

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: ART 133

Credits: 4

Course Title: Visual Arts Foundation

Course Description: Covers tools and techniques, design concepts and principles, color theory, and an introduction to the computer for graphic use. Applies to all fields of Visual Art. Lecture 2 hours. Laboratory 4 hours. Total 6 hours per week.

General Course Purpose:

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

Prerequisites: None

Course Objectives:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Accurately perceive color and discern various color relationships;
- b. Utilize color concepts through both traditional and digital media;
- c. Employ Photoshop as an integral component of the creative process;
- d. Illustrate the complexity of color nuances and relativity via projects involving both traditional and digital media; and
- e. Formulate and express thoughtful, personal analyses of art works.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Introduction to the properties of color and the use of color theory within both fine and applied arts
- b. Introduction to digital applications through Photoshop
- c. Fundamental vocabulary for identifying and analyzing color concepts
- d. Color relationships and systems are studied while exploring the expressive and structural natures of color, as well as the psychological and emotional effects

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: Spring 2009