

Fine Arts, Visual Arts

General Information

All visual art courses are designed to give students an opportunity to explore the power of visual communication with a variety of different media & techniques. ***Everything that you see, purchase, use, and consume is designed and marketed by someone.***

Careers that begin with Art education include, but are not limited to:

Advertising	Stage, film & Theatre:	Illustration
Animation	Set design	Interior architecture
Tech App Design	Costume design	Lighting design
Architecture	Lighting design	Makeup artist
Art curation	Marketing	Package design
Art education	Fashion design	Photography
Art therapy	Film making	Printmaking / screen printing
Automotive design	Furniture design	Product design
Brand Management	Graphic Novels	Set design
Communication design	Historic preservation	Social Media Marketing
Video Game Design	Housewares design	Sustainable design

Courses at a Glance

Course Number	Course Title	Grade Level	Credits Earned	School	Prerequisites Needed
0201	Art Basics	All	0.5 FA	All	None
0240	Drawing I	All	0.5 FA	All	Art Basics
0241	Drawing II	10 11 12	0.5 FA	MC, N, S	Drawing I
0242	Ceramics I	All	0.5 FA	MC, N, S	Arts Basics
0243	Ceramics II	10 11 12	0.5 FA	MC, N, S	Ceramics I
0245	Graphic Design I	All	0.5 FA	MC, N, S	Art Basics
0246	Graphic Design II	10 11 12	0.5 FA	MC, N, S	Graphic Design I
0248	Jewelry I	All	0.5 FA	MC, N	Art Basics
0251	Painting I	10 11 12	0.5 FA	MC, N, S	Art Basics and 0240 Drawing I
0252	Painting II	10 11 12	0.5 FA	MC, N, S	Painting I
0254	Sculpture I	All	0.5 FA	MC, N	Art Basics
0255	Sculpture II	10 11 12	0.5 FA	MC, N	Sculpture I
0257	Air Brush I	All	0.5 FA	MC, N	Art Basics
0258	Air Brush II	10 11 12	0.5 FA	MC, N	Air Brush I
0260	(H) Adv. Art Studio	10 11 12	0.5 FA	MC, N, S	Success in at least 3 Art Classes
0261	(H) AP Art Studio	11 12	0.5 FA	MC, N	Success in at least 3 Art Classes
0263	(H) AP Art History	11 12	1.0 FA	MC, N	Success in at least 3 Art Classes

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Course Descriptions

Course No: 0201 Art Basics
Grade Level: All
Length: Semester
Credit: 0.5 FA
Prerequisite: None
Description: Students explore, design, produce, and present artworks created with a variety of tools and techniques. Students learn to apply the Elements & Principles of design to practice work and their own art production. Activities include discovering artists and artworks, talking and writing about art, experimenting with new tools, materials and processes and producing student-designed projects to demonstrate learning. Students may enroll in additional Art classes after they have successfully completed Art Basics.

Course No: 0240 Drawing I
Grade Level: All (2nd Semester Only for Freshmen)
Length: Semester
Credit: 0.5 FA
Prerequisite: Art Basics
Description: Drawing students use a variety of drawing tools and techniques to expand their ability to compose and produce drawings with more proficient composition and technical skills. Drawing materials may include ebony, charcoal, colored pencils, scratchboard, oil pastel, chalk pastel, ink, watercolor pencils, ink wash, and more. Drawing projects can include still life, portraiture, landscapes, abstracts and mixed media work.

Course No: 0241 Drawing II
Grade Level: 10 11 12
Length: Semester
Credit: 0.5 FA
Prerequisite: 0240 Drawing I
Description: Drawing II students continue to develop more advanced drawing techniques using a variety of dry media, mixed-media, and new techniques. Students examine the works of others as well as critique their own works. Drawing II produces portfolio-quality work for students interested in the arts.

Course No: 0242 Ceramics I
Grade Level: All (2nd Semester Only for Freshmen)
Length: Semester
Credit: 0.5 FA
Prerequisite: 0201 Art Basics
Description: Ceramics I students learn clay construction and finishing techniques applied to a variety of projects. Students study various 3-D forms then design, construct, and apply different surface finishes to their pottery. Hand-built coil, slab, and sculpted construction techniques are emphasized. Students study ceramic artists and art styles to learn design, construction, and decoration techniques for ceramic works from different times, cultures, and locations.

Course No: 0243 Ceramics II
Grade Level: 10 11 12
Length: Semester
Credit: 0.5 FA
Prerequisite: 0242 Ceramics I
Description: Ceramics II students pursue advanced clay building and decorating techniques. Construction methods may include an introduction to the clay extruder and additional work on the potter's wheel. Students research and emulate the techniques of other ceramic artists to explore new influences for their portfolio of work.

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Course No: 0245 Graphic Design I
Grade Level: All (2nd Semester Only for Freshmen)
Length: Semester
Credit: 0.5 FA
Prerequisite: 0201 Arts Basics
Description: Graphic Design students are introduced to basic graphic design and production skills including lettering, illustration, and composition layout. Both board work and digital technology will be used to solve graphic design challenges. A background in drawing is desirable. Graphic Design is a good fundamental course for students interested in commercial applications of art skills.

Course No: 0246 Graphic Design II
Grade Level: 10 11 12
Length: Semester
Credit: 0.5 FA
Prerequisite: 0245 Graphic Design I
Description: Graphic Design II students will enhance their graphic design skills with deeper understanding of digital media tools & software applied to more complex challenges. A background in drawing is desirable.

Course No: 0248 Jewelry I
Grade Level: All (2nd Semester Only for Freshmen)
Length: Semester
Credit: 0.5 FA
Prerequisite: 0201 Art Basics
Description: Jewelry students will learn basic skills of fabricating and combining materials to create jewelry (wearable art). Raw material craftsmanship skills may include sawing, filing, drilling, riveting, forming, cold joining, soldering, or casting. Additional skills like chain making or lamp-wicking may be explored. Students must pass a safety test to use equipment.

Course No: 0251 Painting I
Grade Level: 10 11 12
Length: Semester
Credit: 0.5 FA
Prerequisite: 0201 Art Basics and 0240 Drawing I
Description: Painting students will explore a variety of paints, paint surfaces, and paint application techniques to create artworks from several genres (portraits, still lifes, landscapes, abstracts). Painting I reviews and applies composition strategies and the Elements & Principles of design with special emphasis on Color, Value & Texture. Learning activities include studying art and artists, talking and writing about art, experimenting with water based media and different surfaces, then designing and producing artworks to demonstrate student learning. Painting supplies are provided for class use.

Course No: 0252 Painting II
Grade Level: 10 11 12
Length: Semester
Credit: 0.5 FA
Prerequisite: Painting I
Description: Students apply advanced techniques of painting while creating a series of self-portraits, abstracts, still lifes, landscapes, and nature studies. An in-depth study of color theory and experiments with advanced composition and application techniques culminate in a portfolio of artworks.

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Course No: 0254 Sculpture I
Grade Level: All (2nd Semester Only for Freshmen)
Length: Semester
Credit: 0.5 FA
Prerequisite: 0201 Art Basics
Description: In this exploration of three-dimensional art, students create 3-dimensional artworks using materials like clay, plaster, wood, foamboard, wire, found objects, paper mache, textiles, paper, and metals. Sculpting techniques include both additive and subtractive building methods and experiments with surface finishes.

Course No: 0255 Sculpture II
Grade Level: 10 11 12
Length: Semester
Credit: 0.5 FA
Prerequisite: 0254 Sculpture I
Description: Students learn advanced techniques in three-dimensional design using sculpture tools and materials. Students self design and create human, animal, and abstract forms. Exploration of different 3D art forms, cultures and art movements expands students' understanding of both functional and decorative forms.

Course No: 0257 Air Brush I
Grade Level: All (2nd Semester Only for Freshmen)
Length: Semester
Credit: 0.5 FA
Prerequisite: 0201 Art Basics
Description: Students learn and apply basic illustration techniques using the airbrush and a variety of supplemental media. Airbrush instruction includes basic operation of airbrush and compressors, airbrush maintenance, and painting basics. Painting skills focus on the use of color, value, composition, strategies and creating the illusion of depth. Students are expected to have some drawing ability.

Course No: 0258 Air Brush II
Grade Level: 10 11 12
Length: Semester
Credit: 0.5 FA
Prerequisite: 0257 Air Brush I
Description: Students learn and apply techniques to advanced painting projects. Projects include more in-depth study of composition strategies, textural work, and art history.

Course No: 0260 (H) Advanced Art Studio
Grade Level: 10 11 12
Length: Semester
Credit: 0.5 FA
Prerequisite: Success in at least 3 art classes
Description: Advanced art students apply inquiry-based learning to develop a portfolio of work. Students independently research artists from other times, places, and cultures to learn new composition, design and production techniques. Students experiment, practice, and apply new skills to produce self-designed artworks in a semester portfolio. Successful students have a strong interest in art, can work well independently, and are willing to devote time outside of class to produce a body of artworks. Students may take this course for more than one semester.

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Course No:	0261 (H) AP Art Studio
Grade Level:	11 12
Length:	Semester
Credit:	0.5 FA
Prerequisite:	Success in at least 3 art classes
Description:	Advanced Placement (AP) art students will develop a portfolio of work to meet the Advanced Placement Studio Art portfolio requirements. Students use an inquiry-based approach to study artworks, artists and art movements from different times, places and cultures to expand their design and production skills. Students should enroll in at least 2 semesters, have a strong interest in art and be willing to devote time outside of class to their portfolio work.

Course No:	0257 (H) AP Art History
Grade Level:	11 12
Length:	Year
Credit:	1.0 FA
Prerequisite:	Success in at least 3 art classes
Description:	Advanced Placement (AP) Art History provides an understanding and appreciation of architecture, sculpture, painting, and other visual art forms within historical and cultural contexts. It covers material similar to that covered in a college introductory art history course. Students will learn to look at works of art critically and to analyze what they see.