



Robert E. Fitch High School ART ELECTIVES

"This world is but a canvas to our imagination."
-Henry David Thoreau

Introductory Level

Art Foundations (.5 credit) Grades 9-12

An introductory level course designed for those students who wish to explore a wide variety of media such as drawing, color theory, painting, sculpture, mixed media, printmaking and design. The Elements and Principles of art will be covered and students will be introduced to the work of famous artists. This course encourages creativity, problem solving and the development of technical skills.



Sculpture 1 (1 credit) Grades 9-12



This is a basic, exploratory course which introduces students to a variety of sculptures styles and materials. Students will experiment with wire, ceramics, plaster, found objects and much more.

Jewelry and Metals I (1 credit) Grades 10-12

A hands on course that covers basic metal-working and jewelry techniques, designs and processes. Techniques such as sawing, filing, soldering, cold connecting and embellishment of metal will be covered to create simple pieces of jewelry and small metal sculptures.



Graphic Design (1 credit) Grades 9-12

This is a beginning level graphic design art course that introduces the elements and principles of design, spatial relationships, typography and imagery as they apply to practical visual solutions. The focus will be on finding creative visual solutions to communication problems using Photoshop skills.



Photography I (.5 credit) Grades 9-12

This class is an exploration of what makes a good photograph. Students will learn about composition, camera control, light, and subject matter. Through many creative assignments, students will gain experience using Adobe Photoshop, cameras on their phones, point and shoot cameras, and DSLR cameras.



Unified Art (.5 credit) Grade 9-12

This is a co-taught class geared for peer and para support to help special needs students with modified themed projects and crafts. Unified Art allows students a place to be creative, work with peers and build on their skills.

Intermediate Level

Drawing and Design (.5 credit) Grades 10-12

Prerequisite: Art Foundations

An introductory level course with a focus on realistic and observational drawing techniques. Observational drawing is developed out of a process that involves learning to see. Learning to see requires practice, concentration and patience. Students will also be introduced to design based projects using two dimensional media. A variety of tools and materials will be explored as students develop confidence and drawing skills to express visual facts.

Painting and Design (.5 credit) Grades 10-12

Prerequisite: Art Foundations

Painting and design class is a basic/exploratory course that focuses on painting styles, building technical skills, vocabulary, and developing knowledge of the visual arts. Students will be able to create meaningful expression through study and experiments of painting and other materials.

ADVANCED LEVEL

Art Illustration (1 Credit) Grades 10-12

Prerequisite: Art Foundations

This course will enhance the student's ability to think and communicate ideas visually through freehand drawing, painting and mixed media. While advancing their drawing and painting skills, students will be introduced but not limited to a variety of design projects such as book illustration, 2-D design, and cartooning.



Sculpture 2 (1 Credit) 10-12

Prerequisites: Sculpture 1

This course follows and builds upon the skills learned in Sculpture 1. Students will focus creating more complex pieces, enhance and challenge their creativity and critical thinking, as well as refine and develop technical skills and craftsmanship.

Jewelry and Metals II (1 credit) Grades 11-12

Prerequisite: Jewelry and Metals I

In this course students will refine skills learned in Jewelry and Metals I. Diverse skills and techniques in metals will be developed through challenging jewelry topics such as forming and stone setting. Increased complexity in artistic design, jewelry construction and student driven research is emphasized.

Photography II (.5 credit) Grades 10-12

Prerequisite: Digital Photography I

Students will continue to develop visual literacy skills in terms of looking at and reflecting upon art in the world around them. In the studio, students will be further controlling the camera and the outcome of their photographs through projects related to the school community. Students will be encouraged to find topics they are passionate about and create artwork.

It is strongly advised that students being placed in upper and advanced levels of art classes have successfully completed the introductory level art class with a proficient grade. These classes build upon the foundation of previous classes and in order to have the best opportunity to succeed, that foundation must be solid.

Honors Art Appreciation (.5 credit) Grades 11-12

Prerequisite: Art foundations

This is a basic exploratory course that introduces students to a variety of art media through the introduction of several art movements. Drawing, painting, and mixed media projects will give students an appreciation of the arts.

Honors Studio Painting (1 credit) Grade 11-12

Prerequisite: Art foundations and drawing & designs or Painting & Design

This course picks up where Studio Art left off. It is for students who wish to develop a portfolio for further art study on the college or art school level. Emphasis is placed on further drawing and painting skills and on personal expression.

IB Visual Arts HL 11 (1 Credit) Grade 11

Prerequisite: Minimum of one art class or portfolio review and recommendation letter from the teacher.

Students will work independently on specific areas of interest that will enrich self-expression through research workbooks and studio art. Additionally students will be expected to discover, analyze and interpret art from other cultures. Most importantly, students will be asked to reflect upon how they view themselves in relation to our global society through the study of art.

IB Visual Arts HL 12 Grade 12 (1 Credit)

Prerequisite: 11 IB Visual Arts

This class is year 2 of IB Visual Art Group 6. HL and SL students will continue to focus on: developing technical proficiency, experimenting with and exploring visual art. Students are expected to complete a Comparative Study, Process Portfolio pages (of resolved and unresolved work), a Curatorial Rationale, and personalized studio work that displays their development throughout this 2 year course.

Honors Photo III (.5 credit) Grade 11-12

Prerequisite Photo 1 and Photo 2

To help prepare students interested in a career or a degree in photography, need additional courses to learn more in-depth skills related to but not limited to; studio lighting, camera controls, portfolio development and Photoshop skills. This course would be open to students who would like to take this at Honors level and are prepared to further their photo experience.