

ART DEPARTMENT

Visual Art 7

Length of Course: 1/2 year

Grades Allowed in Course: 7

Pre-Requisite: None

This is a required seventh grade course that includes lessons on a wide variety of art techniques, skills, and mediums involving composition, design, drawing, painting, sculpture, crafts, and the practical applications of these bodies of information. Rather than focusing on art production alone, equal attention is spent on art history, art culture, art criticism, and the aesthetics of art in which all are integrated into each project rather than presented as separate entity.

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Studio in Art

Length of Course: 1 year

Grades Allowed in Course: 9, 10, 11, 12

Pre-Requisite: Visual Art 7

This course is designed to provide students with the basic drawing skills and language of art necessary to explore and express individual ideas and techniques in art. The primary components include learning to draw what we see through visual analysis while understanding and creating art through the elements of art and principles of design. Learning to express our feelings and emotions through the medium of art and our different perspectives of interpretation are also encouraged. This course helps to provide some fundamental insight into the extensive amount of information that is conveyed visually in our society and other cultures. Careers in art, interpretation of art, history of art, aesthetic awareness, and art criticism will also be addressed. Sketchbooks are required for drawing exercises and extra-credit assignments. Some of the materials used will be graphite, charcoal, colored pencil, pen and ink, scratchboard, watercolor, acrylic paint, oil pastels, chalk pastels, aluminum wire, linoleum, and clay. This course is open to all students and is the primary basis for advanced elective courses in art. Students will be encouraged to expand their powers of observation and maximize the use of their sensory powers. They will be provided art activities that will encourage mental and manual coordination and expand the student's ability to express his or her feelings, thoughts, and ideas more effectively. Students will be acquainted with the works of artists from a variety of historical and cultural sources, as well as the stimulation of a heightened perception of the aesthetic qualities of things seen and heard.

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Ceramics and Sculpture

Length of Course: 1/2 year

Grades Allowed in Course: 9,10,11,12

Pre-requisite: Visual Art 7

Students will learn the basic skills and techniques of traditional hand building pottery and sculpture. They will explore pinched forms, coil, slab construction and casting techniques using ceramic slip molds. Students will also become familiar with decorating, glazing, and firing methods. Sculpture is designed to develop skills for building 3-D artwork with a variety of media. Materials explored include plaster, wood, stone, metal, wire, paper mache', glass, fabric, and fibers.

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Drawing and Painting

Length of Course: 1/2 year

Grades Allowed in Course: 9,10,11,12

Pre-requisite: Visual Art 7

This semester long course is designed to enhance the student's development in drawing and painting processes and techniques. Students will draw and paint from direct observation of the figure, still-life, portrait, and landscape. Along with studying a variety of drawing and painting mediums, exploration of styles, methods, and techniques in art are investigated to further their understanding and development in the visual arts. Some of the drawing and painting techniques and media's explored include pencil, colored pencil, charcoal, chalk pastel, oil pastel, ink, print-making, acrylic, oil, and watercolor. Students will be required to have a sketchbook which they will use for certain assignments. In this class, students will also begin to create artwork for a scholastic portfolio, study art history and art criticism to further their understanding and development in the visual arts. Students begin to create art work for a scholastic portfolio.

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Media Arts

Length of course: ½ year

Grades Allowed in Course: 9,10,11,12

Pre-requisite: Visual Art 7

This class is a semester long elective taught in the rapidly growing field of computer art/graphics and video communication. Students will use computers, video camcorders, and digital cameras as an artistic medium to develop skills through instruction and hands on experiences by exploring the new possibilities that computers offer artists. This course is designed to develop artistic creativity and gain knowledge on how technology is integrated into Art. We will explore how the artist uses the elements of art, principles of design, visual appeal, graphics, animation, and sound to create spectacle effects. During this course we will also focus on how artists use their skills for promoting a product and or service in order to make a profit for the employer. Units covered in this class are Intro. to Photoshop, Intro. to Using the Digital Camera, and Intro. to Video.

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