# Alexa Wheeler Lithography I & II

Art Studio 374 / 375 Tuesday / Thursday 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

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Open studio Hours:

M / W: 11:50 am to 6:00 pm (no monitor)

6:00 pm to 10:30 pm

T / TH: 8:15 pm to 10:30 pm SAT: 2:00 pm to 10:30 pm SUN: 12:00 pm to 10:30 pm

## **Course Objectives and Goals:**

This class is an opportunity for beginning and intermediate students to work together to discover and expand their knowledge of the printmaking medium of lithography. As with all printmaking media, lithography is set in a community printshop, giving artists the opportunity to inspire and critique each other in a unique situation unlike the solitary walls of a private studio. This class will lay the technical foundation for the artist to use lithography as an extension and addition into an already developed style of work, or it will act as the catalyst to instigate a new one. Whichever the case, this class is geared toward understanding and utilizing the basic techniques of stone lithography for beginning students and towards pushing the limits of stone lithography and experimenting with plate lithography for intermediate students. Although the course is heavily based in traditional printmaking practices and techniques, unconventionality and experimentation are a welcome. Most importantly, ENJOY LITHOGRAPHY!!

## Requirements:

## Attendance:

Attendance is required. Three unexcused absences will result in a drop from the class. Most classes will include demonstrations that are informative and time consuming, and difficult to repeat, so, it's best to be there. Any handouts / materials / info you did not receive due to absence is your responsibility to acquire. Consecutively coming late or leaving early will result in a lowering of your grade. Absence from shop clean up will also result in a lowered grade.

## Class Participation and Involvement in your Work:

You should be prepared to work at the beginning of each class with materials ready and a notebook or sketchbook to keep notes. KEEP EXCELLENT NOTES. You will be happy you did as lithography is a demanding medium and you will be expected to spend time outside of class working in the studio and the monitor may or may not be available or able to help you technically. The time you spend on your work, mentally and physically, will be apparent. It is important to challenge yourself and create work you are excited about. Although there are not enough presses for everyone at the same time, you are expected to print during class time throughout the semester. If you are consistently printing only outside of class, I will assign an in-class printing day to you. Any projects above and beyond those assigned will be taken into consideration when grading.

# **Projects and Critiques:**

### Litho I:

You will be required to complete nine projects. Each project assigned will be expected to be complete within one or two weeks of being given. It is imperative to plan your time to accommodate multiple projects at once as press time, graining time, etc... is limited during class time. Projects One thru Four are due by the midterm critique, and projects Five thru Nine are due at the final critique. Any extra projects are welcomed for discussion during critique. Please keep all prints made on good paper throughout the semester. Saving newsprints can prove to be helpful at times as well.

#### Litho II:

You will be required to complete four assignments and a total of 15 runs throughout the semester. The first four assignments (9 runs) are due at the midterm critique. The second half of the semester is loosely structured and geared toward challenging individual experimentation and technical improvement. If there is a particular technique you are interested in that has not been covered, these things will be demonstrated as time permits (see October 28 student's choice demo). A shift from traditional printmaking to the non-traditional is welcomed – such as sculptural prints, books, clothing, collage, etc....

## Classroom Etiquette, Studio Clean-Up, Lab Safety:

We share this studio with six other classes during the semester – roughly 100 students! This means all students are to be respectful of the shop, each other, each other's artwork, and each other's materials. It is required that you clean the studio after you use it. Cleaning demonstrations will be shown at the beginning of the semester and throughout, as there is a technique for it as well. Not cleaning up after yourself may create a potentially hazardous working environment as almost all materials we require are toxic to some degree. Please dispose of solvent soaked rags and towels properly and return all solvents to the fire proof yellow safety cabinets in order to ensure the safety of yourself and all those around you. Not cleaning up after yourself will result in a lowering of your grade.

# **Grade Policy:**

Attendance, Class Participation, Involvement in Projects	30%
Development of Images	30%
Participation in class critiques	20%
Technical Development	10%
Classroom etiquette and shop responsibilities	10%
Extra work	10%

# University Policies (from the Pathfinder):

- 1- In compliance with the American Disabilities Act, UNM takes appropriate action to ensure that the University's programs and services are readily accessible to qualified students with disabilities. If you have questions or concerns, call UNM's ADA Coordinator at the Office of Equal Opportunity at 277-5251. If you have a certified disability and you need special accommodations, please see me in my office during office hours or make an appointment to see me.
- 2- Sexual harassment will not be tolerated. Sexual harassment is a violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972. The purpose of this policy is to foster dialogue, and take action to prevent, correct, or discipline behavior as delineated in the policy.

# **LITHO I SYLLABUS**

Discuss getting medical clearance form from Student Health Center (measure lung capacity, questionaire, walk-in clinic) <u>Demo:</u> moving, graining and preparing, storing stones
Handout: graining  Demo: drawing on stone, determining print area, registration  Assignment One
Have crayon drawing finished and ready to etch  Demo: first and second etch, using leather roller, proper ink use Handout: crayon etch chart, etching worksheet
10:00 am to 11:00 am – Respirator Fitting: \$25.00 respirator / \$20.00 cartridges (check or cash) HAVE MEDICAL CLEARANCE SHEET!!! Have drawing etched (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> ) and be prepared to print
Make sure you have bought paper and have it ready to prepare <b><u>Demo:</u></b> paper prep, printing, using the press, proper clean up Discuss editioning and proofing, how to dry prints Handout: printing
9 Studio work Slides
11 Have new stone grained and prepared  Demo: Manière Noire  Handout: Subtractive techniques  Assignment Two
Discuss printing with two different blacks  Studio Work  Demo: shop black, autographic ink, spray and texture, transferring drawing with oxide paper  Assignment Three
Discuss printing on different papers, especially Rives vs. Arches Visit Tamarind Institute – 11:00 am to 12:00 pm Studio work
25 <u>Demo:</u> counteretch Handout: counteretch Assignment Four
Discuss proofing and states of a print  Demo: making deletions Studio work
Studio work Discuss putting together portfolio, curating, and storing work Studio work
Studio work  MIDTERM CRITIQUE – Assignments One thru Four Due FALL BREAK
Have new stone grained and prepared <u>Demo:</u> Tusche Washes: solvent, water, stick
Handout: washes  Assignment Five  Demo: Etching Tusche Washes  Handout: tusche etching chart
Studio work Have new stone grained and prepared, have Xeroxes ready to transfer  Demo: Xerox transfers Assignment Six Studio work

Week 11:	November 4	Have paper and image ready for monoprint week <u>Demo:</u> monoprinting  Assignment Seven
	November 6	Studio work – monoprinting
Week 12:	November 11	Individual meetings with me – discuss progress and final project  Assignment Eight  Studio work
	November 13	Studio work
Week 13:	November 18	Have drawing ready for collaborative plate project – 22" x 30" <u>Demo:</u> Aluminum Plates  Assignment Nine
		Handout: aluminum plate drawing, processing, printing
	November 20	Studio work
		Handout: Troubleshooting
Week 14:	November 25	Be in class and prepared to print aluminum plate – have large paper bought
		Demo: printing large plate
W 1.45	November 27	THANKSGIVING BREAK
Week 15:	December 2	Curate prints Studio work
	December 4	FINAL CRITIQUE – Assignments Five thru Nine Due
Week 16:	December 9	Turn in final portfolios
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Finals Week:	December 16	Clean out drawers and lockers
		Pick up portfolios – time to be announced

# **LITHO II SYLLABUS**

Week 1:	August 26	Intro, tour of shop, stone assignments, drawer assignments,
		Materials, show prints Discuss getting medical clearance form from Student Health Center (measure lung capacity, questionaire, walk-in clinic)
		Individual meetings about previous / future work
	August 00	Grain stone(s)
Week 2:	August 28 September 2	Assignment One – on stone, black ink Studio work
	September 4	10:00 am to 11:00 am – Respirator Fitting:
		\$25.00 respirator / \$20.00 cartridges (check or cash) HAVE MEDICAL CLEARANCE SHEET!!!
Week 3:	September 9	Studio work <u>Demo:</u> stone reduction technique, using color inks, ink
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		inks, using composition rollers, color printing
		Handout: ink modification, troubleshooting
	September 11	Assignment Two – color reduction on stone Studio work
Week 4:	September 16	Have aluminum plate ready to prepare in class
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		plates, registration, drawing
		Assignment Three – at least 2 runs, flat and key drawing
	September 18	Be prepared to etch plate
		<u>Demo:</u> etching aluminum plates Handout: aluminum plate etch chart
		Studio work
Week 5:	September 23	Visit Tamarind Institute 11:00 am to 12:00 pm (optional)
		<u>Demo:</u> printing aluminum plates, color touch up while printing
		(sticky tack), printing mylar of key drawing
		Handout: troubleshooting Studio work
	September 25	Demo: toner wash
	00pt0111201 20	Assignment Four – at least 3 runs including one toner wash
		plate
Week 6:	September 30	Studio work
\\\ a a   c   7 c	October 2	Studio work
Week 7:	October 7 October 9	Discuss putting together portfolio, curating, and storing work Studio work
Week 8:	October 3	MIDTERM CRITIQUE – Assignments One thru Four Due
	October 16	FALL BREAK
Week 9:	October 21	Studio work
	October 23	Studio work
Week 10:	October 28	<u>Demo:</u> student's choice: blend roll, transfer paper, chine colle,
		split roll, stone engraving, powder dusting, gold / silver leaf, acid tint, etc
	October 30	Individual meetings with me – discuss progress and final project
Week 11:	November 4	Studio work – optional to participate in monoprinting
	November 6	Studio work – optional to participate in monoprinting
Week 12:	November 11	Studio work
	November 13	<u>Demo:</u> photo plates, using photoshop, creating matrix, exposing
		plates, etching plates, printing plates Handout: aluminum plate photo-litho
Week 13:	November 18	Studio work
	November 20	Studio work
Week 14:	November 25	Studio work
	November 27	THANKSGIVING BREAK

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## **MATERIALS LIST:**

Available at Paper Closet: (open M – F 11:30 am to 12:30 pm Checks Only!!)

Pair of Nitrile gloves

\$1.70 / pair

3 sponges

\$0.95 / each

Printmaking Paper

large variety ranging \$0.55 to \$5.00 each

3 feet of Mylar

\$1.00 / foot

Aluminum Plates (Litho II only)

\$2.75 / each at 15" x 20" size

Apron

\$8.25

Medicine Dropper (optional)

\$0.30 / each

## **Available at Artisans or UNM Bookstore:**

crayons – stick and pencil #1 - #5 (also available at Takach Press Co.)

3 soft bristle brushes for etching

1 – 3 soft watercolor brushes for tusche washes

utility knife or exacto knife

Conte crayon - stick or pencil

Razor blades

Extra fine point Sharpie - one red, one black

Pencils (mechanical pencil even better for fine lines)

#### Optional:

Pencil Sharpener

Ruling Pen

Ruler (18" or so)

Center Finding Ruler

Rolls of Bounty paper towels or rags made from old clothing

Q-tips

## Respirator – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!!!

## **Art Supply Stores:**

- Artisans

3017 Monte Vista NE

256-4540

- University Bookstore

Langell's Art Supply

2900 Carlisle NE

888-4040

- Takach Press Corporation

2815 Broadway SE

242-7674