Courses in English
Course Description

Department 12 Design
Course title 210.1 Illustration (KD, ID)
Hours per week (SWS) 2
Number of ECTS credits 4

Course objective
The course arbitrates between vision and cognition in a direct and sensual way. Illustration is the interface between Art and Design. It is applicable in a multitude of occasions.

- Given tasks for poster design, book-/music-covers, packaging, manuals, print media, storytelling/comics/storyboard, animations, character design, guidance systems
- Drawing from observation as well as from imagination aim at a broad repertoire of signs and a more differentiated visual language.
- Trying out various views, modes, functions of a drawing
- Discussing the development of experimental strategies of visualisation and design serves as a basis for transporting information as well as obtaining competences in visualising complex facts by means of one’s independent visual repertoire.
- Questioning how pictures emerge, what they can convey, the importance of illustrations and how they are different from an artist’s painting, how symbolism, codes, staging, instrumentalization influence the observer.
- All tools of observation, recording, depiction are permitted and desired: There is no poor picture. Some exercises aim for a large quantity of picture.
- A serial work-process is encouraged. Collecting, selecting and organizing is an important part of the result.
- Spontaneity and chance play important roles within an experimental framework. In accordance with a space of possibilities, nonintentional, non-utilitarian trying out is welcome: ‘Playing is the exploration of possibilities’ (Gerald Hüther).
- Examples from the history of design and art and from recent developments in art will be recruited to support the exercises.
- Prerequisite is a periodic and active participation in the workshop and studio events which make up this course.

Prerequisites

Recommended reading

- Felix Scheinberger, „Mut zum Skizzenbuch“; Hermann Schmidt Mainz 2009
- Johannes Ceccelli, „Texte aus dem Atelier“, Hatje Cantz, Ostfildern 1997
- Hugo Peters, „Äugel und der eingebildete Raum“, Ravensburger, Ravensburg 1972
- Franz Xaver Baier, „Der Raum“, Walther König, Köln 2000
- Brian O’Doherty, „Atelier und Galerie“, Merve, Berlin 2012
- Peter Geimer, „Theorien der Fotografie zur Einführung“, Junius, Hamburg 2014
- Jana Milev, „Emergency Design“, Merve, Berlin 2011
- Nicolas Bourriaud, „Ressentiment“, Merve, Berlin 2009
- Paul Virilio, „Geschwindigkeit und Politik“, Merve, Berlin 2008
- Alain Badiou, „Versuch, die Jugend zu verderben“, Suhrkamp, Berlin 2016
- Wolf Schneider, „Deutsch für junge Profis“, Rowohlt, Berlin 2009
- Raymond Queneau, „Stilübungen“, Suhrkamp, Berlin 2016
- Georges Perec, „Träume sind Räume“, Diaphanes, Zürich 2013
- Wilhelm Genazino, „Das Bild des Autors ist der Roman des Lesers“, Kleinheinrich, Münster 1994
- Willberg/Forssman, „Lesetypografie“, Hermann Schmidt, Mainz 2005
- http://www.sgsm.eu
- http://www.albertina.at
- http://www.drawingcenter.org
- https://www.societyofillustrators.org
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**Teaching methods**
Development of an individual design project, individual feedback, presentations, introductory lectures. Historic and contemporary examples related to signs and to drawings. Art, illustrations, pictures and media will be used for inspiration and to serve as a reference. Personal research, self-studies and visual literacy are encouraged by a sketchbook on a daily basis. Please refer to the department’s homepage design.hm.edu for information on whether the courses will be held via Zoom, hybrid, or take place in presence!

**Assessment methods**
Homework; presentation, documentation, exhibition of the results

**Language of instruction**
English

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**Link**

**Course content**
see above

**Remarks**
The expected workload is 100hrs, self study is 40hrs.