

Art Camp Descriptions

Samantha Osborne

Figure drawing

This course introduces the fundamentals of figurative drawing and anatomy through direct observation of a live model. Models for these sessions will be dressed in summer attire. Students will explore various drawing techniques and learn methods for successful composition, perspective, and accuracy in drawing a human figure.

Chris Kahler

Painting

This course explores the characteristics and use of acrylic based media. Students will create works that utilize the distinct characteristics of this particular media. Students will explore new processes in brushwork and color layering. Utilizing observation and imagination students will seek to find their own visual language viewing unforeseen occurrences as opportunities to discover new possibilities. This course is appropriate for students with varying degrees of experience.

Dr. Bradley Olson

Digital Art

Digital art is a term used to describe artistic works created through the use of modern digital technological techniques/advances. Video, animation, illustration, photography, are just a few of the types of work digital artists create. In many ways, we live in an era of digital art surrounding us – on TV, social media, cell phones, internet websites. Students in summer camp Digital Art will explore a variety of ways to create exciting new types of artwork by using computer software and the phones they often carry in their pockets, exploring methods for image alteration, animation, and creating augmented reality experiences.

Erin Rice

Jewelry

This course will provide students the opportunity to learn fundamental metalsmithing processes through the creation of a wearable piece of art. Students will utilize riveting and silver soldering to create their pieces. In addition, students will learn how to bezel set a gemstone that they select and purchase from a visiting gemstone dealer. The student will learn proper layout techniques, piercing, filing, sanding, and stone setting.

Art Camp Instructor Credentials

Samantha Osborne

Samantha Osborne is a graphic designer and educator based in central Illinois. Samantha is versed in exhibition graphic design, signage planning, drawing, creative direction, project management, branding, and marketing. Her work can be seen across the country in various traveling exhibitions, museums, nature and visitor centers, public institutions, and more. Samantha currently teaches at Eastern Illinois University within the Art + Design Department. Visit samanthaosborne.design to learn more.

Chris Kahler

Chris Kahler is the Department Chairman in the Department of Art and Design at Eastern Illinois University. Mr. Kahler has taught drawing and painting at the university level since 1999. His creative work is focused on oils, acrylic and watercolor painting. He regularly shows his work at the Bruno David Gallery in St. Louis.

Dr. Bradley Olson

Dr. Brad Olson is an artist and educator teaching Digital Art and Art Education at Eastern Illinois University. He received his BA, MA and PhD from the University of Illinois in Urbana/Champaign. Dr. Olson's dissertation titled "DigArts: A Case Study of Digital Visual Culture, Teenagers, and Tensions in the Third Space" explored how teenagers use social media and digital tools to inspire their own art-making and to connect with other young artists.

Erin Rice

Professor Erin Rice teaches jewelry/metalsmithing at Eastern Illinois University. She has been a member of the EIU faculty for the past four years. She completed her Masters of Fine Arts study at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. She currently shows her work in St. Louis.