

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

Course Prefix and Number: ART 243

Credits: 3

Course Title: Watercolor I

Course Description: Presents abstract and representational painting in watercolor with emphasis on design, color, composition, technique, and value. Prerequisites: ART 121 or instructor's approval. Lecture 1.5 hours. Studio Instruction 3.5 hours. Total 5 hours per week.

General Course Purpose:

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

Prerequisites: ART 121 or instructor's approval

Course Objectives:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Master compositional elements and water media techniques through the completion of studio paintings that introduce basic skills and materials;
- b. Understand the landscape and figure through *plein air* painting;
- c. Utilize their understanding of painting concepts and techniques to develop an individualized painting style;
- d. Develop a vocabulary of visual terminology to enhance the critique process;
- e. Complete paintings using personal themes which will be discussed and evaluated by the instructor and other students to enhance development; and
- f. Gain inspiration and knowledge by examining works of contemporary and historical painters.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Introduction to painting tools and materials including:
 1. Transparent watercolor, gouache, watercolor papers, various brushes, masking agents, and alternative tools
 2. Preparation of working surfaces
 3. Preparation of finished work for presentation
- b. Introduction to landscape, still life, and the figure through working in both indoor and outdoor settings
- c. Instruction on technique and composition:
 1. Preparatory sketches
 2. Perspective
 3. Atmosphere
 4. Light and shadow
- d. Development of conceptualization process
- e. Development of individualized painting style
- f. Study of painting styles in works of historical and contemporary painters
- g. Classroom critiques

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: Spring 2009