



Course Syllabus

TODAY'S AMERICAN ART: EXPLORING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF ART

Code:	453101	NCAA Approval:	No
Level:	High School	QM Certified:	No
Duration/Credit:	0.5 Credit/Year	Textbook:	Resources and Materials ...
Prerequisites:	None	Materials:	Resources and Materials ...
Standards:	Arkansas Fine Arts Standards for Visual Art	Technology:	VA Technology Requirements
Pacing Guide	550110 Today's American Art ...	Alignment Matrix:	Alignment Matrix

Course Introduction

Watch the [course introduction video](#) or read the [video transcript](#) for a brief introduction to the course.

Course Description

In this course, you'll explore the works of several contemporary artists who employ a variety of techniques. You'll experiment with these artists' techniques, ideas, and concepts by creating artworks of your own, inspired by their work. These experimental art projects will help you find a concept or theme that you'll develop for a class art exhibition. Get ready to play with new ideas, create, have fun, and talk with other students about the process of making art!

Course Level Objectives

The objectives for this course include the following:

- Become familiar with and use the elements of art to describe works of art.
- Become familiar with and use the principles of design to describe works of art.
- Investigate how creativity can be nurtured.
- Explore symbolism and how symbols are used in art.
- Develop a symbolic language in their own art.
- Critique artwork using Feldman's method.
- Revise their works of art using feedback generated in critiques.
- Create art that tells a story.
- Explore how art can be used to affect societal change.
- Develop a series of artworks with a distinct theme.
- Create labels to describe their artwork.
- Write an artist statement.

Students will explore the following art techniques:

- Contour drawing
- Gesture drawing
- Mural planning
- Environmental art



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- Found object creations
- Photography
- Paper mache sculpture
- Collage

Course Participation Information

There are other pieces of important information about your participation in a Virtual Arkansas course. This information can be found in your course in the Virtual Arkansas Program Syllabus.