

Rhode Island College
ART 104: Design I

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Course Description:

Design is the process of organizing visual ideas and perceptions that are derived from interaction and experience with the environment. The visual and plastic elements of line, shape, space, texture, size, and color are all interdependent. They do not exist as isolated entities but gain their significance through their relationship to one another.

Class Structure:

Class time will be used to introduce new projects, discuss slides, and critique finished work. Workdays will consist of individual and group discussions as well as working on projects. As a result attending class is absolutely necessary.

Assignments:

All assignments involve the student producing a finished product. Studio work both in and out of class is the prime requirement of the course. The student should develop the ability to conceptualize and communicate visual ideas as well as carry them through to a finished form.

Critique:

Structural and conceptual question will be asked to obtain the correct response from students. Those responses will be in the form of group discussions, guided by the instructor. Discussing design concepts from multiple points of view will yield a more accurate perception as well as aiding the student in developing problem solving skills and self evaluation of work.

Grading:

A grade of 0 to 100 will be given for each project at the end of critique. Criteria for grading will be, understanding of the use of design elements and principles, quality of concept (creative definition of possibilities contained in the assignment guidelines), and quality of execution. Participation in critiques will also be considered, attitude is everything. The final grade will be an average of the project grades.

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