

within the internship institution—as well as about the intended nature of work during the internship. Upon returning to his studies the student is obliged to provide exhaustive documentation of his doings during the internship, and a written report from the internship supervisor to the Internship Coordinator. The Internship Coordinator will assess the sufficient validity of the tasks performed during the internship, and declare—usually after consultation with other academic staff—the relevancy of the internship for one particular concentration. Any internship will only be graded as “pass/fail”, and will be listed in the student’s Transcript of Records.

**VART 3105 Special Topics in Studio and Media Arts (Drawing and Painting) (3,4,0)**

**VART 3106 Special Topics in Studio and Media Arts (Chinese Arts) (3,4,0)**

**VART 3107 Special Topics in Studio and Media Arts (Lens-based Media) (3,4,0)**

**VART 3195 Special Topics in Studio and Media Arts (Sculpture) (3,4,0)**

**VART 3196 Special Topics in Studio and Media Arts (Body as Interface) (3,4,0)**

Prerequisite: To be specified by offering instructor

This course aims to provide an opportunity for students to study in-depth selected topics in contemporary issues related to the various creative practices in Studio and Media Arts.

Through examination of theories related to the topic, students will get an initial look at issues in the Studio and Media Arts from an interdisciplinary and cross-cultural perspective. The course will then guide them to integrate various points of view, and to develop their own critical judgment on the topic under study.

Starting on the basis of this initial introduction the course will then aim to investigate through practice different approaches and methodologies to the course topic, and to ultimately connect and integrate them with existing skills and knowledge of course participants. The aim is to develop and practice skills and concepts for students’ personal practices in Studio and Media Arts at the current state of the arts.

This course changes subjects/theme regularly; therefore the individual instructor in consultation with the Studio and Media Arts Division will determine the selected topic, to take full advantage of developing research, issues and global developments in the visual arts.

**VART 3115 Drawing: Inquiry and Experimentation (3,4,0) (E)**

Prerequisite: VART 2115 Drawing: Visual Thinking and Observation

Drawing is not merely a fundamental tool for all visual artists, but also an artistic medium in its own right: by inquiring into traditional ideas, and through experimental use of drawing media and innovative approaches, Drawing can open entirely new perceptions of reality, beyond the notions commonly connoted with pencil and paper.

This course aims to strengthen and consolidate students’ drawing skills and knowledge acquired from the course of VART 2115 Drawing: Visual Thinking and Observation. It enables students to explore drawing as an evolving mode of contemporary art practice and expression, and considers drawing as a means for contextual inquiry and experimentation with the application of creative ideas, practices and technologies of the discipline. The content deals with the concept of drawing, its development from traditional to contemporary, and covers a wide range of techniques, materials, functions and approaches with alternative process of the media.

Students may work in a variety of traditional media, including graphite, charcoal and pastel, and are encouraged to explore the use of new and mixed media. Various drawing approaches with a variety of subject matters, such as figure, still-life, and landscape will be examined and practiced in the course. Students will also concentrate on more complex personal and creative aspects of drawing, while perceptual and conceptual issues will be pursued. By the end of the course, students will have the competence to transform the contextual inquiry into expressive or experimental drawing.

**VART 3116 Painting: Expression and Exploration (3,4,0) (E)**

Prerequisite: VART 2116 Painting: Image and Interpretation

This course aims to develop students’ understanding of paint as an expressive tool and help students to explore their own direction through visual problem solving. Students will be provided with opportunities to experiment with different mediums and processes so as to investigate the unique qualities of painting. The course develops students’ independence and consistent work pattern within the studio. It also fosters students to develop a personal language and aesthetic sensibility with an emphasis on the individual growth through technical as well as conceptual development.

The course also addresses the processes of transformation from ideas and images into visual art with consideration of contemporary ideologies and critical debates. Students will be encouraged to start with traditional approaches to painting in terms of seeing it as a self-sufficient discipline and further develop to experimental approaches towards interdisciplinary. Alongside with given studio exercises, lectures and tutorials will be scheduled for addressing major topics in contemporary painting relating to identity concerns, spiritual issues and political debates, and discussing how these issues are relevant to students own practice. By the end of the course, student will have a set of work completed according to their self-initiated theme, which will be further applied onto their future study of the subject.

**VART 3117 Life Drawing (3,4,0) (E)**

Prerequisite: VART 2115 Drawing: Visual Thinking and Observation or VART 2116 Painting: Image and Interpretation

The exploration of the various shapes and postures of the human body has been a major subject of human creative production since prehistoric times. Especially since the Accademia degli Incamminati was founded in Bologna in the 16th century the drawing from live human models has become a centre-piece in the education of fine artists in particular, yet also designers benefit from an advanced understanding of the proportions and features of the human body to inform their creations.

Anatomical correctness however is only the initial concern in life drawing, as the artist’s kinaesthetic response to the changing poses of the model, and other compositional choices open a space for deeper and more mature creative reflection on the ‘condition humaine’, i.e. the question of what makes us human.

The setup of VART3117 Life Drawing focuses on this more conceptual aspect of life drawing. It initially briefly introduces students to the specific skills and techniques necessary for working with life models, based on skills, which students are required to have built in previous courses. The course continues by exploring advanced manipulation of pictorial structure, colour and gestural expression, possible re-interpretations of the body/space relation, and the effects of form distortions. These techniques and their variations will serve as starting points when students move on to experiment with complex visual expressions that use representations of the human body as the subject for articulating advanced conceptual ideas.

While VART3117 Life Drawing allows the students to further their skills in various self-selected imaging media, both traditional and new, it is the main intention of the course to establish drawing as a methodology for conceptual artistic creation beyond mere representation of a perceived reality. It requires students to think in complex systems, to critically reflect their own practice, and to re-evaluate the human body as it encompasses and expresses the features of being human.

**VART 3125 Convention and Innovation in Chinese Painting (3,4,0) (E)**

Prerequisite: VART 2125 Visual Literacy in Chinese Painting

As Hong Kong serves as a point of convergence of Chinese and Western cultural narratives, “hybridity” comes to be a primary means for local artists, especially ink artists, to take into their art creation. For better understanding Chinese cultural heritage, the course requires students to explore the conventions embedded