

AP STUDIO ART (2D, 3D, & DRAWING)

Pre-requisite: There are no prerequisites for AP Studio Art classes, however, previous visual arts coursework is highly recommended (Grades 10-12)

Course Description

AP Studio courses are rigorous and designed for highly motivated students who are interested in taking art at the college level and/or are career-minded in the field of visual arts. These students should already be familiar with, have knowledge of, and demonstrate an ability to excel at creating high school level art. Because of the demanding nature of the AP courses, it is highly recommended that students interested in taking them enroll in at least one of the introductory level studio courses first. Students will independently investigate an area of concentration in their artwork that is informed by research, exploration, and practice. Developing & executing originality of voice, artistic intent, craftsmanship, critical thinking, experimentation, and creative problem-solving skills are all important aspects of what is accomplished in this course; ultimately the quality of each work should reflect mastery of technique at a college level. All students are required to complete a portfolio of 24 (or 20 for 3-D) artworks to be submitted to the teacher.

PORTFOLIO REQUIREMENTS:

- Quality: 5 original artworks (can overlap with the Concentration or Breadth sections)
- Concentration: 12 original artworks that focus on an in-depth exploration of a particular idea and/or technique
- Breadth: 12 original artworks that present diversity of ideas, materials, techniques

COLLEGE CREDITS:

Students may elect to submit their portfolio for college credits at the end of the school year in May (rather than taking a written exam). A completed portfolio should demonstrate a sophisticated and advanced level of creativity and mastery of technique. A score of 3, 4, or 5 is considered “passing” and the student will gain college credit in Visual Art or Humanities at many colleges and universities.

*See the AP Central website for more information:

<http://www.apcentral.collegeboard.com>

Workload Expectations

This is a VERY RIGOROUS college-level Visual Arts Course. This is a homework intensive course in that students should expect to spend time outside of class in order to successfully complete projects. Timelines for completing work are demanding and do not have a lot of room for flexibility due to the nature of the AP College Board Timeline for submitting portfolios.