2017-2018 **Studio Portfolio I Syllabus**   
Ms. Grunt  
**Class website**: [www.msgrunt.com](http://www.msgrunt.com)

**Goal:** In this upper level studio course you will develop your observational skills first in black and white, and then in color. Using a variety of media, you will develop your ability to understand how to use value and contrast to create stronger images; you will also learn about color theory and how to mix many colors using a limited palette. Finally, you will learn to more accurately depict what you see, and discover how to plan your images to create strong compositions.

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 **15958188** for SPI**.** The password / Key is **msgrunt**.

**Major Projects**

1. Chiaroscuro Ink Hatch Marks Due W. Oct 4 (~20 days). *Rubric grade*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Chiaroscuro Charcoal Still Life Due F. Nov. 3 (~21 days). *Rubric grade*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Hallway Perspective Drawing Due Th. Dec. 21 (~28 days). *Rubric grade*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Pastel Still-life Due F. Feb. 2 (~22 days). *Rubric grade*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Oil Under-painting Due T. March 13 (~25 days). *Rubric grade*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. Self Portrait Oil Painting Due. Th. May 3 (~30 days). *Rubric grade*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. Watercolor TBA Due F. June 1 (~14 days). *Rubric grade*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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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.