

Greetings, Senior Illustrators!

Our course will begin on Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. All 3 sections of the course will be combined into one larger class, co-taught by Amory Abbott, Daniel Drennan ElAwar, and Jeremy Tankard. We have a list of things we'd like you to go through over the week before that first class meeting. You need to read this entire message very carefully, there is specific information we have to give you, and questions you may need to answer.

Our scheduling each week may change over time as we shift from an online class to in-person, and the availability of our visiting professionals.

To cover information on scheduling and workload, here are some things to know first:

- We will be meeting the first 3 weeks on Zoom. Attendance is mandatory, but you will miss a LOT if you can't attend or watch the recorded meeting afterwards. The scheduled time for the Zoom meeting is every Thursday at 8:30am (Vancouver/Pacific time zone). The meetings will typically consist of a 15-30 minute lecture from one of the instructors that may introduce a short weekly assignment, and will be followed (some weeks) by a 45-60 minute presentation from a visiting professional who may help introduce a larger assignment to the class when scheduled. The visiting professionals will also stay to answer questions about their presentation, professional field, and other things afterward.
- A PDF of every assignment will be made available on our collective Moodle page, as well as a recording of the Zoom meeting for anyone that cannot attend the live meeting at 8:30am. We will keep each Zoom meeting open with a chat bar after our instruction for hangout time as well if you want to socialize and ask each other or us other questions.
- All course content will be available on our all-sections Moodle page, and you will also be using the Moodle page to turn in your assignments and leave feedback for classmates' work. Your participation in online feedback will determine a percentage of your final grade.
- We will have office hours and/or other long-distance opportunities to meet with your instructor(s) and we will be providing more information about that as the semester starts. Even though you have registered with a specific instructor for this course, you will have opportunities to meet and talk with the other two when available. Your instructor emails are:

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- For those of you using digital applications and wanting to work on campus, the Illustration Cintiq lab (room 4150) has been arranged to accommodate four stations, and one Cintiq/computer setup in each of the classrooms B4160 and B4170 as well. A large-format scanner is also set up at one of the lab stations.

Please take about 10 minutes to get through these tasks before our first day:

1. Our first 3 weeks online meetings will be run on the Zoom app. The address for the Zoom meeting is posted on the Moodle page. As we will be using it throughout the semester, please start by downloading the app here: <https://zoom.us/download>
2. Anyone with learning or accessibility accommodations please send your section instructor an email in advance.
3. If you have a preferred name that is not listed on your school registration, please email that to your section instructor ahead of time.
4. If you would like to inform your instructor of your gender pronoun ahead of time, you are welcome to include that in a private email as well.

In this class we will work to promote an anti-discriminatory environment where everyone feels respected, valued and welcome. It is our intent to present guests, materials, and activities that are respectful of the diversity of students and experiences in this classroom and beyond. Students in this class are encouraged to speak up and participate during class meetings. Because the class will represent a diversity of individuals, beliefs, backgrounds, and experiences, every member of this class must show respect and hold space for every other member of this class.

Finally, prepare yourself mentally for this class. Most of you have had one or more of us in class before, and you will find that while we run a fun and lighthearted class, we do expect a LOT of hard work out of you. We're honored to have each and every one of you in class, and thus we have high expectations. Come hell or high water, we're going to make illustrators out of you, and you will come to understand what that means, and what that takes. We will try to make it as fun and motivational as possible, but you have to trust yourselves, and believe in yourselves as much as we do for that to happen.

Welcome to class, and stay tuned for more information about your section!

Cheers,  
Amory, Daniel, and Jeremy