



## Watercolour Painting – FA 219

### University Studies Program

### Course Outline

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 2021  
OUTLINE EFFECTIVE DATE: September 2021  
COURSE OUTLINE REVIEW DATE: April 2026

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#### GENERAL COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Students will explore the uniquely expressive medium of watercolour painting. They will be introduced to colour mixing, composition, ideas and concepts, themes, experimentation with materials and problem solving. This course helps develop a keen eye for subject matter and colour through distinctive watercolour techniques.

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**Program Information:** This course can be used as an elective in the Fine Arts Certificate or other COTR University Studies programs.

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**Delivery:** This course is delivered face-to-face.

**COTR Credits:** 3

**Hours for this course:** 60 hours

#### Typical Structure of Instructional Hours:

Instructional Activity	Duration
Lecture Hours	15
Seminars / Tutorials	
Laboratory / Studio Hours	45
Practicum / Field Experience	
Other Contact Hours	
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>

#### Practicum Hours (if applicable):

Type of Practicum	Duration
On-the-Job Experience	N/A
Formal Work Experience	N/A
Other	N/A
<b>Total</b>	

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Valid from: September 2021- April 2026

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Education Council Approval Date

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**COURSE PREREQUISITES AND TRANSFER CREDIT:**

**Prerequisites:** FA 108

**Corequisites:** N/A

**Flexible Assessment (FA):**

Credit can be awarded for this course through FA  Yes  No

Learners may request formal recognition for flexible assessment at the College of the Rockies through one or more of the following processes: External Evaluation, Worksite Assessment, Demonstration, Standardized Test, Self-assessment, Interview, Products/Portfolio, Challenge Exam. Contact an Education Advisor for more information.

**Transfer Credit:** For transfer information within British Columbia, Alberta and other institutions, please visit <http://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer>.

Student should also contact an academic advisor at the institution where they want transfer credit.

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## **Textbooks and Required Resources:**

Textbook selection varies by instructor and may change from year to year. At the Course Outline Effective Date the following textbooks were in use:

Robertson, Jean, McDaniel, Craig. *Painting As A Language*. Thompson, Learning Inc., 2000

*Please see the instructor's syllabus or check COTR's online text calculator <http://go.cotr.bc.ca/tuition/tCalc.asp> for a complete list of the currently required textbooks.*

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## **LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- investigate a variety of perspectives using location and technique
  - examine and explore watercolour painting techniques
  - examine positive and negative space
  - demonstrate how pigment, water and paper interact
  - use painting theories and principles in the development of the picture plane
  - capture nuances of light and colour
  - research watercolour painting practices and consider influences and inspiration from historical and contemporary artists
  - use a painting vocabulary to communicate ideas and concepts
  - critique one's own and other's artwork
  - explore Indigenous perspective and contemporary practices in watercolour painting that includes Ktunaxa knowledge
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## **COURSE TOPICS:**

- Colour theory and mixing
- Properties of watercolour
- Watercolour techniques
- Composition
- Plein Air (outdoor painting) – if weather permits
- Gallery instillation and Critique

*See instructor's syllabus for the detailed outline of weekly readings, activities and assignments.*

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## EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT (Face-to-Face Delivery):

Assignments	% of Total Grade
<u>Theory Assessments</u>	
Research essay	15%
Portfolio assembly and formal critique	5%
<u>Studio Assessments</u>	
In class assignments	60%
Final project	15%
Gallery preparation and installation	<u>5%</u>
Total:	100%

*Please see the instructor's syllabus for specific classroom policies related to this course, such as details of evaluation, penalties for late assignments and use of electronic aids.*

In order to pass this course, successful completion of both the theory portion (written assignments) and the studio portion (studio artwork and project assignments) is required.

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### EXAM POLICY:

Students must attend all required scheduled exams that make up a final grade at the appointed time and place.

Individual instructors may accommodate for illness or personal crisis. Additional accommodation will not be made unless a written request is sent to and approved by the appropriate Department Head prior to the scheduled exam.

Any student who misses a scheduled exam without approval will be given a grade of "0" for the exam.

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### COURSE GRADE:

Course grades are assigned as follows:

Grade	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
Mark (Percent)	≥ 90	89-85	84-80	79-76	75-72	71-68	67-64	63-60	59-55	54-50	< 50

A grade of "D" grants credit, but may not be sufficient as a prerequisite for sequential courses.

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### ACADEMIC POLICIES:

See [www.cotr.bc.ca/policies](http://www.cotr.bc.ca/policies) for general college policies related to course activities, including grade appeals, cheating and plagiarism.

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## **COURSE CHANGES:**

Information contained in course outlines is correct at the time of publication. Content of the courses is revised on an ongoing basis to ensure relevance to changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The instructor endeavours to provide notice of changes to students as soon as possible. The instructor reserves the right to add or delete material from courses.