

COURSE TITLE: IB Visual Art (Drawing and Painting)

Level of Difficulty	Estimated Homework	Prerequisites
Very Difficult	60-90 minutes	District: Teacher Approval (previous art courses or art portfolio) Department Suggestion: Life Drawing

Course Description:

The IB Diploma Programme Visual Arts course is designed to offer students the opportunity to build on prior visual arts experience, while developing and using new skills, techniques, and ideas. Students will learn to connect their ideas to a global cultural experience and expand their creative thinking and problem solving skills through investigative workbooks, critiques, and research exercises. In addition, students will enhance their technical skills by experimenting with new and various media and learn to present their artwork in a professional context by actively participating in art shows. This is a very rigorous course and will require students to work on their artwork outside of class.

The course is recommended for students who want to further pursue the arts as a career, as well as for those who are seeking lifelong enrichment. Through inquiry, investigation, reflection, and creative application, visual arts students develop an appreciation for the expressive and aesthetic diversity in the world around them, becoming critically informed makers and consumers of visual culture.

Grading:

- Projects: approximately one every other week (100 points each)
- Progress Portfolio: 3 entries every week (30 points per week)
- Comparative Study (written and visual comparison of artists and artworks)
- Participation: Written assignments, critiques, etc.
- Additional assignments to be announced throughout the year

Syllabus:

The IB Diploma Program is a rigorous, academically challenging and balanced course. The IB Diploma Programme visual arts course encourages students to challenge their own creative and cultural expectations and boundaries. It is a thought-provoking course in which students develop analytical skills in problem-solving and divergent thinking, while working towards technical proficiency and confidence as art-makers. In addition to exploring and comparing visual arts from different perspectives and in different contexts, students are expected to engage in, experiment with and critically reflect upon a wide range of contemporary practices and media. The course is designed for students who want to go on to further study of visual arts in higher education as well as for those who are seeking lifelong enrichment through visual arts.

In this course students must go far beyond copying images that already exist. Artworks should show the student's own vision and voice. Students will participate in the school art show in the spring and they will work on painting murals on the school campus after IB testing is done.

Supplemental Information:

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