

Studio Art– Course Syllabus

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One Trimester • 72-Minute Class Periods

Course Overview

Studio Art is an independent, choice-based art course designed for students with a **solid foundation in art** and the **self-discipline to manage their own projects**. Students will explore a **wide variety of media and styles** to develop and refine their personal artistic voice. Projects are largely student-directed, allowing for **creative freedom and experimentation**, while fostering **critical reflection** and evaluation through structured **art critiques**. This class runs concurrently with other scheduled art classes and emphasizes both **artistic growth** and professional studio habits.

Course Goals

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Plan, execute, and complete self-directed art projects using a variety of media.
- Develop and refine a personal artistic style and creative vision.
- Demonstrate disciplined studio habits, including time management, organization, and self-motivation.
- Apply knowledge of design principles, techniques, and art terminology to their work.
- Reflect critically on their own art and the art of others using structured critique formats.
- Research and explore contemporary and historical art influences to inform their projects.

Units & Skills May Include

- **Independent Studio Projects** (2D, 3D, mixed media, digital art, or other media)
- **Advanced Techniques & Experimentation**
- **Personal Style Development**
- **Process Documentation & Planning Sketches**
- **Art Critiques & Reflection**
- **Portfolio Development**
- **Inspiration from Art History & Contemporary Artists**
- **Collaborative or Thematic Studio Projects** (as time allows)

Required Materials

Students are responsible for bringing:

- A sketchbook or portfolio for planning and reflection
- A pencil and eraser
- Optional: personal supplies to explore specific mediums

School supplies will be provided as available, but students are encouraged to bring additional materials for independent exploration.

Class Expectations

- Students must manage their own projects and time effectively.
- Maintain a clean and organized workspace.
- Respect classroom materials and other students' projects.
- Participate in critiques and provide thoughtful, constructive feedback.
- Be willing to take creative risks and try new techniques.
- Work consistently on projects during class periods.

Grading Breakdown

- **Studio Projects** – 80%
 - Creativity, craftsmanship, originality, completion, and growth
- **Participation & Studio Habits** – 10%
- **Art Critiques / Reflection Assignments** – 10%

Late projects must be communicated to the teacher and may require additional scheduled studio time or time outside of class to complete.

Attendance & Make-Up Work

Regular attendance is critical. Studio Art is self-directed, and missed time can significantly impact project completion. Students must coordinate with the teacher for any make-up sessions or studio time.

Why Take Studio Art?

This course is ideal for self-motivated students who wish to **expand their skills, explore new media, and develop a unique artistic style**. Studio Art supports portfolio development for advanced art courses, AP Art & Design, college applications, or personal artistic growth.