



COLLEGE OF  
THE ROCKIES

## FA-219 – Watercolour Painting

University Arts and Science

**Effective Term & Year:** Fall 2026

**Course Outline Review Date:** 2031-03-01

**Program Area:** Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

### Description:

Through the application of a range of watercolour painting techniques, students will develop their ideas and concepts to express their personal vision. Students will demonstrate their experience with creative and effective use of theory, practice and perception in designing their compositions.

### Program Information:

This course can be used as an elective in the Fine Arts Certificate or other COTR University Studies programs.

**Delivery Methods:** On-campus (Face-to-Face)

**Credit Type:** College of the Rockies Credits

**Credits:** 3

**Course type/s:** Fine Arts

### Instructional Activity and Hours:

Activity	Hours
Classroom, Directed Studies or Online Instruction	15
Seminar/Tutorials	
Laboratory/Studio	45

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Practicum/Field Experience	
Co-op/Work Experience	
Other	
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>

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**Course Requisites:**

- Completed the following:
  - [FA108](#) – Introduction to Painting (3)

**Prior Learning and Recognition: Yes**

Students are able to request formal recognition of their prior learning or experience outside the classroom. Challenge examination, portfolio-assisted assessment, work-based assessment or a combination of assessments that is appropriate to identify, assess, and recognize prior skills, competencies, and knowledge to achieve course credit. Tuition fees apply, refer to Policy [2.5.5 Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition \(PLAR\)](#) or contact an education advisor for more information.

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**Course Transfer Credit:**

For information about receiving transfer credit for courses taken at either British Columbia or Alberta institutions, please see <https://www.bctransferguide.ca/> or <https://transferalberta.alberta.ca> . For more transfer credit information, please visit <https://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer>

All requests for course transfer credit from institutions in British Columbia or elsewhere should go to the College of the Rockies Enrolment Services office.

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**Textbook Resources:**

Textbook selection varies by instructor and may change from year to year. At the Course Outline Effective Date the following textbooks were in use:

Jennings, S. (2014). *The Complete Artist's Manual*, Chronicle Books. LLC, San Francisco, CA, USA.

*Please see the instructor's syllabus or check COTR's online text calculator <https://textbook.cotr.bc.ca/> for a complete list of the currently required textbooks.*

## Learning Outcomes:

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- apply watercolour painting techniques revealing the interaction of watercolour paint, water and various papers;
- apply watercolour painting theories and principles in the development of the picture plane capturing nuances of light and colour;
- critique one's own and other's artwork considering aesthetic value;
- analyse historical and contemporary watercolours including Indigenous perspectives;
- articulate artistic intentions and influences through written and oral reflection; and
- assemble a portfolio of personal artwork, including an artist statement, demonstrating their development of skills and vision.

## Course Topics:

- Colour theory and mixing
- Properties of watercolour
- Watercolour techniques
- Composition
- Plein Air (outdoor painting) – if weather permits
- Gallery instillation and Critique

See instructor's syllabus for the detailed outline of weekly readings, activities and assignments.

## Evaluation and Assessments

### Assessment Type: On-Campus (face-to-face)

Assessment Type	% of Total Grade
Theory Assessments – Research essay	15%
Theory Assessments – Portfolio assembly and formal critique	5%
Studio Assessments – In class assignments	60%
Studio Assessments – Final project	15%
Studio Assessments – Gallery preparation and installation	5%
Total	100%

### Grade Scheme

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
>=90	89-85	84-80	79-76	75-72	71-68	67-64	63-60	59-55	54-50	<50

**Pass requirements:**

A passing average (50% or higher) in both the theory and practical components.

**Evaluation Notes:** A grade of “D” grants credit, but may not be sufficient as a prerequisite for sequential courses.

**Exam Attendance:**

Students must attend all scheduled exams at the appointed time and place. Instructors may approve an alternate exam to accommodate an illness or personal crisis. Department heads will consider other written requests. Any student who misses a scheduled exam without prior approval will receive a “0” on the exam.

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**Academic Policies:**

College of the Rockies policies related to courses can be found at <https://cotr.bc.ca/about-us/college-policies/> and include the following:

- Policy 2.1.4 Course Audit
  - Policy 2.4.1 Credential Framework
  - Policy 2.4.3 Students with Documented Disabilities
  - Policy 2.4.4 Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct
  - Policy 2.4.8 Academic Performance
  - Policy 2.4.9 Student Feedback and Concerns
  - Policy 2.4.11 Storage of Academic Works
  - Policy 2.5.3 Student Appeal
  - Policy 2.5.5 Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)
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**Course Changes:**

The College of the Rockies updates course outlines regularly to meet changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The instructor will notify students in writing of any updates to this outline during the semester. The instructor reserves the right to revise, add or delete material while meeting the learning outcomes of this course outline.