

ARTS 1640 (D1): Watercolor I

Qualitative

Responses

10 Students Enrolled 9 Students Responded 90% Response Rate
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Comments -

- Sudeshna Sengupta is an exceptional teacher. Not only is she skilled and knowledgeable in her craft, but she has developed a facility in presenting that knowledge and expertise to her students. She puts her students at ease, and never exerts any pressure. Yet, she inspires and encourages her students to improve and excel. She goes out of her way to provide guidance, feedback, and support. Sudeshna presents many links to outside sources of materials to improve our skills and inspire us. I have learned so much about watercolor from taking her course, as I am sure the other students have also. She is such an excellent teacher that I would gladly take any other courses that she is teaching. She provides a very supportive and encouraging environment for learning, and willingly offers extra assistance and resources for anyone experiencing problems. Her goal is to have her students succeed and be inspired.
- Sudeshna is a knowledgeable and generous instructor. She challenges us while providing excellent feedback, demonstrations to match the needs of the class and still keeps us on track to learn the required skills for the curriculum. This is an outstanding class thanks to her professionalism and generosity.
- Sudeshna teaching this class was a big draw, and the fact that the class was offered online. I wouldn't have been able to take an in-person class this semester. I'd love to take Watercolor II if it was offered online. The class helped kick start my watercolor painting and I've learned many important fundamentals that provide a solid foundation.
- Sudeshna is an amazing teacher. She breaks down the steps so that I experienced significant learning. she is so skilled at teaching online. Having taken a watercolor class both in person and now online, I see the value of how feedback can be given so well. I hope she can teach watercolor two online.
- Another amazing art class with Sudeshna in the books! This class moved fast, but Sudeshna is so skilled as a teacher, she makes it seem so effortless, all while making it fun and interesting. I learned so much and feel like I made great progress in the medium. She's such a wonderfully talented artist and teacher and so encouraging to her students. I only wish Sudeshna taught more online classes! I will take anything she teaches. Thank you for another great class!
- I honestly can't say enough about Sudeshna's teaching. I came in not knowing much about watercolor, yet Sudeshna went above and beyond to ensure that she met everybody at the level that they were at. She was very encouraging and even would meet with us after hours to ensure that we were successful. I keep telling anybody that might be interested to consider taking her course. I know that I plan on taking many, many more. Thank you, Sudeshna, for your dedication to your students' success. You are truly a gift, and may you reap the rewards of all of the hard work you put into teaching us how to paint!

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- Sudeshna is the best watercolor professor. She is very understanding if you are late if you tell her ahead of time, of course. Even though I was new to watercolor, she helped me gain skills I did not know I was capable of. She is a great professor, and I can not wait to take her color theory class in the fall. Hopefully, she will teach in the spring for watercolor two!
 - I have enjoyed the ability to have a studio art class online and feel that this has enabled me to be able to pursue my dreams and goals. I really enjoyed the class that Sudeshna taught. She has a well thought out class that has enriched me greatly. Always available and encouraging, she is always looking out for the well being of her students. I have felt supported and always felt that my needs were met above and beyond. I have learned so much from this class and feel that I have enough knowledge to continue my explorations in the future. I would love to take another class from Sudeshna and will be on the lookout for future classes from her. Thank You Sudeshna for an amazing experience! I will take and carry your teaching and you with much happiness in my life!
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ARTS 1610 (D1): Drawing I

Qualitative

Responses

8 Students Enrolled 8 Students Responded 100% Response Rate
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Comments -

- Fantastic class. I liked the introduction to non western methodologies, an entire class on that would be something I would be interested in taking. Expectations were always clear and the course is well structured. Sudeshna is encouraging and inspiring!
- The teacher is very well informed and engages well and realistically with students. She is supportive but adequately critical. She has an accurate understanding of when a student is putting 100% into the course or, conversely, is operating with calculated incompetence. Overall, regardless of the level of the student or their time constraints, she is willing to work with them one-on-one and provides feedback in a timely and clear manner. The course is a little hard to follow if you are not used to tuning in online, but if you are aware and present, it will benefit you.
- One of the most passionate, dedicated, and hard-working teachers I have encountered. Her love of her art and her genuine desire to share it with her students are apparent in every interaction. She has created a remarkable virtual "studio" space in an online class, replete with that which all such environments provide. I look forward to learning more from her in my future educational endeavors.
- great teacher, and communicator. doing this class online made this class easy to do within my own time while still gaining knowledge and understanding of art. sudeshna was a great teacher who presented us with the best knowledge to help us succeed.
- I learned so much from Sudeshna. Not only how to draw but how to move freely into my art, how to concur my struggles with technology, and how to see the world and draw it through a clearer perspective. I have been a part of art classes in person, but the way she has built an online zoom meeting art class was delightful! I could experience up close and personal how she expresses her mastery. I could work on my homework as she does and have rapid input on my work. The way she has constructed this online art class works brilliantly!
- Sudeshna was an exceptional instructor. She went above and beyond to help students and make sure they were succeeding. I leave this class satisfied and appreciative that I was able to experience everything Sudeshna had to offer.
- Sudeshna is not only an incredible artist, her teaching methods are so constructive and supportive. She provided everyone with excellent guidance. She was so patient and understanding. Sudeshna truly went above and beyond to make sure everyone had a valuable experience, I will hold onto everything I learned during this class for my entire life.
- I gained so much more understanding of my drawing abilities and truly learned new and exciting techniques. I really enjoyed the teaching style that Sudeshna offers threw her class. I felt that communication was important ant that was amazing!The ability to take this class online was so wonderful. My life

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circumstances only allow for online classes and the ability to take an online drawing class was so beneficial to me. Thank you for the ability to do this. I plan on taking another online class with Sudeshna and it she teaches more online classes- I would take those too. Sudeshna is an excellent teacher and I am so pleased to have taken her class! Thanks!

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ARTS 1210 (D1): Color Theory I

Qualitative

12 Students Enrolled
11 Students Responded
91.67% Response Rate**Responses**

Comments -

- Sudeshna is a wonderfully supportive instructor. She works hard to encourage everyone to do their best work in a very individualized context. This class had no sense of competition – because of Sudeshna’s pedagogical style, everyone was learning together, sharing experiences and perspectives. We were all cheering each other on, thanks to Sudeshna’s approach to teaching. The examples of work from previous semesters were very useful in helping us understand both the expectations for assignments and the flexibility we had in how we interpreted them. Sudeshna provided great information in her course materials (in Canvas), as well as links to a wide range of important resources. I really appreciated her introduction to material that greatly enriched the class. One suggestion (which may only apply to the fall semester class): The weekend before we received our materials list for this course was a “tax-free holiday” in New Mexico, and, as students, we could have saved paying sales tax on our supplies if we had received the list a few days earlier. I know that a number of other students in this class had taken other courses from Sudeshna before – and that most of us plan to take another class that she teaches as soon as we can fit it into our schedule. That’s one of the highest compliments a student can give to an instructor! This course was terrific, and I am very grateful that I enrolled in it. Thanks, Sudeshna!
- I loved Color Theory with Sudeshna. She's such an amazing instructor. Super knowledgeable, kind, caring, helpful, and passionate about art and color. I only wish there was a Color Theory 2. I would definitely sign up for other classes with Sudeshna, particularly the online classes. She is able to convey the material and lessons with ease and has adapted to teaching online extremely well. Would like to suggest Color Theory 2 and watercolor online courses.
- Sudeshna Sengupta does a great job with synchronous remote delivery. As an Albuquerque student I appreciate the opportunity to take a live studio course in a remote way. Sudeshna has mastered the use of multiple cameras to provide meaningful demonstrations and in-course experiences. Through the Canvas platform there are other opportunities for meaningful engagement including robust art critiques and conversations, feedback conversations and opportunities to engage with art products and creations. Sudeshna takes her teaching seriously and she is available outside of class hours to offer support and answer questions. Her level of professionalism is extremely high and I do hope to find more courses offered by her in the future. I have recommended the remote art courses offered by SFCC and Sudeshna to many of my acquaintances in Albuquerque and beyond.
- Sudeshna is a teacher who genuinely and thoroughly loves art, and shares her abundant knowledge and skills freely. She, in fact, goes well beyond what is expected to support students. For example, the final project included an

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optional poetic component, which I chose not to do. She called me today, the last possible day to hand in assignments, encouraging me to rethink this option. In the end, I did choose to do it, which assuredly created more work for Sudeshna, not just me; because she volunteered to manage incorporating the poem digitally for me...that's the kind of teacher she is!

- Sudeshna did a truly wonderful job of explaining and providing resources for understanding and learning about this complex and and fascinating subject. I found this course so helpful and mind expanding , and will use what I have learned in my work. Ms Sengupta is an extremely committed , caring teacher who really helps her students succeed. Thank you!
- I enjoyed the course and the instructor is very knowledgeable about the material. I found that too much time is spent during the class with student discussions that are not helpful to learning the material (wandering conversations.) This class would work much better (especially being synchronous) if students worked on projects during the class time with the instructor available during the class time to offer feedback. My free time from other classes did not coincide with the instructors office hours. I believe the instructor offered valuable feedback and direction for many students who were available during her office hours. Otherwise I believe this class should be offered as asynchronous. Most of my learning came from reading the material that was provided on the canvas platform.
- Having the class flow be catered to the individuals in the group really made the class feel more engaging than just using the same cookie cutter lessons. The class environment was also really calm and made interacting with other students easy without feeling judged.
- Sudeshna provides a safe environment in which to gain artistic skills. She is very comprehensive in the instruction she provides. She makes herself incredibly available for student questions and feedback
- Sudeshna is an Amazing Teacher who gives so much effort in offering knowledge. She is kind, considerate and thoughtful when doing so. Her curriculum is carefully considered and I gained so much knowledge from this class. I felt supported and cheered on! The way she formatted the class allowed for an online class to be a team effort. I gathered much from my peers and it felt like a safe space to learn. I will miss this class so very much. Sudeshna's spirit, knowledge and leadership was a wonderful thing to experience. I would absolutely take another class from her!
- Sudeshna is an extremely experienced, knowledgeable and caring teacher. She offered many opportunities to expand our perspective, and carefully addressed each student's particular goals (career and otherwise) in offering suggestions that were relevant to the individual student. She also does a great job encouraging the students to interact and give feedback to one another-- quite the feat in an on-line class. And she is patient and encouraging to

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students whose interest is flagging or availability is limited by life factors. I loved learning about color theory, and I enjoy applying the ideas to my daily life and observations.

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ARTS 1610 (D1): Drawing I

Qualitative

16 Students Enrolled 13 Students Responded 81.25% Response Rate
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Comments -

- Sudeshna Sengupta is an excellent instructor. I learned so much from her and grew so much as an artist. She bends over backward to make sure each person in the class understands the material, and gives ample time to complete projects. She is not only an excellent artist herself, she give so much of her knowledge to others. I will be taking many more classes from Sudeshna and am so grateful to her for what she has taught me.
- YOU ARE AMAZING SUDESHNA! WE ARE ALL SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ABOVE AND BEYOND CLASS
- I appreciate the guidance from the professor. There were times that she came off as condescending in the way she addressed students. However, I believe this was not her intention as she was focused on relaying the information to get the core principles addressed and understood for the student to apply in their work.
- Excellent course. The organizational structure facilitated my learning. Everything was clearly communicated in Canvas. The synchronous meetings were utilized in meaningful and effective ways. Sudeshna Sengupta has multiple cameras, good lighting, and appropriate technology to facilitate the learning of complex drawing topics. She models the art practices in real time and includes ample time to address student questions, comments, and concerns. The online portion offers a great way for students in the class to work in a team-like atmosphere to collaborate and gain feedback on art in progress. Sudeshna also offers individualized attention in the discussion boards by offering substantive feedback on all submissions. Assignment work is graded and assessed in a timely manner. Additional learning supports and resources are neatly organized in the online Canvas course. With each drawing assignment we are exposed to the traditional aspects of the techniques and concepts, but global art traditions are also incorporated when applicable or if student interest leans in that direction. This occurs while meeting the shared objectives for a Drawing I class. The best part of the class was the way each person was guided to learn and improve. Final portfolios highlight the exceptional progress of each person and Sudeshna's feedback and support is critical in the growth and learning process. There was a real classroom community established by Sudeshna. In class we talked to one another and having a discussion board space called the virtual cafe gave us room to talk, share art, and communicate in a more informal way. On several occasions the Albuquerque students planned outdoor drawing meetings to practice. This occurred because Sudeshna cultivated a true environment of collegiality. I live in Albuquerque so this course teaching modality worked for me, especially because Sudeshna goes above and beyond to make each component, both the synchronous zoom meetings and the canvas aspects, interactive. I would love

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to make art in a studio on campus, but it would be difficult to commute. Sudeshna conducted the synchronous meetings like an interactive studio. Time was utilized in an efficient manner. I also appreciated how she made time at the beginning of the semester to check in with students about technology issues to make sure everyone was confident in their abilities to participate. I have wanted to take a drawing class for many years in order to progress as an artist and take other classes. I feel well prepared with my drawing skills to register for the next courses in the sequence. I am truly grateful to the instructor Sudeshna, my fellow classmates, and SFCC for making the experience memorable and worthwhile.

- Excellent class. Instructor has great skill in her art and is an adept teacher.
- It is obvious that Sudeshna has put in extra effort as an instructor to ensure that her online class is successful and that her students have every opportunity for success as well. She started her class ensuring that every student was thoroughly aware of how to use Canvas properly. Her full use of Canvas and its organizational uses made this class more successful and better than any other online class I took this semester. Her in class instruction was well presented and useful. Her video set up is the most professional and successful layout I have seen thus far. The amount of resources presented in the module overviews, assignment descriptions, and discussions for each module expanded upon the subject matters and made any learning method accessible to every type of learner. I wish that every instructor ran their online course as well as she does and put as much effort into presenting and providing information in the way that she does. Thank you Sudeshna for all of your efforts and knowledge throughout this semester.
- Sudeshna, what a wonderful class. I really appreciate all of the effort you make to create community on-line, as well as the resources videos etc. you made available to us. Most importantly you clearly can see where student's strengths lie and encourage us to stretch ourselves. I do hope the administration will take advantage of your on-line teaching knowledge to help other on-line instructors. I understand that in-class participation is critical for some arts instruction, but there is undoubtedly a need for on-line classes that SFCC could take advantage of if the instructors really knew how to use the technology well and how to engage the students. Thank you so much, I'll be signing up for the color theory class in the fall. Marie
- Sudeshna is an outstanding teacher. She was supportive at every step of the way. She always made herself available for any questions and provided assistance in every way possible: phone, zoom, email and text. Any time I questioned myself, I could always count on Sudeshna to provide encouragement and advice that made me feel better and built my confidence. I've taken 3 classes with her and am looking forward to her other online classes. I'm so happy SFCC offers art classes online because if they didn't, I wouldn't have met this most inspiring teacher. I've taken art classes at other

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local schools and no other teacher compares to Sudeshna. She's an exceptional teacher and person. Thank you!

- Sudeshna is an outstanding instructor and one of the best online experiences I have ever had. We learned so much and she took the time to meet with us and help us overcome any challenges. She creates a community among the class that helps us all connect and become a better artists. Please have her teach more online classes they work really well and I learned so much. I will take any class she offers online.
 - I started out as a beginner and Sudeshna was so helpful in providing me the feedback I needed to make substantial progress. The online format allowed her to draw corrections on the pictures of my submissions and that provided me the insight to see more clearly. She built one skill after the next so I could overcome my fear and build my skills. I was a bit skeptical about taking a drawing class online but with my health conditions I could not do an in person class. I was surprised and pleased with just how effective this format was.
- Sudeshna, Thank you for going above and beyond in your preparation for a
- Zoom Class on Canvas, for producing an environment and structure that provided for a an extraordinary level of student involvement and critiques on a Zoom class, and for the extra time you gave to each student who wanted it to improve their skills to guarantee a highly successful outcome in the class. Through extensive planning and effort you created a great drawing experience. I never ever thought I could learn to draw; Or that I could learn to like drawing with a black pencil, or that I would enjoy seeing a monochromatic illustration, or that I would ever see the benefit of doing thumbnails. My world is bigger and better because you helped me learn those things. The final projects everyone did are a true testimonial to you as a teacher. I and many other students in your class realize that you are an extraordinarily talented teacher. Honestly I am in awe with how much progress people made. Almost everyone in the class had tremendous growth in drawing because of your well taught Drawing one class on Zoom. In addition, the caliber of YOUR Zoom instruction excels beyond measure. You have a strong following of on-line students who have requested that YOU continue to teach on line because they cannot attends class in person. If you have further questions, please contact me through my PERSONAL Email or by phone.
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ARTS 1640 (D1): Watercolor I

Qualitative

7 Students Enrolled
6 Students Responded
85.71% Response Rate

Responses

Comments -

- Sudeshna is an exceptional arts studio instructor who was always available to us for help on our assignments. She provided outstanding live online demonstrations as well as great articles and videos on various subjects relating to each module, including a plethora of optional material for those of us who wanted to explore further. She created a warm and inviting online studio environment that encouraged us to work together and share information to advance our skills. All in all Sudeshna is a superb faculty member, one from whom I learned a tremendous amount in a short summer course, much more than I had expected!
- Sudeshna is an extraordinary teacher, and I would not hesitate to take another class from her. While taking a class on zoom can be an Unbearable Bore, I was able to stay interested for 3 1/2 hours of instruction. This is in part due to the fact that Sudeshna teaches from her heart. She gives generously to her students. We can feel that she cares about us and our success... even through Zoom. In addition to teaching the course in the mechanics of watercolor painting, Sudeshna left me with an understanding that the relationship between the artist and their work is the most important. Thus, the artist conveys the life force in the subject that they are painting. This may be called the Chi or the prana. This made sense to me and gave making art more meaningful. This is not a standardly expressed thought about art, but this relationship to the objects being painted breathes life into the process of painting. I cannot believe that I persisted in reading three-point type on paint tubes to find out the pigment numbers and their luminosity. Somehow Sudeshna makes the point this is important... And she proved it to me why I should care about these things. Sudeshna there's a talented and knowledgeable artist who will do anything to help her students learn. She has my deepest respect as a teacher. It has been an honor to be her student. One of the amazing things that she helps people deal with slow logistical problems using the computer during zoom meetings. She didn't let anybody get behind because of technology problems. She did an excellent job of gathering materials and making resources accessible through the Internet. I will be happy to write more if this form was more user-friendly on my phone. I can see six words in a line and a total of four lines. It is impossible to edit and right cohesively was good grammar and spelling. So I'm sorry to keep this short, I learned so much in this class and push through obstacles in my mind that were holding me back... I didn't even know about. This class forced me to grow artistically. And I am grateful.
- Sudeshna is an exceptional teacher given her strong devotion to supporting student's learning, and as well as her artistic technical skills.

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- Thank you Sudeshna for an awesome, transformative semester. I didn't even realize how much work we'd done this summer until I was putting together my portfolio. I could see how far I'd come. I'm glad I was able to take this class. I feel Sudeshna put forth extra effort to make the class a success despite taking place online.
 - Sudeshna Sengupta is a very generous and dedicated teacher. She not only brings her vast experience to the table, but she also brings forth a lot of outside resources. She is well spoken, kind and responsive. Her teaching is impressive. She could be a model teacher at SFCC. Many could learn from her example. I will probably take a course from her again.
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