

## **COMD1162**

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### **Poster Design – Get Out the Vote campaign**

#### **Overview - Project 1**

Purpose To exercise various modes of critical thinking, mind mapping, and formal play in an effort to find new meaning and shape for a given text. The goal for the Get Out the Vote campaign is to create nonpartisan poster that inspires the American public to participate in the electoral process and vote in the 2016 general election. The posters should motivate eligible citizens to register and turn out on election day. The assignment is based on the AIGA's Get Out the Vote campaign. Over the next few weeks, we will design these posters through a series of stages (see below for details):

**Stage 1** (Week2 - 09.06): Research historical images, words, facts, meanings.

**Stage 2** (Week3 - 09.13): Develop a mood board, which is a collage of inspiration, reference material and research. Designers use mood boards to develop their design concept and to communicate to other members of the design team.

**Stage 3** (Week5 - 09.27): Poster development – organization of visual hierarchy with all the required visual elements. Create a few sketches to explore different possibilities for your layout. Think about using type as metaphor to visually communicate your analysis, or point(s) of view on the subject. Experiment with a variety of approaches. Don't assume first ideas and solutions are the best. Take chances, you can always tighten things up later. Select a series of words from your phrases, edit the words down to a series of syllables, literal meanings have less significance here. Experiment with type and composition perhaps focus on the expression through the letterforms themselves, as well as through their arrangement on the page.

Three pencil or ink sketches based on the tagline you came up with in class and the content requirements (see below). Sketches can be smaller than final poster dimensions. Vertical or horizontal layout – up to you. I will review your interim compositions (sketches) next week and from there you will begin to develop one final solution of the poster.

**Stage 4:** (Week7 - 10.25 DUE): Design Poster

The objectives of this project are to discover new relationships between typographic form, space, and structure; and to understand how information can be clarified to create more coherent communication spaces. With careful consideration to the design principals discussed in class posters must be designed with the following content and specifications:

#### Format

Poster 11x17 inches (Photoshop 300DPI or Illustrator – your choice)

Vertical or horizontal layout.

.5" margins

Use of bleeds if necessary

#### Content Requirements

- Title: Vote 2016 (you can play with the title)
  - Tagline: Should relate to your concept and be integrated into the poster design
  - Copy: Voting registration dates and deadlines (students responsible for this information)
  - Margins
  - AIGA template specs
- Note: Poster may be designed in Photoshop or Illustrator
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