

Second Creation School of Taxidermy L.L.C.

We often plan our future and think of the goals that we someday want to achieve. It takes a commitment to achieve those new goals in our lives. Goals that we have dreamed of, and with work and dedication, goals that can become a reality! We at Second Creation Taxidermy School L.L.C. want to be part of these goals! The past ten years has seen a tremendous renaissance in the art of taxidermy. Aggressive, innovative supply companies have come to the aid of the commercial taxidermist with the introduction of numerous casting components, invaluable reference materials and, most importantly, lifelike manikins anatomically accurate in every detail. As taxidermy has evolved, so has Second Creation School of Taxidermy! We guarantee to you complete training with the state of the art products, formulas, and techniques. Combined with the undivided attention of Cindy Cunningham this assures each student the finest education available in the art of taxidermy.

The decision is yours to make and it is a difficult one! You have many choices...such as price, length of time, class sizes or one-on-one instruction, it is a big commitment! Please choose wisely, take the time to check out the schools you are considering and be sure it is the one that best suits your needs and expectations.

We will be glad to answer any questions you might have concerning Second Creation School of Taxidermy L.L.C. by phone, email or letter.

Once again, remember the Second Creation School of Taxidermy L.L.C. offers the finest courses of instruction available in the nation to date!

Sincerely,

Cindy Cunningham

Educational Objectives

The Second Creation School of Taxidermy L.L.C. is designed to teach students to become knowledgeable and self-sufficient in every aspect of the art of taxidermy.

Students will also be taught how to present each of these specimens in an artistic design that is pleasing to the eye using realistic habitat and rules of composition and design.

For your training our goal is for you to produce the highest quality mounts. For this reason there will also be practice exercises so that you will gain confidence in the task at hand and then will perform what you learned on an actual mount. Students will be mounting a limited number of animals in order to concentrate on learning each technique thoroughly and with the highest standard instead of having to rush to the next step. In our experience we have found that a relaxed environment where time is taken to truly study each step produces the highest quality.

All demonstrations are live, we do not use videos. The live demonstrations by Cindy Cunningham allow you to have an example that you can look at again and again once the demonstration has been completed.

All teaching is completed in a very spacious, well clean classroom. Tools and all equipment used by Second Creation teaching staff and students are the state of art and newest available by many taxidermy suppliers. Each student has their own large workspace and is able to work comfortably and move freely throughout the classroom.

Method of Instruction

Every course begins with an in-depth program of instruction in the fundamentals required for a particular area of study. Each subject is broken down into parts. Each part is explained and understood before proceeding to the next step in the process.

Building a good foundation is critical to success, a clear understanding of basic principals is essential before advancement to the next level of skill development can be taken.

With the completion of the fundamental parts of a training program, the next step is instruction. The students observe how something is done and what techniques and skills are used to achieve the objective.

The next step in the process is the hands on training by the student. With a good understanding of the fundamentals required and the visual observation of how the work is preformed, the student is ready to proceed.

Hands on training are where the student develops the physical and mental ability necessary to perform the work successfully. Skill development takes time and each student is given as much time as needed to develop the skills required.

The next step in the process is the reinforcement of the learned skills through independent practice. Here the student performs the work independently from the instructor thus mastering the skills necessary through repeated practice and trial and error.

Grading System

While Second Creation School of Taxidermy L.L.C. has previously been a pass / fail course, beginning January 2009, we have implemented a grading system. Students receiving grades A – D will pass the taxidermy instruction course. However, the instructors and administration will do all in their power to ensure that any student that is having extreme difficulty, and is likely to receive a failing grade; will receive one-on-one instruction to enable them to receive a passing grade. The instructor and administration will spend the extra hours to provide one-on-one instruction with the student.

Students that are not able to pass the taxidermy instruction course, and want to re-enter the program, can do so at any time. However, they will be charged the full tuition rate to repeat the course.

The instructors, as well as administration monitor the student's progress, constantly. Second Creation School of taxidermy L.L.C. prides itself on small class sizes to enable each student to receive one-on-one instruction. Progress records are kept by the administration, and provided to the students upon request.

Students are graded on the following criteria:

Bird Taxidermy

A. CRATSMANSHIP AND MECHANICAL SOUNDNESS:

1. correct use of artificial parts
2. correct use of paint
3. shrinkage
4. proper alignment of skin on body
5. appearance of seams
6. grooming

7. secure attachment of all parts to subject
8. basics
9. secure and convincing attachment to base or hanger
10. cleanliness
11. odor

B. ANATOMICAL ACCURACY

1. head – overall shape and anatomy symmetry
2. neck
3. eye set
4. body, accuracy of shape
5. belly
6. tail
7. feet and legs
8. wings and legs
9. profiles and balance
10. overall pose

$$100 - 90 = A$$

$$89 - 80 = B$$

$$79 - 70 = C$$

$$69 - 60 = D$$

$$59 - 50 = F$$

FISH TAXIDERMISTRY

A. CRAFTSMANSHIP AND MECHANICAL SOUNDNESS:

1. proper alignment of skin and body
2. appearance of seams
3. shrinkage
4. skin and scale detail
5. correct use of fillers, convincing epoxy reconstruction
6. paint application
7. molding techniques
8. odor and cleanliness
9. secure and convincing attachment to base or hanger

B. ANATOMICAL ACCURACY

1. side profile
2. front profile
3. top profile
4. head to body junction
5. body contours
6. head exterior
7. mouth interior
8. eyes
9. fins

C. ACCURACY OF COLOR:

1. head exterior and body
2. mouth interior

3. fins

4. eyes

$$100 - 90 = A$$

$$89 - 80 = B$$

$$79 - 70 = C$$

$$69 - 60 = D$$

$$59 - 50 = F$$

GAME HEAD TAXIDERMY

A. CRAFTSMANSHIP AND MECHANICAL SOUNDNESS:

1. correct use of fillers
2. correct use of paints
3. shrinkage
4. drumming
5. appearance of seams
6. proper alignment of skin and forms
7. grooming
8. basics
9. cleanliness
10. odor

B. ANATOMICAL ACCURACY:

1. nose exterior
2. nose interior
3. mouth and lips

4. open mouth
5. eye set
6. eye anatomy
7. eyelid placement
8. tear ducts
9. ears
10. ear butts
11. anatomy of the head
12. anatomy of neck
13. anatomy shoulder
14. anatomy of brisket
15. neck musculature
16. shoulder musculature

$$100 - 90 = A$$

$$89 - 80 = B$$

$$79 - 70 = C$$

$$69 - 60 = D$$

$$59 - 50 = F$$

LIFESIZE TAXIDERMISTRY

A. CRAFTSMANSHIP AND MECHANICAL SOUNDESS:

1. correct use of fillers
2. correct use of paint
3. shrinkage

4. drumming
5. appearance of seams
6. proper alignment of skin on form
7. grooming
8. secure attachment to all parts to subject
9. basics
10. cleanliness
11. odor
12. nose
13. mouth
14. lips

B. ANATOMICAL ACCURACY:

1. eye set
2. eye anatomy
3. ears
4. ear butts
5. head-overall shape and anatomy
6. neck
7. body
8. front legs and shoulders
9. rear legs and shoulders
10. tail area

$$100 - 90 = A$$

$$89 - 80 = B$$

$$79 - 70 = C$$

$$69 - 60 = D$$

$$59 - 50 = F$$

Cancellation and refund policy for students paid under the V.A. plan:

Students paid under the V.A. plan, withdrawing from Second Creation School of Taxidermy L.L.C. will have the remainder of the course fees refunded in accordance with the following refundable table. In accordance with DVA regulations. Should a student withdraw prior to the start of the course, \$10.00 of the registration fee will be retained by Second Creation School of Taxidermy L.L.C. and the remainder will be subject to the prorate policy.

10% of program
completed.....90%
refunded

20% of program
completed.....80%
refunded

30% of program
completed.....70%
refunded

40% of program
completed.....60%
refunded

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| 50% of program completed..... | 50% |
| refunded | |
| 60% of program completed..... | 40% |
| refunded | |
| 70% of program completed..... | 30% |
| refunded | |
| 80% of program completed..... | 20% |
| refunded | |
| 90% of program completed..... | 10% |
| refunded | |

We agree to administer the refund policy for non-accredited courses as stated above. This refund policy is in effect for veterans

Student absence due to but not limited to illness, inclement weather or other personal emergencies from a registered class, the student will be given the opportunity to schedule make-up session at the end of the scheduled class date with the instructor that both parties agree upon. These make-up sessions could include but are not limited to evening time, weekend time or consecutive days after the scheduled end of the class.

In the event the need for a long term absence occurs that could include but is not limited to, family or student tragedy, illness or injury, active duty or work related obligations. An agreed upon time frame for make-up classes between the teacher and student will be set.

Course Outline

Beginning instruction will teach techniques to master the art of taxidermy. This course will develop a student's skill in capping, skinning, measuring, and form alteration, mounting and finishing work. Finished pieces are property of each student. In addition to taxidermy instruction students will be provided with business training covering topics such as; pricing for product, licensing and disclaimers, and business set-up and cost.

Life-size Mammals

Each student will be required to complete two small life-size mammals. Learning proper field care is a must to insure the best possible mount. Skinning, measurements, and in house tanning verses commercial tans of each animal. Learning how to read reference pictures, and the anatomy. Students may bring their own specimen providing that that animal has been properly cared for and tagged. Approximately 120 hours

Birds

Upland game birds and waterfowl will comprise the bird portion of the course. Students will experience the beauty of Mother Nature at her finest and will acquire the ability to do justice to her winged creatures. Skinning and measuring the bird, cleaning techniques, different ways of preservation, and the art of making your own bodies. Actual traditional mounting, posing and finishing mounts. You supply your own specimen (pheasant, small duck, or prairie chicken). Second Creation School of Taxidermy L.L.C. provides everything else. Each student will be required to complete two birds.

Approximately 48 hours

Fish

Students will learn techniques for flexible fins, open gills, lifelike coloration and finish. All fish are mounted on an anatomically accurate pre-molded body. Measuring for manikins, skinning actual fish, preserving the fish, talking about different tanning solutions. Actual mounting of the fish, finishing techniques and then air brushing the paint onto the fish. You supply your own fish specimen. Second Creation School of Taxidermy L.L.C. will provide everything else. Students will complete two fish mounts. We encourage students to bring good specimens from their area, as some may not be available to us.

Approximately 48 hours

Game Heads

The game head taxidermy course is a complete program of instruction that covers all aspects of mounting. Our game head course is designed to develop all of the skills necessary to become a successful taxidermist. Diversified with being able to do game heads along with deer heads, you will be able to satisfy all of your customers needs. Students will be required to do two specimens.

Approximately 120 hours

Reproduction Fish

In the reproduction course I will focus on teaching you the artistic skills needed to create a beautiful reproduction fish mount. From detailing the paint to the creative display you will learn it all. You will be able to complete two reproductions during this class.

Approximately 48hours

Habitat

In this course you will learn the secrets of creating museum quality habitat using techniques and materials that will impress your clients and dramatically increase your profits.

Approximately 48 hours

Business and Marketing

In the business and marketing section of our taxidermy course students will learn filing, bookkeeping, and customer service and relations. Permits will be discussed as well as state and federal regulations. Also, proven marketing techniques will be taught so that each student will take the tools and confidence necessary to begin their successful new career in taxidermy.

Approximately 48 hours

Deer Heads

Form selection and preparation, complete tanning, mounting, and then the finishing touches. Each student will be required to complete two deer heads during the deer head portion of the course. Students may bring their own deer heads provided they were properly cared for. Second Creation School of taxidermy L.L.C. has access to a large selection of deer capes and antlers at market price.

Approximately 120 hours

There will be a drying period for each class, where you will need to come back and complete the finish work. Please contact me for more information on the matter.

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Application for Enrollment

11501 Riverview Kansas City, Kansas 66111 (913)-422-3111

Applicant Information

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| Name_____ | |
| Address_____ | Phone_____ |
| City_____ | State_____ Zip Code_____ |
| Education_____ | Married_____ Single_____ |
| Date of Birth_____ | Sex_____ |

If under 18 years of age complete the following:

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| Name of legal parent or guardian_____ |
| Address if different from above_____ |
| Name of last school attended_____ |

Please list two personal references:

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| Name_____ | Name_____ |
| Address_____ | Address_____ |
| Phone_____ | Phone_____ |

Emergency and Medical Information:

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| Emergency Contact_____ | Phone_____ |
| Physicians Name_____ | Phone_____ |
| Special medical conditions and/or allergies_____ | |
| Medications taken daily for medical conditions_____ | |

Second Creation School of Taxidermy L.L.C. reserves the right to refuse enrollment to any person or any reason.

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Enrollment Agreement

A 500.00 dollar deposit of the class you want to take is required to lock in your dates. This deposit is nonrefundable. The balance is due the first day of class, no exceptions! One to five people per class.

All specimens are extra cost. (Market Price) 8.925% tax is also added to the price of each class.

Second Creation School of Taxidermy L.L.C. will not be held responsible for fire, theft, and flood, spoilage of any kind or any acts of god.

Second Creation School of Taxidermy L.L.C. will not be held responsible for any physical or any respiratory or mental damage to yourself.

You will be held responsible, financially, if you intentionally damage any mounts or equipment while you are attending school.

You will abide by school policies.

Please sign and return.

Signature_____

Date_____

Students will be issued a graduating certificate upon completion of taken course(s).

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| Game Heads | \$2,500.00 | 120 hours / 2- 3 weeks |
| Mammals | \$2,500.00 | 120 hours / 2-3 weeks |
| Deer Heads | \$2,500.00 | 120 hours / 2-3 weeks |
| Birds | \$1,250.00 | 48 hours / 1 ½ weeks |
| Fish | \$1,250.00 | 48 hours / 1 ½ weeks |
| Reproduction Fish | \$1,250.00 | 48 hours / 1 ½ weeks |
| Habitat | \$1,000.00 | 48 hours / 1 weeks |

Taxidermy Courses

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| <u>Game Heads</u> | \$2,500.00 |
| Specimens pricing: | |
| 1 Boar | \$300.00 |
| 1 Antelope | \$300.00 |
| <u>Mammals</u> | \$2,500.00 |
| Specimens: | |
| 1 Bobcat | \$150.00 |
| 1 Coyote | \$100.00 |
| <u>Deer Heads</u> | \$2,500.00 |
| Specimens: | |
| 2 Capes | \$400.00 |
| 2 Sets of antlers | \$600.00 |
| <u>Birds</u> | \$1,250.00 |
| Specimens: | |
| 1 Pheasant | \$75.00 |
| 1 Duck | \$100.00 |
| <u>Fish</u> | \$1,250.00 |
| Specimens: | |
| Skins | No Charge |
| <u>Reproduction Fish</u> | \$1,000.00 |
| <u>Habitat</u> | \$1,000.00 |
| <u>Misc.</u> | \$650.00 |
| One Antler Mt. Antlers | \$100.00 |

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School Policies

Smoking: Smoking is strictly prohibited inside the school building.

Drugs and/or alcohol: The use of drugs (unless prescribed by a physician) and / or alcohol are strictly prohibited on the school property. Students coming to class under the influence are subject to immediate dismissal from the program.

Harassment: Harassment may be, but is not limited to: words, signs, jokes, pranks, intimidation, physical contact, violence or threat of violence, and racial, gender, or ethnic slurs. Harassment is not always sexual in nature. Sexual harassment may include unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal or physical contact of a sexual nature when such conduct creates an intimidating environment or prevents an individual from effectively performing his/her duties. Faculty and students may not engage in any form of verbal, physical, or emotional abuse, harassment, intimidation, violence or threat of violence toward any student, school client, instructor, or staff member.

Stealing or Vandalism: Students caught stealing or vandalizing school or classmate's property are subject to immediate dismissal.

Disrespectful and Disruptive Behavior: Disrespectful and disruptive behavior toward the instructors and fellow students will not be tolerated.

EO Statement: Second Creation School of Taxidermy L.L.C. is dedicated to providing quality instruction and education to all participants and applicants seeking to learn the art of taxidermy; as well as visitors and employees of the educational institute. Second Creation does not discriminate against or tolerate discrimination against any individual in the United States on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, political affiliation, or belief and marital status or family responsibility.

**THIS CERTIFICATE
ENSURES THE BELOW HAS SUCCESSFULLY
COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING TAXIDERMY
COURSES:**

DATE _____

**AS INSTRUCTED BY SECOND CREATION
SCHOOL OF TAXIDERMY L.L.C. STAFF**

SIGNATURE _____

Second Creations School of Taxidermy L.L.C.

Holiday and Closings

Second Creation School of Taxidermy L.L.C. classes are in operation Monday thru Friday; hours of operation are 8:00am until 4:30pm. The school will be closed for all major holidays. Other closures could be but are not limited to; weather, illness, or instructor emergencies. Students will be notified by the instructor in the event of these closings.

2009 School Closings:

New Years Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day

Day after Thanksgiving

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

New Years Eve

2010 School Closings:

New Years Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day

Day after Thanksgiving

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

New Years Eve

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School Year Calendar

Second Creation School of Taxidermy L.L.C. courses run through out the calendar year on a rotating basis.

The first class of the calendar year begins the first Monday after the New Year Holiday.

Class Sessions

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| Winter Session | January thru February |
| Spring Session | March thru April |
| Summer Session | June thru July |
| Fall Session | September thru October |

Dates and times are subject to change.