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Intro to Figure Drawing

Instructor: Dan O'Connor

Dates: Saturdays, 10 - 1 PM

March 14 - May 9, 2026 (No Class April 18)

Course Description

The human figure is one of the most challenging—and rewarding—subjects in all of art. Introduction to Figure Drawing is designed for students who are new to drawing the figure or looking to strengthen their understanding of the fundamentals. Working from a live model, you'll learn practical strategies for capturing the body's proportions, structure, and gesture with clarity and confidence. Through guided exercises, you'll explore how to break down complex forms into simpler shapes, how to measure relationships across the figure, and how to draw what you actually see rather than what you assume. You'll be introduced to the basics of anatomy, gesture drawing, and composition, while also learning how to use line, value, and edge to bring your drawings to life. This course is approachable, but rooted in serious skill development—it's not about stylization or shortcuts, but about learning to see the figure with accuracy. Whether your interest lies in fine art, illustration, animation, or just improving your drawing, this course lays a strong foundation for working with the human form.

Materials List:

- Graphite Pencils - 2B, 3B, 4B
- Willow or Vine Charcoal, thick size (recommended: Coates Willow Charcoal, thick sticks, 07-9mm)
- Compressed Charcoal sticks (recommended: General's makes a 4 pack of small sticks.)
- Kneaded Eraser
- Pencil Sharpener (Handheld with a container to catch shavings recommended)
- Newsprint pad, 18 x 24
- Sketchbook (for notes, thumbnail drawings, and small-scale sketching)
- Drawing pad 18 x 24 (recommended: Strathmore Recycled Sketch Pad, 18x24, 100 sheets)

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