Rubric & Course Information

UCLA SCI ART

LAB + STUDIO SUMMER INSTITUTE

COURSE TITLE
Sci | Art Lab + Studio

COURSE UNITS
4 UC CRedits
Pass / No Pass

COURSE NUMBER
DESMA 6

SESSION B (VIRTUAL)

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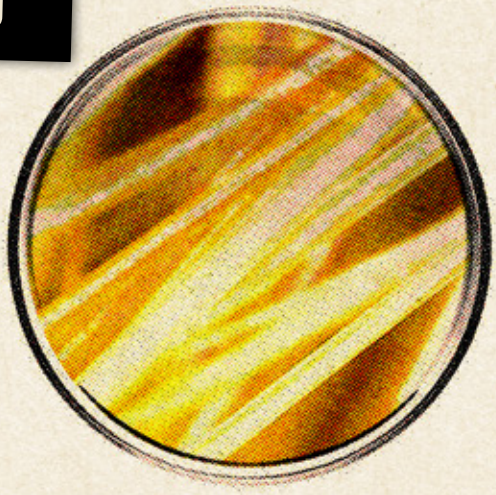

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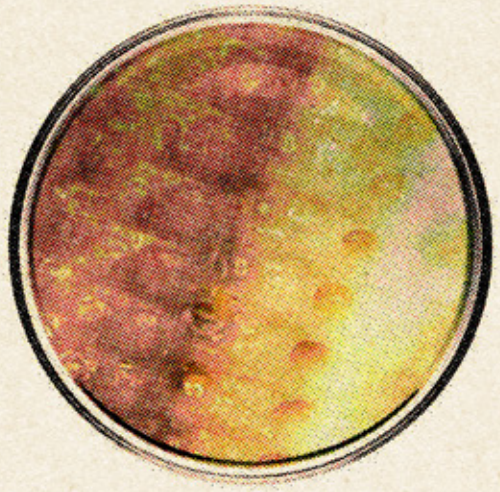

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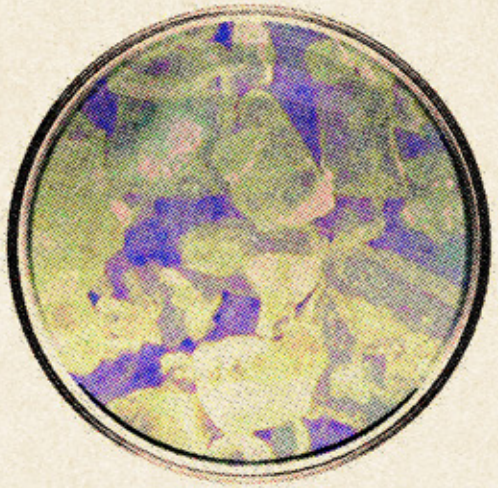

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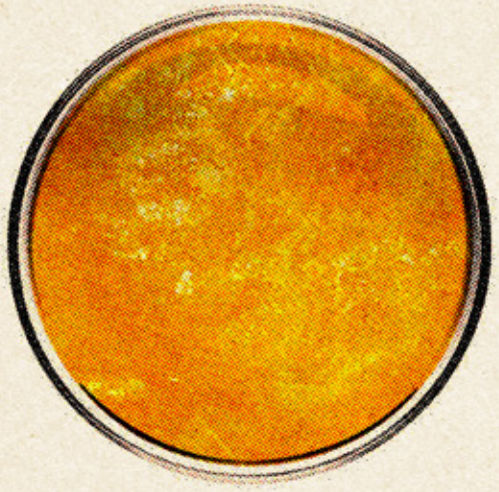

FIG. 06

FIG. 01: Laura G., *Insect Inside Strawberry*
FIG. 02: Sophia L., *Bleached Hair*
FIG. 03: Lone V., *Sea Urchin Shell*
FIG. 04: Elodie T., *Graphite Pencil*
FIG. 05: Jamie W., *Salt*
FIG. 06: Mira Y., *Orange*

UCLA ART|SCI

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COURSE OVERVIEW

Sci|Art Lab+Studio Summer Institute offers a cutting-edge, 4-credit lab/studio course to High School students on methodologies for applying the scientific method and creative processes as complementary tools for art, design and innovation.

Course material includes virtual lab visits, remote workshops facilitating hands-on experiments, and recorded lectures with world renowned artists and scientists. Through virtual engagement students will be exposed to the work of scientists and artists that explore new forms of creative expression, communication and collaboration within this multidisciplinary field.

To facilitate the application of our course material, students will develop an original concept for a collaborative final project under the challenge of ‘Imagine the Impossible’. Building off of course material and guided by the assistance and skill of the base SciArt Team, student groups will create and deliver a multimedia presentation to share their work and ideas during the program’s live streamed closing ceremony.

CLASS ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION
(TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE: 20)

10 points for participation and 10 points for attendance

Students are required to attend and actively engage in class activities - synchronous and asynchronous. You must be present and listen to all of the lectures, workshops and films that work with your time zone. If too early or too late, you are required to watch the recorded sessions and blog about the topics covered so you don't fall behind.

MIDTERM PROJECT
(TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE: 30)

Students are required to complete at least four Workshops' project assignments. Students will create a folder on google drive for each project and submit it to their instructor for review.

After participating in required workshops, students should commit to complete at least four of the corresponding projects' assignments.

BLOGS
(TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE: 20)

8 blogs are required to receive a full credit

Keeping with the goal of shifting traditional concepts of classwork and homework to facilitate more dynamic, peer-to-peer learning and discussion, students are required to complete seven blog assignments in response to the content introduced in lectures and workshops throughout the course.

In the written blog assignment students are asked to expand upon the ideas presented in the chosen lectures/ workshops, and are expected to think critically about the content and take it further with their own research and connections.

Students are asked to specifically search for online resources and provide both links and images as part of this assignment.

Each morning, the Blogs of the Day are selected, highlighted and discussed during the lecture.

FINAL PROJECT
(TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE: 30)

Students will develop an original concept for a collaborative final project under the challenge of 'Imagine the Impossible'. Students will form collaborative groups based on interests and instructor facilitation.

With the guidance and the knowledge base of the Sci|Art Team individuals or groups of students will create and deliver a multimedia presentation of their final project during the closing ceremony.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES + COURSE GOALS

G1. Expose students to the works of scientists and artists that explore new forms of creative expression, communication, and collaboration within this multidisciplinary field.

G2. Highlight historical perspectives and modern trends at the interface of art, science and technology. G3. Introduce students to current scientific and artistic research

G4. Promote the exploration of creative aspects of scientific research and innovation.

G5. Offer broad understanding of the impact of science on contemporary art and popular culture.

G6. Promote the development of proposals and ideas that could serve as prototypes for either art projects or scientific research study.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

SLO1. Recognize the connections between cutting-edge scientific research, popular culture and contemporary art;

SLO2. Distinguish historical perspectives and modern trends at the interface of art, science and technology;

SLO3. Demonstrate a broad knowledge of the wide spectrum of scientific topics that directly influence culture at large;

SLO4. Differentiate the implications of theory and practice on the application of scientific and artistic concepts;

SLO5. Assess the implications of social, political and ethical contexts that influence scientific and technological innovation and paradigm shifts;

SLO6. Propose an original concept for a collaborative project under the challenge of ‘Imagine the Impossible’.

LECTURES

A collection of daily lectures, delivered by a team of SciArt Instructors that serve to highlight historical perspectives and modern trends at the interface of art, science and technology.

In addition, a collection of special seminars given by leaders and visionaries in the fields of art and science supplement the course materials.

These lectures and subsequent discussions serve to stimulate an open discourse between the students and active participants in these fields in a comfortable, low-pressure setting.

In order to expand discussion, encourage student participation and foster learning, recorded lectures will be available on the course website the day after they are delivered.

LECTURES + WORKSHOPS

The Sci|Art Lab+Studio team offers a series of hands-on workshops that introduce you to multidisciplinary topics through a short lecture and then a quick exercise.

Students are required to attend all lectures / workshops.

Students will choose four topics covered that they will expand on with longer projects that will be further developed for midterm and finals.

SCI-FI FILMS

An undeniable connection between science, culture, imagination and creativity has undoubtedly manifested through science fiction writing and film.

To facilitate a conversation regarding the historical impacts of science fiction on both popular culture and ongoing trends in technology, a Sci-Fi Film Series is curated by the Sci|Art Team. Students are also encouraged to suggest movies they would like to share.

COURSE SCHEDULE

SESSION B (VIRTUAL)
July 24, 2023 – August 4, 2023

DAY 01
ENVIRONMENT

MON, JUL 24

09:00am-10:30am	Introductions | Directors, Instructors, TAs
10:30am-11:30am	Ice Breaker Games | Get to know students
11:30am-12:30pm	Instructors go over blog assignment and rubric/ curriculum | John Brumley
12:30pm-01:30pm	Lunch
OFFLINE ACTIVITIES	How to Keep a Sketchbook and Lab Notebook | Ivy Lovett and Alvaro Azcarraga
04:00pm-05:00pm	Closing Check-In + Lab Hours

DAY 02
NANO

TUES, JUL 25

09:00am-09:30am	Blog Report | Check-ins & attendance
09:30am-11:00am	Visualizing carbon | Dr. Victoria Vesna
11:00am-12:00pm	Review
12:00pm-01:00pm	Lunch
OFFLINE ACTIVITIES	Tools of Visualization | Dr. Adam Stieg Nanotechnologies in the Quest for the Invisibly Small | Dr. Vuk Uskokovic Lab Tour CNSI Imaging Techniques and the Limits of Resolution | Dr. Sam Lilak
04:00pm-05:00pm	Closing Check-In + Lab Hours

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DAY 03
MICRO BIO

WED, JUL 26

09:00am-09:30am	Blog Report | Check-ins & Attendance
09:30am-11:00am	Lecture | Aisen Caro Chacin
11:00am-12:00pm	Sidewalk Herbarium | Alvaro Azcarrraga
12:00pm-01:00pm	Lunch
OFFLINE ACTIVITIES	Eco-Sensing | Mick Lorusso Botanical Garden Tour | Dr. Victoria Sork
04:00pm-05:00pm	Closing Check-In + Lab Hours

DAY 04
DATA

THURS, JUL 27

09:00am-09:30am	Blog Report | Check-ins & Attendance
09:30am-12:00pm	Sculpting With Digital Debris Workshop | Ivy Lovett
12:00pm-01:00pm	Lunch
OFFLINE ACTIVITIES	Remote Sensing | Shane Houchin
03:00pm-03:30pm	Closing Check-In + Lab Hours
03:30pm-05:30pm	Screening Night

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DAY 05
SPACE

FRI, JUL 28

09:00am-09:30am	Blog Report | Check-ins & Attendance
09:30am-11:00am	A Window to the Universe- Astronomy & Astrophysics | Dr. Santiago Torres
11:00am-12:30pm	Alien Star Dust Lecture + Meditation | Victoria Vesna
12:30pm-01:30pm	Lunch
OFFLINE ACTIVITIES	Water Rocketry | David Roy Ultimate Space Telescope
04:00pm-05:00pm	Closing Check-In + Lab Hours

DAY 06
VIBRATIONS

MON, JUL 31

09:00am-09:30am	Blog Report | Check-ins & Attendance
09:30am-10:00am	Midterm Brainstorming (Review, Select Topic + Groups)
10:00am-11:30am	Music and Quantum Mechanics | Dr. Jim Gimzewski
11:30am-12:30pm	Lunch
12:30pm-2:00pm	Deep Listening Workshop | Ivana Dama
OFFLINE ACTIVITIES	
04:00pm-05:00pm	Closing Check-In + Lab Hours

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DAY 07

BRAINSTORMING

TUES, AUG 01

09:00am-09:30am	Blog Report | Check-ins & Attendance
09:30am-12:30pm	Midterm Brainstorming/Presentations (Pitch Idea + Critique)
12:30pm-01:30pm	Lunch
OFFLINE ACTIVITIES	AI and Bias | Ema Koh
03:00pm-03:30pm	Closing Check-In + Lab Hours
03:30pm-05:30pm	Screening Night

DAY 08

GENETICS + ANIMAL BODIES

WED, AUG 02

09:00am-09:30am	Blog Report | Check-ins & Attendance
09:30am-11:00am	HOX ZODIAC | Victoria Vesna and Siddharth Ramakrishnan
11:00am-12:30pm	Final Project Proposal | Students begin working with their teams, instructors and workshop leaders hop in and out of rooms to help students
12:30pm-01:30pm	Lunch
OFFLINE ACTIVITIES	CRISPR and Genetic Engineering | Dr. Sam LoCascio
04:00pm-05:00pm	Closing Check-In + Lab Hours

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DAY 09
ECOLOGY

THURS, AUG 03

09:00am-09:30am	Blog Report | Check-ins & Attendance
9:30am-12:00pm	Work on Final Projects
12:00pm-01:00pm	Lunch
OFFLINE ACTIVITIES	Lecture | Jeremy Kamal
04:00pm-05:00pm	Closing Check-In + Lab Hours

DAY 10
FINAL PRESENTATION

FRI, AUG 04

09:00am-10:00am	Group Prep for Lecture
10:00am-01:00pm	Final Presentation