

Course Code:

PMFA301

Session:

2017/18

1. Course Title:

MFA Core Course III: Consolidating Studio Practice

2. Date of production / revision:

2011/12

3. Level:

SCQF 11

4. Credits:

90

5. Lead School/Board of Studies:

School of Fine Art

6. Course Contact:

Henry Rogers

7. Course Aims:

The course aims to:

- Enable students to produce a body of work that demonstrates a resolution of practice and critical understanding
- Prepare students for the public presentation of work in collaboration with their peers and professionals in the field.
- Allow students to confidently contextualize their own work within the parameters of contemporary art practices.

8. Intended Learning Outcomes of Course:

At the end of the Course each student should have the ability to

- Demonstrate informed judgements and decisions in relation to current issues within fine art practice.
- Demonstrate a heightened awareness of the own position within and contribution to the wider contexts of fine art practice
- Demonstrate a critically informed reflection upon progress thus far and the possibilities for future

development as independent artists

- Develop a significant artistic project for public exhibition
- Bring the results of critical re-appraisal and research to a point of resolution within practice
- Exhibit good practice and co-operation when working in professional contexts
- Take responsibility for selection and display of own work whilst demonstrating respect and sensitivity to that of others.
- Respond in an informed and constructive manner to the views and positions of others

9. Indicative Content:

At Stage 3 (the second year) of the programme, the emphasis shifts towards extending the developments arising from Stages 1 and 2, and towards the production of a body of work for exhibition and assessment at the MFA degree show, which takes place in June. By the end of this stage – and the end of the two year programme – the issues arising from the critical review of studio practice should be resolved into a coherent and distinctive body of work that is formally strong, intellectually informed, and contextually aware.

It is worth noting, however, that the process of development fostered by the MFA programme in its entirety is not always linear and progressive. It is not uncommon for work to appear to take a ‘backward’ step at certain points during the programme, or for crises to arise. When undertaking a critical reassessment of all aspects of a practice (practical and theoretical) such apparent setbacks remain a constant possibility. However, one of the great advantages of a two year programme is that such glitches, should they occur, can always be fixed. In this final stage of the programme, then, the lessons learned from previous successes and failures finally come to a conclusion. The planning of work for the final degree show exhibition, and the work involved in actually mounting that exhibition provide the culmination of the period of study on the programme, and finally prepare students for the life of an independent artist.

The first term of Stage 3 also provides the opportunity for students to participate in the exchange programme. GSA has agreements with certain other international educational institutions whereby students may apply to study abroad for a period of time. Further details of the exchange programme are available from the GSA International Office.

10. Description of Summative Assessment:

As part of their final assessment students will have the opportunity to present work in an external venue at the end of the academic session (normally June). Staff will assess the presented work in relation to the learning outcomes of the programme. In accordance with the Code of Assessment a grade for the achievements in relation to Core Course III will be awarded.

The assessment results for all courses will be brought together at an internal moderation meeting and examining MFA staff will decide on a total grade.

At the internal exam board, the integrated grade and the decision on a final proposed grade will be confirmed.

At the final exam board, which includes the external examiners, the final recommendation for the MFA award will be confirmed.

The MFA Degree Show will be held at the same venue where the presentation for final examination took place and will be opened to the public after the examination process has been concluded.

10.1 Please describe the Summative Assessment arrangements:

N/A

11. Formative Assessment:

Twice during the course of the year students will contribute work to a critical feedback session (group critique), normally situated outside of the individual studios in a larger setting.

During the second term students write a reflective Self-Evaluation Report on their progress to date in relation to Core Courses III and IV, referring to the Learning Outcomes at this stage and their progress so far. MFA staff will respond via a tutorial and a written response (the Progress Review) to each student's Self-Evaluation Report, outlining those areas in which the student may need to improve. If any student wishes to discuss his or her Progress Review, such student may request an individual meeting with MFA staff.

11.1 Please describe the Formative Assessment arrangements:

N/A

12. Collaborative:

Yes

No

12.1 Teaching Institutions:

N/A

13. Requirements of Entry:

Completion of PGDip/Stage 2 of MFA

14. Co-requisites:

MFA Core Course IV: Theorising Studio Practice (Dissertation); Elective course.

15. Associated Programmes:

Master of Fine Art

16. When Taught:

Stage 3

17. Timetable:

N/A

18. Available to Visiting Students:

Yes

No

19. Distance Learning:Yes No **20. Placement:**Yes No **21. Learning and Teaching Methods:**

Method	Formal Contact Hours	Notional Learning Hours (Including formal contact hours)
Lecture	12	20
Studio	30	700
Seminar/Presentation	25	40
Tutorial	15	30
Workshop	10	60
Laboratory work		
Project work		
Professional Practice	12	20
E-Learning / Distance Learning		
Placement		
Examination	1	30
Essay		
Private Study	Not Applicable	
Other (please specify below)		
TOTAL	105	900

22. Description of "Other" Teaching and Learning Methods:

N/A

23. Additional Relevant Information:

N/A

24. Indicative Bibliography:**1. GENERAL OVERVIEWS**

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Michael Carter

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S Connor *Postmodernist Culture*, Blackwell, 1989.

Hal Foster *The Return of the Real*, MIT Press, 1996

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Anne Rorimer *New Art in the 60s and 70s: Redefining Reality*, Thames & Hudson, 2001

J. Stallabrass *High Art Lite. British Art in the 1990s*. Verso, 1999.

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John Lechte *Fifty Key Contemporary Thinkers. From Structuralism to Postmodernity*. Routledge, 1994.

R. S. Nelson & R. Shiff (eds.) *Critical Terms for Art History*, Chicago University Press, 1996.

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Theories and Documents of Contemporary Art. A Sourcebook of Artists' Writings, University of California Press, 1996.

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Clement Greenberg Between the Lines. Dis Voir, 1996.

J Drucker

Theorizing Modernism, Columbia University Press, 1994.

Suzi Gablik

Has Modernism Failed? Thames & Hudson, 1984.

Postmodernism

Victor Burgin

The End of Art Theory, MacMillan, 1986.

T Eagleton

Literary Theory, Blackwell, 1988

Hal Foster (ed.)

Postmodern Culture, Pluto, 1983

Fredric Jameson

Postmodernism, or the Cultural Logic of Late Capitalism, Verso, 1991.

J F Lyotard

The Postmodern Explained to Children, Turnaround, 1992.

After Postmodernism

Nicolas Bourriaud *Altermodern*, Tate gallery, 2009.

Svetlana Boym *Architecture of the Off Modern*, Princeton Architectural Press, 2008.

Hal Foster *Design and Crime*, Verso, 2002.

Boris Groys *Going Public*, Sternberg Press, 2010.

Jorg Heiser *All Of A Sudden*, Sternberg Press, 2008.

Jan Verwoert *Tell Me What You Want, What You Really, Really Want*, Piet Zwart Institute, 2010.

Minimalism

D Batchelor *Minimalism*, Tate Gallery Publications, 1997.

James Meyer *Minimalism. Art and polemics in the sixties*, Yale University Press, 2001.

Photography

H v. Amelunxen, S Iglhaut,
F Rötzer, et al *Photography after Photography. Memory and Representation in the Digital Age*, G+B Arts, 1996.

R Bolton (ed)	<i>The Contest of Meaning. Critical Histories of Photography</i> , MIT Press, 1993.
D. Campany	<i>Art and Photography</i> , Phaidon, 2003.
Vilem Flusser	<i>Towards A Philosophy of Photography</i> , Reaktion Books, 2007.
M. Fried	<i>Why Photography Matters as Art as Never Before</i> , Yale University Press, 2008.
Conceptual Art	
A Alberro & B Stimson (eds)	<i>Conceptual Art: A Critical Anthology</i> , MIT Press, 1999.
P. Osborne (ed)	<i>Conceptual Art</i> , Phaidon, 2002.
Jan Verwoert	<i>Bas Jan Ader: In Search of the Miraculous</i> , Afterall Books, 2006.
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Susan Tallman

The Contemporary Print. From Pre-Pop to Postmodern.
Thames & Hudson, 1996.

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Claire Bishop

Installation Art: A Critical History, Routledge, 2005.

Jonathan Crary (Foreword), et al

Installation Art in the New Millennium: The Empire of the Senses. Thames & Hudson, 2004.

Video Art

I. Goetz & S. Urbaschek

Fast Forward. Media Art Sammlung Goetz, Kunstverlag
Ingvild Goetz, 2003.

D Hall & S J Fifer (eds)

Illuminating Video. An Essential Guide to Video Art,
Aperture/BAVC, 1990.

Land and Environmental Art

J. Kastner & B. Wallis (eds) *Land and Environmental Art*, Phaidon, 1998.

Miwon Kwon *One Place After Another*, MIT Press, 2002.

Performance and Body Art

Jens Hoffmann & Joan Jonas *Perform*, Thames & Hudson, 2005.

T Warr & A Jones (eds) *The Artist's Body*, Phaidon, 2000.

Sound Art

Douglas Kahn *Noise, Water, Meat: a History of Sound in the Arts*, MIT Press, 1999.