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New Art Class Explores Mixed Media

(St. Petersburg, Fla.) July 16, 2009 - Adjunct professor Lucy Trimarco taught the inaugural Paint Plus – Mixed Media course during Summer A in the new art studio on the first floor of Coquina Hall. Trimarco and Matt Normand, assistant professor of graphic design, developed the course which focuses on image making with students choosing one of two projects to create during the six-week term.

Students came from a variety of academic fields with a mix of graphic design, business and liberal arts students. The course is unique in that while previous art courses are helpful, they are not prerequisites for Paint Plus. Students chose between 'image x 60,' which allowed them to create 60 themed images based on three categories, and 'six panels,' which focused on creating six panels using a variety of techniques such as acrylics, collage, and photography.

"Students loved being able to work in-depth for the duration of the course on one project," Trimarco said. "They enjoyed the chance to take time to explore and learn new techniques.”

Critiques were held every two weeks during the summer session, allowing peers to evaluate each other’s work as it progressed.

"This course teaches them to be nimble thinkers, set a fast pace themselves and produce,” Trimarco said. “Thinking and planning can only go so far. Part of the process for mixed media it to constantly evaluate the development of their work, making changes and solving new problems as they come up.”

Trimarco hopes to teach the class again next summer, with the 6-week structure benefiting the one-project concept. For the remainder of summer 2009, Trimarco will rotate projects from Paint Plus in the entrance display area of the art studio.

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