

AP Art and Design Course Info

[AP 2-D](#) and [AP Drawing](#) are UC/CSU approved courses for learners in grades 11-12 who are ready for rigorous study in photography (AP 2-D) or drawing (AP Drawing) at the college level. AP learners work towards a final goal of producing a portfolio to submit to the College Board. Purchasing an AP exam is optional. Learners may earn high school course credit without purchasing an AP exam. Learners who pass the AP exam will earn college credit or placement in addition to high school credit.

This class follows the College Board's AP Art course timeline. Therefore, Semester A must be taken in the fall and Semester B must be taken in the spring. Semester A must be completed prior to enrollment in Semester B.

[AP 2-D](#) (click to view syllabus): Create a body of related photographs based on an inquiry topic of their choice with an emphasis on design competency, exploration, practice, experimentation, revision and growth.

- **View:** [AP 2-D Course Overview, Scoring Guidelines, Portfolio Format & Samples.](#)

[AP Drawing](#) (click to view syllabus): Create a body of related drawings and/or paintings based on an inquiry topic of their choice with an emphasis on drawing/painting competency, mark-making, exploration, practice, experimentation, revision and growth.

- **View:** [AP Drawing Course Overview, Scoring Guidelines, Portfolio Format & Samples](#)

[College Credit & Exam Info:](#)

Taking the AP portfolio exam is *optional* and there is a fee for it. A passing score earns the learner college credit or placement. Use [this tool](#) to find colleges that offer credit or placement for AP scores. AP exams may be ordered through iLEAD Online. AP Art exams are submitted by the learner directly on the College Board's website. They consist of 2 sections:

1. **Sustained Investigation:** 15 digital images that represent a visual investigation of one inquiry topic that the learner has selected. Learners will submit the images with written commentaries and responses to two writing prompts.
2. **Selected Works:** 5 best digital images of completed works.

More info on College Board website: [AP Portfolio Exam Submission Guide](#)

[General Timeline:](#)

- **Fall Semester (Semester A):** Join the AP Classroom on the College Board's website. Determine the sustained investigation inquiry and begin creating works. Participate in discussions and class critiques and receive support from the facilitator through feedback on assignments and during office hours (optional). Purchase AP exam in mid-October, (optional).
- **Spring Semester (B Semester B):** Continue creating works and participating in discussions and critiques. Begin digital AP exam submission process on College Board's website, (optional).
- **Late April:** Submit AP portfolio exam on College Board's website (optional). Submit a final virtual portfolio to the facilitator.