2017-2018 **Introduction to Drawing Syllabus**
Ms. Grunt
**Class website**: [www.msgrunt.com](http://www.msgrunt.com)

*The goal of this introductory level course is to help you improve you observational drawing skills by learning to draw what you see and sharpening your ability to observe and accurately record what is in front of you. You will work with a variety of drawing materials, including ink and charcoal. You will also develop the ability to use* ***chiaroscuro shading****, meaning strong shading without outlining so that your objects appear convincingly three-dimensional. Once you are comfortable with this you will try a chiaroscuro self-portrait!*

You will look at art by many artists for each major project we do. The writing you do for each artist study will be submitted via **Turn It In**. Directions to sign up are on [www.msgrunt.com](http://www.msgrunt.com) .
Note, your class **ID is 15957541** for Introduction to Drawing**.** The password/Key is **msgrunt**.

**Major Projects**

1.**Journals with ink covers**- cross hatching, 4 values, and watercolor
Due W. Sept. 20 (~10 days). *Rubric grade*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / Due T. Feb. 6 (~10 days). *Rubric Grade* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. **Contour Drawing (Blind and Modified)**: practice observational drawing
Due F. Oct. 13 (~16 days). *Rubric grade*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / Due F. March 2 (~16 days). *Rubric Grade* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. **Chiaroscuro** **Collage**: Geometric and curving shapes using 8-box value scale
Due W. Nov. 8 (~17 days). *Rubric grade*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / Due Th. April 5 (~17 days). *Rubric Grade* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. **Chiaroscuro Composition** **Charcoal Still Life**: 2 – 3 object still life using 8-box value scale
Due F. Dec. 8 (~18 days). *Rubric grade*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / Due T. May 1 (~18 days). *Rubric Grade* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. **Chiaroscuro Self Portrait:** feature placement and measurement for accuracy in your portraitDue F. Jan. 12 (~18 days). *Rubric grade*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / Due F. June 1 (~17 days). *Rubric Grade* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. TBA / Figure Drawing
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**Important Dates Fall Semester**: **Important Dates Spring Semester**:

1st Interim Progress Reports Due: Th. **Oct. 5th** 3rd Interim Progress Reports Due: W. **Feb 28th**

1st Quarter Ends: M. **Nov. 6th** 3rd Marking Period Ends: F. **April 6th**

2nd Interim Progress Reports Due: T. **Dec. 12th** 4th Interim Progress Reports Due: T. **May 8th**

2nd Quarter Ends: F. **Jan. 19th** 4th Marking Period Ends:F. **June 8th \***
Your final grade will be determined by averaging together **major project grades** (which count as 40% of final grade) with **daily class participation** (30%) and **regular homework** (10%) which is typically due every Friday. The remaining 20% will be quarterly assessments, which normally include take-home drawing assignments. Please remember that ***Attendance in a mandatory component of this class***. Unexcused absences result in a zero for the day. If you have an excused absence, be sure to inform me so that your excused absence does not count against your final grade. Also, please note that use of cell phones and electronic devices is not permitted in class. Use of these devices interferes with your focus in class, and will impact your daily grade. **Late Work**: late homework is not accepted, unless you have an excused absence from school. Homework is due at the start of class. Regarding major projects, you will receive a lowered final grade if you turn major projects in after the deadline, unless you earn an extension by working on your projects before or after school. This is an option you must discuss with me ahead of time.
\* June 8th is day MP4 grades are **mailed**. Final projects will be due before this time.