**Learn to Gouache**

**Instructor**

Hannah Harper

**Start Date/Rain Date**

Eight-week class begins Thursday, April 11th, 6 – 8:30 p.m.

No class on May 23rd for Memorial Day Weekend.

In case of instructor illness or weather, the rain date is June 13th.

**Location**

Main Building | In Honor of Bryan and Kendall Hall Studio 2 | 11 NW 11th St., Oklahoma City, OK, 73103

**Course description**

Build a foundational understanding of gouache as a medium through color study and compositional planning, painting the landscape outdoors, and using outdoor plein air sketches as a tool to complete finished paintings within the studio.

**Course outline**

**Week 1**: Using a reference photo provided by the instructor, students will learn how to make preliminary, abstract color studies of the landscape on a small scale.

**Week 2**: Using personal reference photos and knowledge from the previous session, students will practice creating multiple compositional studies before choosing which will make the most successful larger painting.

**Week 3**: Working from photo references and color studies, students will begin work on the larger painting.

**Week 4**: Students will continue work on the piece started during week three.

**Week 5**: Instructor will conduct a demo on the fundamentals of setting up to paint outdoors and will present a lesson on condensing a lot of information down to a small scale that can be completed quickly on location. Students will complete outdoor studies on their own.

**Week 6:** Students will set up to paint outdoors, will choose a section of the grounds to photograph, and will complete a preliminary study with the intention of recreating it larger in the studio.

**Week 7**: Using both the reference photos and color studies from the previous week, students will begin the final piece.

**Week 8**: For the last session, students will complete their final piece and will hold a class discussion.

**REQUIRED Materials**

* **Acrylic gouache paint set of 12** Recommended: Turner Acrylic Gouache. Can be purchased in a set or as individual tubes at Jerry’s Artarama. [https://www.jerrysartarama.com/turner-acryl-gouache-paint-set-of-12-](https://www.jerrysartarama.com/turner-acryl-gouache-paint-set-of-12-20ml-assorted-colors-73697)20ml-assorted-colors-73697

**Alternate option:** Holbein acrylic gouache. Can also be purchased in a set or individual tubes at Jerry’s Artarama. [https://www.jerrysartarama.com/holbein-acrylic-gouache-](https://www.jerrysartarama.com/holbein-acrylic-gouache-20ml-lesson-set-12)20ml-lesson-set-12

* **Extra tube of acrylic gouache in white** (you will need it! Can be purchased at Jerry’s): [https://www.jerrysartarama.com/turner-artist-acryl-gouache-titanium-white-](https://www.jerrysartarama.com/turner-artist-acryl-gouache-titanium-white-40ml-v26300)40ml-v26300
* **Masterson Sta-Wet Palette** <https://www.jerrysartarama.com/masterson-air-tight-palettes-and-accessories-0044632000000> Can be purchased at Jerry’s or Porch Art Supply. The kit comes with a palette, sponge, and palette paper.
* **Set of assorted medium-sized synthetic acrylic brushes**. Look for a variety of flats, filberts, and rounds in approximate sizes 2, 4, 6, and 8. This set is recommended, but feel free to use it as a guide. Similar sets can be found at Jerry’s Artarama, Porch Art Supply, and Michael’s: <https://www.jerrysartarama.com/princeton-real-value-brush-set-9130-long-handle-4pk-white-taklon-bristles>
* **Hot press 12x16 (or similarly sized) watercolor block**

Recommended: Fluid brand, which can be found at both Jerry’s Artarama and Porch Art Supply <https://www.jerrysartarama.com/fluid-watercolor-paper-easy-block-140-lb-hot-press-12x16-quot>

**Alternate option**: Arches watercolor block, found at either Jerry’s or Porch. <https://www.jerrysartarama.com/arches-watercolor-blocks-140-lb-hot-press-block-12x16in-20-sheets-natural-white-15853>

* **Container for water**
* **Roll of Viva paper towels**
* **Pencils/erasers**
* **Painter's tape/low tack masking tape**