Northern Secondary School Visual Art Department



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Grade 12 Visual Art – Course Outline 2022-2023

Units of Study

1	Principles of Art and Design	2%
	Students work in groups to review the Principles of design and present to	
	the class. There will be a focus on Asymmetrical balance.	
2	Advanced Paint Application Techniques	7%
	E.g. Complex colour mixing, skin tone colour mixing, advanced use of traditional application techniques (e.g. impasto, stippling) Techniques are linked to art history movements and styles.	
3	Advanced Drawing Techniques	8%
	E.g. 3 point perspective, approaches to drawing hands, life drawing with a range of media (charcoal, chalk pastel, coloured pencil, etc.)	
4.	Mixed-Media Techniques	8%
	Exploration of techniques to create large mixed-media artworks.	
4.	Drawing, Painting or Mixed-Media Project - Self Directed	15%
	Students have a choice of media for this project.	
4	3D Project	15%
	Students will learn to create artworks in a medium of choice (clay, wire, papier mache, etc.)	
5	Printmaking Project	15%
	Students will learn screenprinting techniques.	
6	Final Project - self-directed	20%
	Students have a choice of media for this project. Includes an exploration of an art history movement or style.	
	Independent Artwork Explorations	10%
	Students spend at least one hour a week working on independent art pieces.	

NOTE: Art History will be explored throughout the course.

Description of Units

Marked in all four categories: Knowledge and Understanding, Thinking, Application, Communication

1. Elements and Principles of Art and Design

Description	Overall Expectations	Specific Expectations
Students will review the Elements and	A2, B1, C1, C2	A2.1, A2.2, B1.1, B1.2,
Principles of Art and Design and create		C2.1, C2.2

2. Paint Application Techniques

Description	Overall Expectations	Specific Expectations
Students will learn key paint application	A1, A2, A3, B1, C2, C3	A1.1, A2.2, A3.1, A3.2,
techniques using acrylic paint and		A3.3, C2.2, C3.1
watercolour. Techniques will be linked		
with key movements and styles in Art		
History.		
Series of minor works demonstrating		
their learning.		

3. Drawing Techniques

Description	Overall Expectations	Specific Expectations
Students will explore a variety of	A1, A3, C2, C3	A1.1, A3.2, A3.3, C2.1,
drawing media, including graphite,		C3.1
charcoal, pastel and coloured pencil,		
Series of minor works demonstrating		
their learning.		

4. Mixed-Media Techniques

Description	Overall Expectations	Specific Expectations
Students will explore a variety of	A1, A3, C2, C3	A1.1, A3.2, A3.3, C2.1,
mixed-media techniques to create		C3.1
artworks.		
Series of minor works demonstrating		
their learning.		

5. Drawing, Painting or Mixed-Media Project

Description	Overall Expectations	Specific Expectations
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Students will choose a medium (paint,	A1, A3, B1, C1, C2, C3	A1.1, A1.2, A1.3, A2.1, A2.2,
coloured pencil, clay, lino, etc) and		A3.1, A3.2, A3.3, B1.1, B2.2,
create a major work. They will choose		C1.1, C1.2, C1.3, C2.1, C2.2,
their subject matter.		C3.2, C3.3
Major Project.		

6. 3D Project

Description	Overall Expectations	Specific Expectations
Students will choose a medium (clay, papier mache, etc.) to create a 3D sculptural piece.	A1, A3, C3	A1.1, A1.2, A3.1, C3.2
Major Project.		

7. Printmaking Project

Description	Overall Expectations	Specific Expectations
Students will create lino block prints or	A3, C1, C2, C3	A3.1, A3.2, A3.3, C1.1,
etches, focused on social justice issues.		C2.2, C3.2, C3.3
Major Project.		

6. Final Project

Description	Overall Expectations	Specific Expectations
Students will create a project	A1, A2, A3, B2, B3, C2, C3	A1.1, A1.2, A1.3, A2.1,
demonstrating their learning in the		A3.2, A3.3, B2.3, B3.2,
course.		B3.3, C2.1, C2.2, C3.1
Major Project.		