign for assembling and formatting pages for both online and print delivery	Understands basic Photoshop and InDesign procedures, but does not take full advantage of tools and/or techniques available to them	Confusion about use of tools and/or techniques in Photoshop, difficulty with proper assembly and/or formatting of files for delivery in InDesign	Shows little understanding or application of Photoshop or InDesign tools and techniques
Pencils	Thoughtful choice of pencil hardness range relative to paper selection; strong use of medium to articulate character and composition; erasures are thorough and neat; personal style is evident	Choice of pencil hardness may be ill-considered but medium still used well to establish form; erasures may be incomplete and/or slightly messy	Confusion about appropriate hardness; too light or too heavy-handed application of medium; awkward, inconsistent or vague articulation of form; messy erasures	No consideration given to choice or application of medium; form obscured by inappropriate line weight; no erasures
Letters	Demonstrates strong understanding of requirement for accurate ruling of guidelines and use of Ames lettering guide; careful and legible use of appropriate fonts; balloons and caption well placed; shows creative approach to balloons, borders and sound effects	Clear ruling and letterforms though text may not totally conform to ruled lines; some awkward or misplaced balloons or captions	Poorly ruled and/or lettered text; badly placed balloons or captions	Unruled captions and/or word balloons; inappropriate or illegible fonts; no consideration of placement
Inks	Skillful handling and appropriate choice of inking tools for the chosen surface; shows confident varying or constant line weight as required with pen, marker, brush, etc.; personal style continues to manifest itself	Choice of inking tool may be ill-considered for subject but technique is used well to articulate form for accurate reproduction; some evidence of emergent personal style	Shows form and subject clearly but some uncertainty about selection of tool is evident; heavy-handed application of ink; personal style not yet evident	Awkward, inconsistent or vague articulation of form; no apparent consideration of choice of tool; heavy-handed application of ink
Colours	Demonstrates skillful handling and appropriate choice of dry and wet (transparent or opaque) colouring media and tools for the chosen surface; personal style continues to manifest itself	Technique is used well to articulate form and values but choice of colouring media or tool may be inconsistent and/or ill-considered for subject	Shows uncertainty about selection of media or tool; heavy-handed application of colour; muddy or unclear establishment of values	Awkward, inconsistent or vague articulation of form; no apparent consideration given to tools or media; heavy-handed application of colour

Grading Rubric for Classroom Participation

A Range (80 - 100%)	B Range (70 – 79%)	C Range (60 – 69%)	D Range (50 – 59%)
<p>Participates actively and enthusiastically in all classroom discussions and critiques; comes to class prepared by doing all assigned readings and homework; brings in comics and graphic novels for Show & Tell regularly; exceeds expectations in presentations and homework assignments</p>	<p>Participates actively in discussions, critiques and Show & Tell; comes to class prepared in almost all cases; shows good effort in presentations and homework assignments</p>	<p>Occasionally participates in discussions, critiques and Show & Tell; adequate effort in presentations and homework assignments</p>	<p>Never or seldom participates in discussion, critiques and Show & Tell; assignments missing, incomplete or poor quality with no sign of research, effort and/or comprehension of the task</p>