



Syllabus

Course: Studio Art Semester: Spring Year: 2016-17

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Studio Hours - I am available for extra help, make-up studio time, or brief grading conferences on: -Monday, Tuesday (every other), Wednesday and Thursday

Course Description:

Welcome to Studio Art! This course serves as an introduction to visual arts and as a foundation for other arts courses. In addition to creating a variety of studio projects and preparatory activities, students will complete periodic reading and writing assignments and participate in class discussions. We will also explore elements of art history, aesthetics, and criticism and the roles artists can play in society.

Each studio art project will strengthen your skills and will help you find your creative voice. **Everyone in this classroom is an artist.**

Materials Required Every Day:

- Sharp Pencil
- Eraser
- Art Folder

(You may also want to bring a sharpie or permanent black marker.)

Studio Fee

Most supplies are provided by WHS Art Department. Students are requested to contribute \$15.00 for supplemental materials fee, if possible.

Course Units and Summative Assessments:

You will develop skills in various media such as drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking as you master units structured around the elements and principles of design listed below:

Line	Texture	Emphasis	Unit
Shape	Space	Movement	
Color	Balance	Pattern	
Value	Contrast	Rhythm	

Grading:

- All art projects and homework assignments will be worth a predetermined amount of points. There will be specific instructions for each project. If a student meets all of the requirements, he/she will be awarded the maximum amount of points. Students seeking additional challenges will be given opportunities to creatively expand assignments.
- Students can access their own grades through the online student portal. I will be updating online grades regularly. Final grades will follow the standard Washburn grading scale.
- Due Date: Studio Projects and self-evaluations must be handed in by the end of class on the final studio day for a project. The teacher will grade student projects and return them to students.
- Deadline: The final deadline is one week after the teacher returns student work with a grade. Students may re-do or improve any painting project and resubmit it for a new grade within this week.
- It is the student's responsibility to gather information due to absence. Students may contact the teacher directly by e-mail or in person before or after class. Students may make up missed studio time by arrangement with the teacher and project deadlines may be extended in unusual cases with prior teacher approval.
- Students wishing to earn extra credit should contact the teacher prior to visiting an art gallery or museum art exhibit.
- Grading modifications may be made for students with IEP or 504 plans.

Please sign and return with supply fee. You will receive 10 points for credit.

Parent Signature_____

Student Name_____