

Electives: Art Appreciation*

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This one-semester course will introduce learners to the various forms of the visual arts, such as painting, sculpture, film, and more. Students will learn how to look at a work of art, identify and compare key characteristics in artworks, and understand the role art has played throughout history. Through hands-on activities, virtual museum tours, discussion, and research, learners will develop an overall appreciation for the art they encounter in their daily lives.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: After completing this course, students will be able to:

- Understand and explain the significance of artworks in Western and non-Western cultures.
- Identify the medium, and explain the technique, used to create works of art.
- Identify and analyze formal elements, principles of design, and stylistic characteristics found in artworks from various art historical periods.
- Converse with others about art, using visual literacy skills and relevant terminology acquired in the course.
- Discuss and evaluate the impact of societal conditions on the production of artwork.
- Analyze a work of art, placing it in historical, social, and cultural context.
- Create works of art utilizing techniques such as perspective, and concepts such as color theory.

PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE LENGTH: One Semester

REQUIRED TEXT: None

COURSE OUTLINE:

Orientation

- Art Appreciation: Introduction
- Getting Started
- Research Paper

Introduction

- What is Art?
- Museums
- Analyzing Art
- Exam

Technical Aspects of Art

- Formal Elements
- Principles of Design
- Style
- Exam

2-D Art

- Drawing
- Painting
- Printmaking
- Exam

3-D Art

- Sculpture
- Other 3-D Media
- Earthworks
- Exam

Architecture and Design

- Buildings and Skylines
- Other Structures
- Design and Planning Exam

Camera Arts

- Photography
- Television and Film
- Film
- Exam

Semester Exam

* 1/2 credit course