

ART 5397+5697

MFA Written+Exhibition Components

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What are these courses about about?

These two courses are combined to accommodate the needs of the individual student as they near the completion of their degree requirements for the MFA degrees. ART 5397 is intended to focus on the development of the written component of the MFA degree. Students will be responsible, under the supervision and guidance of their major professor as well as their committee, for continued, meaningful progress towards the completion of written component. It is expected that students will complete at least 80% of the work necessary for the MFA Written Component. In Art 5640 MFA Exhibition Component students are will be required to complete finalize the work (visual as well as written) to be exhibited in the MFA Exhibition as well as meet all departmental and university required document due dates. Students must be in regular contact with their major professor as well as maintain contact with their MFA committee.

What are the learning outcomes for 5397+5697 MFA Thesis Research

1. All M.F.A. candidates must produce both a written and exhibition component as part of the requirements for the MFA degree.

What are the requirements of the course?

Each student will be responsible for completing a body of work as well as participate in all critiques, keeping all deadlines and completed all written requirements.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the Written Component of the MFA in the departmental graduate catalogue.

What is the grading Policy?

100% of the student's grade depends on the degree of success and growth, and commitment to pursuing personal studio goals within the semester as well as the quality of the written component as well as critique participation and attendance.

What is the Attendance Policy in this class?

Given that this is a graduate level course, there are no in class attendance requirements. Students are required to attend all scheduled critiques, being on time and ready to participation in discussion. Failure to participate, fully in the meetings and critiques will result in the lowering of the final grade. Meeting will take place in individual studio spaces.

Grade Grievances Any appeal of a grade in this course must follow the procedures and deadlines for grade-related grievances as published in the current undergraduate / graduate catalog. [Some instructors opt to cut and paste the relevant policy here. For undergraduate courses, see http://web.uta.edu/catalog/content/general/academic_regulations.aspx#10; for graduate courses, see <http://www.uta.edu/gradcatalog/2012/general/regulations/#grades>.]

Drop Policy Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance.** Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (<http://www.uta.edu/ses/fao>).

Americans with Disabilities Act The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including the *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Any student requiring an accommodation for this course must provide the instructor with official documentation in the form of a letter certified by the staff in the Office for Students with Disabilities, University Hall 102. Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability or by calling the Office for Students with Disabilities at (817) 272-3364.

Academic Integrity At UT Arlington, academic dishonesty is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated in any form, including (but not limited to) "cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts" (UT System Regents' Rule 50101, §2.2). Suspected violations of academic integrity standards will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student's suspension or expulsion from the University.

Student Support Services UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may contact the Maverick Resource Hotline by calling 817-272-6107, sending a message to resources@uta.edu, or visiting www.uta.edu/resources.

Lab Safety Training **Students registered for this course must complete all required lab safety training prior to entering the lab and undertaking any activities.** Once completed, Lab Safety Training is valid for the remainder of the same academic year (i.e., through the following August) and must be completed anew in subsequent years. There are no exceptions to this University policy. Failure to complete the required training will preclude participation in any lab activities, including those for which a grade is assigned.

Electronic Communication UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php>.

Student Feedback Survey At the end of each term, students enrolled in classes categorized, as lecture, seminar, or laboratory will be asked to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS) about the course and how it was taught. Instructions on how to access the SFS system will be sent directly to students through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. UT Arlington's efforts to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback data is required by state law; student participation in the SFS program is voluntary.

Final Review Week A period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week *unless specified in the class syllabus*. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

Class Schedule

****Please note that the class schedule is subject to change and if you require additional time with me I am happy to accommodate your requests. All meetings will take place in your campus studio spaces unless otherwise indicated.***

General deadlines

9/11 must have a committee meeting scheduled by this date to discuss progress timeline

10/2 submit semester progress timeline and plans for work

10/23 first draft of written component due (at least 6 pages)

10/18 deadline to hold first committee meeting

11/6 second draft of written component due

11/27 third draft of written component due

12/11 deadline to hold second committee meeting to discuss progress