

**Department of Visual Arts  
Baccalaureate Project**

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Art 489

Class time: 8:00am – 9:50 M. and arranged

Term: current

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**Introduction**

**Course Description**

This course is the capstone experience required for the BFA, BA and BS degrees in Visual Arts Degree at NDSU. This course will house the development of your Baccalaureate exhibition that concludes with both your Baccalaureate Exhibition and the development of your Capstone published book.

**Course Outcomes:**

1. Critical writing and analysis of your own as well as classmates' artwork.
2. Proper documentation of your processes and work during the semester that will result in the publishing of a book that will cover your research, writing and creative work.
3. Development of a web-presence that will house your Baccalaureate Exhibition.
4. Successfully participate in two large group critique meetings with the entire faculty.
5. Development of a professional resume.
6. Development of a logic model which will serve as a planning tool for your next step after NDSU.
7. Successful Capstone Exhibition
8. Ability to present a strong verbal presentation of your work at your opening, practiced and professional.

**Course Requirements**

Attendance

- Attendance is extremely important in this course as we will cover new and critical information each week
- Students are not allowed any misses of class beyond unavoidable circumstances.
- In addition to class time students are required to spend 6 to 8 hours a week outside of class working on the development of your capstone exhibition and writing.

Assignments

**Writing**

Paper Outline – 100pts

Paper Rough Draft – 100pts

1st Semester BFA Baccalaureate Paper – 300pts

Elevator Speech Development – 100pts

Blurb Book – 500 points

**Total communication - 1100pts**

**Work Development**

Mid Semester – 500 pts

(Presentation 200 points, effort 100 points, quality of work 200 points)

Final Critique – 1000 pts

(Presentation – 400 points, effort 200 points, quality of work 400 points)

**Total Work Development – 1500pts**

**Planning Assignments/Career Development**

Logic Model – 100 points  
Website – 500pts  
Resume – 100pts  
Press Release – 100pts  
Graduation/Second Semester Plan – 100pts

**Planning/Career Total – 900pts**

**Total Points - 3500**

Each project is given a total number of points. The total number of points per project and final total determines the grade based on a straight percentage.

- 90% and above of the total number of points = A
- 80% and above of the total number of points = B
- 70% and above of the total number of points = C
- 60% and above of the total number of points = D

### **Incomplete grades**

Incomplete grades are given only when proof of illness or special extenuating circumstances prevail. Incomplete grades are not given for poor performance or lack of class participation.

### **Special needs**

Any students who need special accommodations for learning or who have special needs are invited to share these concerns or requests with the instructor as soon as possible. Any student with disabilities needing accommodations in this course are encouraged to speak with the instructor as soon as possible to make appropriate arrangements for these accommodations. This publication will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

### **Academic Honesty**

All work in this course must be completed in a manner consistent with NDSU University Senate Policy, Section 335: Code of Academic Responsibility and Conduct (<http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/policy/335.htm>).

### **Additional responsibilities**

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