

Semester Project Proposal addendum

Be sure you address these points in your proposal.

Medium — What are you making? Is it a sculpture, painting, drawing, or something else?

Material — Specifically if you are painting, are you using oil or acrylics, if sculpting, marble or ceramic, etc.

Subject — If your piece has a subject, what is it?

Content — What does your piece say, about *you* and about the subject of the piece. What do you want the viewer to see, and to get out of your piece? It should be personal in some way.

Size — You must have a size in mind when you turn your proposal in.

Presentation — How will you present it? Flat art should be framed. Sculpture may need a pedestal. Fabric art may need to be boxed or hung.

Rationale — Why are you choosing to make this piece as opposed to some other piece?

Research — How will you learn how to make the piece you are making? Tell me specifically the sources you will be using.

Context — Is there any existing art remotely like your piece? Tell me about it, and the artist(s) who made it, and how your piece fits in to the genre.

Paper requirements — You'll need to start on your paper as soon as your proposal is accepted. Remember the artwork is but one part of the assignment — 1/3 of the grade to be exact . Please refer to the syllabus “project format” section for details on the paper itself. Make sure you format it correctly, and address each required section.

Warnings — Do *not* propose the following:

- Collage, or anything remotely like a collage.
- A scrapbook
- A copy of anything already existing. This is a creative project.
- A video or film.
- Photographic proposals must be careful to go beyond a collection of snapshots. They will be reviewed with a skeptical eye. Make sure any photo based proposal is as rigorous as a 2x3 foot oil painting.
- Note that clay-based pieces must be fired and glazed. Do not use “Sculpy” or other hobby/craft air dry clays.
- There is a thin line between art and craft. Lean to the art side.
- Please consult your instructor if there is any question of the appropriateness of your proposed piece.