

Syllabus: Art I

MR. PUFFPAFF

This course will provide students with a basic visual art experience. Including the study of art produced by the masters, visual aesthetics, art criticism, and production.

The students will gain knowledge and understanding of the tools associated with drawing, painting, and sculpture.

Art I is an introductory level course, so if you have never had an art class, DON'T WORRY! We are going to spend a lot of time on the basics of art. A heavy emphasis on drawing will take place as well as projects involving the elements and principles of design.

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No cell phones in class!

(refer to the student handbook)

No Backpacks in the classroom!

No video streaming during class!

Bathroom/Hall Passes

You will only be allowed three bathroom/hall passes per marking period so please plan accordingly and come prepared.

“To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift.”

-Pre

Classroom Expectations

1. Follow all rules in the school handbook.
2. Complete assignments on time, including homework assignments.
3. If you make a mess, clean it up. Material use and care is your responsibility and is evaluated as part of your total grade.
4. Take advantage of the opportunities available to improve your understanding of the subject matter and your grade. Checking out materials and working at home on assignments can make a world of difference in the quality of your work and grade.
5. Understand that there are no optional assignments. Failure to complete all required assignments will greatly affect your grade.
6. Communicate any difficulties you have understanding classroom expectations. If you are not sure about an assignment or a classroom expectation ask me.
7. Bring required materials to class. You will need to bring a pencil and your chrome book everyday.
8. Understand and follow art materials and computer use guidelines. Inappropriate use of materials or the computer will result in the loss of privilege of the material and failure of that project.
9. All artwork in and for this class must be school appropriate. Nothing will be accepted that is not. If you have questions about what is school appropriate, just ask.

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The Rules

1. Students are to be on time and prepared to work when the bell rings.
2. When the teacher is talking, everyone is quiet and listening.
3. Art supplies and classroom furniture will be used respectfully and not be damaged or wasted.
4. Students will honor EVERY person's right to learn/work in a safe and respectful environment.
5. BE RESPECTFUL.

How will I be graded?

I understand that my students represent many different skill and talent levels, which is why I place a heavy emphasis on effort in grading your work. Students who consistently work hard and put forth their best efforts will have no problem succeeding in this class. Likewise, a talented student who misses class or is unproductive will not earn a high grade. Not everybody gets an A in art class, but everyone can do well. Your projects will be graded on craftsmanship, creativity, skill, and effort.

Other components of your grade are participation, homework assignments, tests and any other class activities.

Final exams will be comprised of two components:

1. A website portfolio with images of your work and written reflections.
2. A test on the key concepts and vocabulary from the semesters.

$MP1(45\%)+MP2(45\%)+Exam(10\%)= \text{Semester Grade}$

Late Work

Late or missing assignments will only be accepted under the following conditions:

-When the student has worked diligently and shown responsibility by coming in before school to finish a project, full credit will be given during the first 3 days.

-The assignment will be marked down accordingly due to reason and the amount of time that it is late.

-Please notify me if there are any extenuating circumstances behind missing or late assignments. It may be possible for accommodations to be made as the situation warrants.

-If additional time or help is needed to complete an assignment PLEASE see me. Like the rest of your teachers, it is my goal to help you succeed.

Homework

Yes, there is homework in art class. Students will be responsible for doing one sketchbook assignment per week. Sketchbooks will be due every Friday unless otherwise stated in class. You must spend a minimum of 1 hour on each sketchbook. I expect them to be neat, clean, and complete. Late sketchbooks will only be accepted within one week after the due date and will be marked down.

Consequences of misbehavior and off task behavior

1st Offense: Loss of points and you will be asked to sign the behavior clipboard.

2nd Offense: Student will be moved, asked to sign the behavior clipboard, and lose more points.

3rd Offense: The third time you are asked to sign the behavior clipboard you will be Written-up and given a minimum 1 hour of detention.

*** Depending on severity of misbehavior the 1st and 2nd offenses may be skipped and additional punishment may be issued.**

