



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Typography is language made visible. This first-semester Sophomore requirement introduces students to the history and current practice of type in all areas of communication design: from the simplest publication to the most advanced information graphics and screen-based interactive media. Students will learn to see, understand, and manipulate the visual aspect of language as a powerful communicative tool. This class will teach students an understanding of the properties of typefaces, their context and how typography helps readers read and navigate a text. The class will investigate letterform structure and type classification systems, typographic terminology, history of type and printing, principles of spacing, use of typographic contrast in composition, legibility, hierarchy, and typographic form as a tool for expression and communication.

Co-Requisite: Core Lab Typography

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the semester, students will be able to:

- Use a basic vocabulary of visual language and typographic terms to both give and respond to critique productively. Including individual evaluation through the instructor, group critique in class, outside critique as well as written anonymous critique.
- Evaluate how typography and its variables are applied to textual content to convey and augment its inherent message, express it meaningfully and aid the viewer in orienting to and processing information.
- Understand the structure of the grid, its application and the importance of typographic balance, rhythm and flow in both print and digital media layout.
- Understand type as image and its use in conjunction with image to successfully convey a chosen concept or idea.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the iterative making process in graphic design, using incremental methods such as prototyping, user testing and evaluation to build toward more advanced work.
- Research historic and current design precedents to contextualize own work and develop an understanding of typographic movements and its formal relationship to new technologies (hot metal type, wood type, litho, digital, etc) and historical movements (Renaissance, Neue Typography, etc)
- Be able to archive and document work that is printed, on screen or time based in a reflective manner for learning portfolio
- Understand and articulate how font management and licensing works.
- Demonstrate a comprehension of skills, methods, techniques and processes to typeset for various media and manipulate typographic components including:
 - *Anatomy:* x-height, ascender, descender, baseline, cap height, terminals, counter forms, glyph
 - *Shaping:* Point size, weight and posture
 - *Spacing:* Kerning, leading, letterspace, tracking
 - *Composition:* The typographic grid, white space, axis, edge of page, margins, columns, baseline grid, international and US paper sizes, standard screen sizes desktop/mobile

WEEK 1	Aug. 28	Class introduction, overview of typography, project 1 assigned
	Sept. 1	DISCUSS: Anatomy of Letterforms Project 1 in-class work session
WEEK 2	Sept. 4	LABOR DAY - NO CLASS
	Sept. 7	PROJECT 1 FULL-CLASS CRIT
WEEK 3	Sept. 11	PROJECT 1 DUE DISCUSS: Typographic Contrast Project 2 assigned
	Sept. 14	DISCUSS: Typographic History / Classification (Mini-project: Typography in the wild) Project 2 in-class work session / individual meetings
WEEK 4	Sept.18	PROJECT 2 FULL-CLASS CRIT
	Sept. 21	PROJECT 2 DUE DISCUSS: spacing, kerning, tracking project 3 assigned
WEEK 5	Sept. 25	PRESENT Typography in the Wild mini-project research Project 3 in-class work session / individual meetings DUE: Typography in the wild, sketches, concept ideas
	Sept. 28	Project 3 in-class work session / individual meetings
WEEK 6	Oct. 2	PROJECT 3 FULL-CLASS CRIT
	Oct. 4	PROJECT 3 DUE, project 4 assigned
WEEK 7	Oct. 9	DISCUSS: font licensing, distribution, buying DUE: thumbnails
	Oct. 12	Project 4 in class work session / individual meetings
WEEK 8	Oct. 16	PROJECT 4 FULL-CLASS CRIT
	Oct. 19	PROJECT 4 DUE DISCUSS: Typographic heirarchy Project 5 assigned
WEEK 9	Oct. 16	DISCUSS: Typography and culture Project 5 in-class work session
	Oct. 19	DISCUSS: Paragraph Styles Project 5 in-class work session
WEEK 10	Oct. 23	PROJECT 5 PRESENTATIONS
	Oct. 26	PROJECT 5 PRESENTATIONS

WEEK 11	Oct. 30	DISCUSS: Working with grids Project 6 assigned
	Nov. 2	DUE: thumbnails Project 6 in-class work session / individual meetings
WEEK 12	Nov. 6	DISCUSS: How to create dynamic layouts DUE: layout thumbnails
	Nov. 9	Project 6 in-class work session / individual meetings
WEEK 13	Nov. 13	Project 6 in-class work session / individual meetings
	Nov. 16	DUE: sketches for each spread Project 6 in-class work session / individual meetings
WEEK 14	Nov. 20	Project 6 in-class work session / individual meetings
	Nov. 23	NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING
WEEK 15	Nov. 27	Project 6 in-class work session / individual meetings
	Nov. 30	PROJECT 6 FULL-CLASS CRIT
WEEK 16	Dec 4	DISCUSS: Introduction to Web Fonts small group crit / editing
	Dec 7	Project 6 in-class work session / individual meetings / troubleshooting
WEEK 17	Dec 11	PROJECT 6 FULL-CLASS CRIT
	Dec 14	PROJECT 6 DUE, final class wrap up

***Syllabus subject to change.**

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GRADING STANDARDS

A student's final grades and GPA are calculated using a 4.0 scale. Please note that while both are listed here, the 4.0 scale does not align mathematically with the numeric scale based on percentages of 100 points.

A [4.0; 95 – 100%]	Work of exceptional quality, which often goes beyond the stated goals of the course
A- [3.7; 90 – <95%]	Work of very high quality
B+ [3.3; 87 – <90%]	Work of high quality that indicates higher than average abilities
B [3.0; 83 – <87%]	Very good work that satisfies the goals of the course
B- [2.7; 80 – <83%]	Good work
C+ [2.3; 77 – <80%]	Above-average work
C [2.0; 73 – <77%]	Average work that indicates an understanding of the course material; passable Satisfactory completion of a course is considered to be a grade of C or higher.
C- [1.7; 70 – <73%]	Passing work but below good academic standing
D [1.0; 60 – <70%]	Below-average work that indicates a student does not fully understand the assignments; Probation level though passing for credit
F [0.0; 0 – <60%]	Failure, no credit

Grade of W

The grade of W may be issued by the Office of the Registrar to a student who officially withdraws from a course within the applicable deadline. There is no academic penalty, but the grade will appear on the student transcript. A grade of W may also be issued by an instructor to a graduate student (except at Parsons and Mannes) who has not completed course requirements nor arranged for an Incomplete.

Grade of Z

The grade of Z is issued by an instructor to a student who has not attended or not completed all required work in a course but did not officially withdraw before the withdrawal deadline. It differs from an "F," which would indicate that the student technically completed requirements but that the level of work did not qualify for a passing grade.

Grades of Incomplete

The grade of I, or temporary incomplete, may be granted to a student under unusual and extenuating circumstances, such as when the student's academic life is interrupted by a medical or personal emergency. This mark is not given automatically but only upon the student's request and at the discretion of the instructor. A Request for Incomplete form must be completed and signed by student and instructor. The time allowed for completion of the work and removal of the "I" mark will be set by the instructor with the following limitations:

Undergraduate students: Work must be completed no later than the seventh week of the following fall semester for spring or summer term incompletes and no later than the seventh week of the following spring semester for fall term incompletes. Grades of "I" not revised in the prescribed time will be recorded as a final grade of "WF" by the Office of the Registrar.

DIVISIONAL, PROGRAM AND CLASS POLICIES

Responsibility

Students are responsible for all assignments, even if they are absent. Late assignments, failure to complete the assignments for class discussion and/or critique, and lack of preparedness for in-class discussions, presentations and/or critiques will jeopardize your successful completion of this course.

Participation

Class participation is an essential part of class and includes: keeping up with reading, assignments, projects, contributing meaningfully to class discussions, active participation in group work, and coming to class regularly and on time.

Attendance

Parsons' attendance guidelines were developed to encourage students' success in all aspects of their academic programs. Full participation is essential to the successful completion of coursework and enhances the quality of the educational experience for all, particularly in courses where group work is integral; thus, Parsons promotes high levels of attendance. Students are expected to attend classes regularly and promptly and in compliance with the standards stated in this course syllabus.

While attendance is just one aspect of active participation, absence from a significant portion of class time may prevent the successful attainment of course objectives. A significant portion of class time is generally defined as the equivalent of three weeks, or 20%, of class time. Lateness or early departure from class may be recorded as one full absence. Students may be asked to withdraw from a course if habitual absenteeism or tardiness has a negative impact on the class environment.

Whether the course is a lecture, seminar or studio, faculty will assess each student's performance against all of the assessment criteria in determining the student's final grade.

Canvas

Use of Canvas may be an important resource for this class. Students should check it for announcements before coming to class each week.

Delays

In rare instances, I may be delayed arriving to class. If I have not arrived by the time class is scheduled to start, you must wait a minimum of thirty minutes for my arrival. In the event that I will miss class entirely, a sign will be posted at the classroom indicating your assignment for the next class meeting.

Electronic Devices

The use of electronic devices (phones, tablets, laptops, cameras, etc.) is permitted when the device is being used in relation to the course's work. All other uses are prohibited in the classroom and devices should be turned off before class starts.

Academic Honesty and Integrity

Compromising your academic integrity may lead to serious consequences, including (but not limited to) one or more of the following: failure of the assignment, failure of the course, academic warning, disciplinary probation, suspension from the university, or dismissal from the university.

Students are responsible for understanding the University's policy on academic honesty and integrity and must make use of proper citations of sources for writing papers, creating, presenting, and performing their work, taking examinations, and doing research. It is the responsibility of students to learn the procedures specific to their discipline for correctly and appropriately differentiating their own work from that of others. The full text of the policy, including adjudication procedures, is found at <http://www.newschool.edu/policies/#> Resources regarding what plagiarism is and how to avoid it can be found on the Learning Center's website: <http://www.newschool.edu/university-learning-center/student-resources/>

The New School views "academic honesty and integrity" as the duty of every member of an academic community to claim authorship for his or her own work and only for that work, and to recognize the contributions of others accurately and completely. This obligation is fundamental to the integrity of intellectual debate, and creative and academic pursuits. Academic honesty and integrity includes accurate use of quotations, as well as appropriate and explicit citation of sources in instances of paraphrasing and describing ideas, or reporting on research findings or any aspect of the work of others (including that of faculty members and other students). Academic dishonesty results from infractions of this "accurate use". The standards of academic honesty and integrity, and citation of sources, apply to all forms of academic work, including submissions of drafts of final papers or projects. All members of the University community are expected to conduct themselves in accord with the standards of academic honesty and integrity. Please see the complete policy in the Parsons Catalog.

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