

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY  
ART 241 – PAINTING I (3 CR.)**

**Course Description**

Introduces abstract and representational painting in acrylic and/or oil with emphasis on color, composition, and value. Possible field trip. Lecture 1 hours. Studio instruction 4 hours. Total 5 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose**

The purpose of this course is to increase the ability to investigate and experiment with visual communication in painting, as well as apply established theories, concepts and media importance to the development of the student's own art.

**Course Prerequisites/Corequisites**

Prerequisite: ART 121-122 or divisional permission.

**Course Objectives**

Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to:

- a) Demonstrate a basic understanding of the process involved in creating a three-dimensional illusion on a two-dimensional surface.
- b) Demonstrate a creative and self-critical approach in developing paintings.
- c) Demonstrate an understanding of the relationships between class work and the art of the past and present.
- d) Develop an individualized awareness of the relationships between concept, visual effects, techniques, and media in painting.

**Major Topics to be Included**

- a) Begin exploring observational painting and personal - expression through basic painting techniques.
- b) Demonstrate the ability to stretch and prepare canvas.
- c) Emphasis on the manipulation of oil or acrylic paints.
- d) Develop an awareness of the properties of both media.

**Extra Topics**

Additional topics may be offer at the discretion of the instructor.