

# **CARTOONING & COMIC ART I**

## **ART F195**

May 21st - June 28<sup>th</sup>, Monday-Thursday, 6-9pm Art Bldg room #317

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### **Course Description**

An introductory studio class on sequential art - telling a story with images and text - that focuses on the basic elements of creating cartoon and comic art features. Exploration of all stages in production with an emphasis on the conceptual and developmental process, as well as drawing and storytelling skills. No previous art experience necessary.

### **Objectives**

Includes materials and techniques, with in-depth exercises in visual and narrative techniques on combining words and pictures, page & panel breakdowns, thumbnailing, reference & research, character development, writing & editing. Covered are single-panel/gag cartoons, strips, editorial cartooning, storyboarding, comic books (scripting, penciling and inking), graphic novels, caricature and humorous illustration.

There will be lectures, demonstrations, handouts, slide-shows, in and out-of-class exercises, field trips, guest presenters, reviews of work-in-progress and critiques of major assignments, and a final class publication of selected student work.

### **Course Outline**

- 1st Week: materials & techniques, characters, lettering
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Week: single panels/gag cartoons, editorial cartoons
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Week: strips & syndication
- 4<sup>th</sup> Week: sequential art, vignettes
- 5<sup>th</sup> Week: comic books (scripting/penciling/inking)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Week: graphic novels, storyboarding

## **Grading Policy**

Students are evaluated on the basis of the following:

### **Critiqued Assignments**

*10 points – character(s)*

*10 points – cartoons*

*15 points – strips*

*10 points – editorials/caricature*

*15 points – comic book (script/pencil/ink 5pts each)*

*20 points – vignette*

*80 possible points*

*10 points – sketchbook*

*5 points – participation*

*100 total*

A = 100-90

B = 79-89

C = 50-78

D = 25-49

F = 24-0

### **Attendance**

Attendance is mandatory, and will factor overall for final grade

Maximum 2 excused absences, after that grade will drop by one letter grade

(ie. A to a B); 4 = C; 5 = D; 6 absences = failure.

*Reasonable accommodations will be provided for students with disabilities including equal access to campus and course material. For information contact Office of Disabilities Services 203 WHIT 474-7043.*