

"Figure Drawing" Grading Rubric

	Point Rating	Local Value	Irradiation	Anatomy (Proportions)	Composition
Student shows strong understanding and exhibits it with exceptional creativity	5	Local value provides essential visibility without reliance on line. Drawing has full value range	Irradiation effects occur consistently throughout the drawing and change the Local Value of thin items depending on the background value.	Proportions accurate and body masses appear natural	Negative space is a strong consideration and does not subordinate subject
Student shows strong understanding and completes objective with outstanding success	4	Slightly darkened outline but otherwise Value defines the shape Although a full range of value is used, darker values seem to be the last included in a drawing	Irradiation effects occur consistently throughout the drawing.	Proportions accurate and Major body masses believable	Negative space is minimal while figure dominates.
Student successfully demonstrates an understanding of the objective	3	3-5 steps in value between shapes.	Irradiation effects occur throughout most of the drawing.	Proportions somewhat accurate and major anatomical features present	Negative space does not compete with subject but appears uninteresting
Student attempts but fails to exhibit an understanding of a given objective	2	Shapes are largely defined by line. 1-3 steps in value between shapes.	A degree of irradiation functions in the drawing but is inaccurate and weak.	Proportions inaccurate or missing major anatomical features	Negative space competes with subject
Student completes assignment but exhibits poor understanding and effort	1	Shapes are defined by line. Shapes seldom differ in value.	Irradiation appears accidental if it appears in the drawing,	Anatomy is unconvincing and oversimplified – lack of effort	Negative space is not a consideration.