

PORTRAIT DRAWING 2025-26 SYLLABUS

Lesson 1: Tools and Techniques—1 Week

- Intro to pencils, paper, smear sticks, kneaded erasers
- Exercises in how to use these tools

Lesson 2: Measurement of the Face (Head On) —1 Week

- Drawing “cartoon” faces for practice
- Basics of cartoon eyes, noses, ears etc.
- Basic shading of the face

Lesson 3: Measurement of the Face (Profile and 3/4 Angle) —1 Week

- Drawing “cartoon” faces at an angle
- Cartoon eyes, noses, ears etc. drawn at an angle
- Shading of angled face

Lesson 4: Drawing Realistic Eyes — 1 Week

- Continued shading techniques
- Intro to eyelashes, wrinkles, highlights

Lesson 5: Drawing Realistic Mouths — 1 Week

- Making lips look shiny
- Realistic teeth
- Practicing different mouth expressions

Lesson 6: Drawing Realistic Noses—1 Week

- Intro to foreshortening
- Shading and highlights
- Various angles

Lesson 7: Putting it all Together—2 Weeks

- More practice as we combine eyes, noses and mouths
- Intro to ears
- shading cheeks, chin, philtrum, etc.

Lesson 8: Drawing Hair —1 Week

- Creating texture and shine
- Male and female hair
- Shading on hair and on face

Lesson 9: Portrait #1 Male Child — 2 Weeks

- Our first portrait!
- Review of all the above

Lesson 10: Portrait #2 Female Young Girl —2 Weeks

- Review of all the above

Lesson 11: Portrait #3 Adult Male—3 Weeks

- Skills should be refining in shading, highlights, texture etc.
- Intro to fixative and matting finished work

Lesson 12: Portrait #4 Adult Woman — 3 Weeks

- Skills should be refining in shading, highlights, texture etc.

Lesson 13: Portrait #5 Family Member—3 Weeks

- Bringing a portrait of a family member to completion
- Matting and preparing to present

Lesson 14: Portrait from Around the World (Asian) —3 Weeks

- Additional skills like fabric, jewelry etc.

Lesson 15: Portrait from Around the World (African) —3 Weeks

- Any necessary additional skills

Lesson 16: Portrait from Around the World (Native American)—3 Weeks

- Any necessary additional skills

We will do our best to keep to this schedule. It is subject to change.