Fifteen UGA students from the MLA and BLA programs joined Assistant Professor Brad Davis on Jekyll Island for a ten day immersion in the study of watercolor. Davis initiated this course because he believes that “the arts share a common foundation, and that exploration of multiple art forms deepens one’s understanding of design. Click the “for more information” button below to find out more and see examples of student artwork.

Every morning students visited different sites on the historic Island where they were given instruction on perspective drawing, color theory, creating depth, composition, and the particular qualities and abilities of watercolor. The practice of drawing the landscape au plein air improves students’ ability to read and represent the landscape. The fast gestural quality of watercolor forced students to distill a scene to the essential elements in its representation, enforcing loose but accurate sketching skills essential to landscape architecture.

The art works displayed in the resulting exhibit were created during this course. They exemplify the great efforts exerted by students, the wonderful quality of the Jekyll Island landscape, and the artful teaching abilities of Professor Davis. Join us on Friday, November 4 at the Founders Memorial Garden House for a reception from 5-7 p.m. The exhibit will be open all day on Saturday, November 5 for UGA Homecoming, and will be on display through Friday, November 11.