

SM3732: SITE AND SPACE: INSTALLATION WORKSHOP

Effective Term

Semester A 2026/27

Part I Course Overview

Course Title

Site and Space: Installation Workshop

Subject Code

SM - School of Creative Media

Course Number

3732

Academic Unit

School of Creative Media (SM)

College/School

School of Creative Media (SM)

Course Duration

One Semester

Credit Units

3

Level

B1, B2, B3, B4 - Bachelor's Degree

Medium of Instruction

English

Medium of Assessment

English

Prerequisites

SM1702 Creative Media Studio I or SM2718 Object Art Production or SM1702B Creative Media Studio IB

Precursors

Nil

Equivalent Courses

Nil

Exclusive Courses

Nil

Part II Course Details

Abstract

“Art installation” or “installation art” has become almost a generic term for contemporary art practice today. However the notion of space in installations remains essential in museum and gallery exhibition context. This course aims to introduce various concepts and practices of installation art through studio practices and critical reviews. The course will train students’ sense of volume, scale and space, critical ability to analyze physical artworks and practical skills to realize art installations. The workshop will explore form, structure, site and body for installations. Materials will be studied for their physical characteristics, inherent connotation and metaphorical potential, and relationships with the physical, cultural and historical environment. Students will learn how to design and produce innovative space with physical objects and media works.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

CILOs		Weighting (if DEC-A1 DEC-A2 DEC-A3 app.)			
1	Account for the elements of physical installation, analyze the relationship of volume, scale, movement and space, and design visually compatible work.		x	x	
2	Consider both physicality and theme of a spatial subject, and use different perspectives to create an environment.		x	x	
3	Practice craftsmanship and be able to use various tools to produce art installation.			x	
4	Conduct research about the relationship between site, space and objects. Review examples of outstanding artworks.		x		
5	Practice art at a professional level.			x	x
6	Associate, combine and integrate knowledge from different disciplines (e.g. sciences, literature etc.) into course assignments.		x	x	

A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to real-life problems.

A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

Learning and Teaching Activities (LTAs)

LTAs		Brief Description	CILO No.	Hours/week (if applicable)
1	Slide lecture	Lectures on installing and installation, form and space, practice, site-specificity with examples from various artists.	1, 2, 6	

2	Workshop and studio practice	Artwork design and production in wood, plastic and mixed materials, etc.	2, 3, 5	
3	Visiting artist workshop	Demonstration of professional practice and creative argument	1, 4, 5	
4	Exhibition	Installing a white cube exhibition and producing a site-specific project.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	
5	Classroom critique	Reviewing art productions.	1, 4	

Assessment Tasks / Activities (ATs)

	ATs	CILO No.	Weighting (%)	Remarks ("- " for nil entry)	Allow Use of GenAI?
1	Assignment 1	3	15	-	No
2	Assignment 2	1, 2, 3	20	-	No
3	Exhibition	2, 3, 5, 6	30	Project proposals & written reports are not allowed to use AI Tools. Visual, audio & media components are allowed to use AI Tools.	Yes
4	Final Project	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	35	Project proposals & written reports are not allowed to use AI Tools. Visual, audio & media components are allowed to use AI Tools.	Yes

Continuous Assessment (%)

100

Examination (%)

0

Assessment Rubrics (AR)**Assessment Task**

1. Projects

Criterion

Students should demonstrate ability to utilize primary and secondary sources, execute creative ideas and projects. The threshold of 'discovery' lies in a student's proactively turning theory into praxis, to transform course material into self-owned authorship.

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

- Work has strong affective quality and the articulation of personal styles and signature
- Excellent appreciation, exploration and/or application of the aesthetic and expressive qualities of the medium
- Work raises questions and instill insights about the process of conception, creative strategization and production
- Innovative exploration by combining knowledge from different disciplines (e.g. mathematics, psychology, physics, anthropology, etc.) to create an inter-disciplinary project
- Efficient adjustment of plans and strategies in response to resources (time, space, equipment, etc) available with constructive adjustment

Good (B+, B, B-)

- Strong appreciation, exploration and/or application of the aesthetic and expressive qualities of the medium
- Ability to create project/ work that demonstrate the processes of thinking and creative exploration
- Proper adjustment of plans and strategies in response to resources (time, space, equipment, etc) available and constructive feedback/ suggestions

Fair (C+, C, C-)

- Basic appreciation and/or application of the aesthetic and expressive qualities of the medium
- Limited ability to create project/ work that demonstrate the processes of thinking and creative exploration
- Adjustment of plans and strategies in response to resources (time, space, equipment, etc) available

Marginal (D)

- Marginal appreciation of the aesthetic and expressive qualities of the medium
- Marginal ability to create project/ work that demonstrate the processes of thinking and creative exploration
- Limited adjustment of plans and strategies in response to resources (time, space, equipment, etc) available

Failure (F)

- No appreciation of the aesthetics and expressive qualities of the medium
- Fail to create project/ work that demonstrate the processes of thinking and creative exploration
- Minimal adjustment of plans and strategies in response to resources (time, space, equipment, etc) available

Assessment Task

2. Class participation and exercises

Criterion

This assessment task reviews students' participation and performance in discussions, debates and peer critique during the tutorial sessions. The evidence of 'negotiation', the sign of discovery, lies in students' pre-class preparation and interpersonal sensitivity to his/her peer members.

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

- Active in-class participation, positive listening, strong ability to stimulate class discussion and comment on other points
- In-depth pre-class preparation and familiarity with peer reports and other materials
- Interpret others' views with an open mind and ready to negotiate
- Readiness to share personal insight via analysis and synthesis with informed views
- Constructively critical, thus facilitating the discovery of new issues

Good (B+, B, B-)

- Active in-class participation, positive listening, ability to initiate class discussion and comment on other points
- Adequate pre-class preparation and familiarity with peer reports and other materials
- Interpret opinions effectively

Fair (C+, C, C-)

- Attentive in in-class participation, listening with comprehension, but only infrequently contributing
- Adequate pre-class preparation but little familiarity with peer reports and other materials
- Fair ability in interpreting opinions

Marginal (D)

- Unmotivated to participate in class discussion or comment on other people' s views
- Little pre-class preparation and familiarity with peer reports and other materials
- Poor ability in interpreting opinions

Failure (F)

- Unwilling to participate in class discussion and comment on other points, even when requested by the teacher
- No pre-class preparation and familiarity with peer reports and other materials
- Minimal ability in interpreting opinions

Additional Information for AR

All A+/A/A- grade assignment should comply with the highest performance of Discovery-oriented learning.

Part III Other Information**Keyword Syllabus**

Spatial art, installation, kinetic art, mixed media art, public space activation, viewer participation art, artist' s presence, sculptural ideas, spatial relationships, experimental processes, form, structure, site, sound, lighting, physicality, appropriation, historical/metaphorical traces, architectural/industrial usage, application of media art

Reading List**Compulsory Readings**

Title	
1	Installation art: a critical history, Claire Bishop, N6494.I56 B57 2005
2	One place after another: site-specific art and locational identity ,Miwon Kwon, N6490.K93 2002
3	Dialogues in public art Tom Finkelpearl online access from ebrary
4	The contingent object of contemporary art
5	Relational aesthetics
6	The everyday

Additional Readings

Title	
1	Installation Art: Between Image and Stage
2	The Artist' s Body