

Art

- Academy of Visual Arts

The Discipline Based Art Education is an approach which broadens art education by integrating ideas and skills from art production, art history, art criticism, and aesthetics. Students will find their high school art courses have laid a foundation for a lifelong interest in art. By producing and examining works of art, students will engage in application of concepts, invention, critical thinking and self-expression. Some students will prepare a portfolio for scholarships and admission to colleges and art and design schools. It is the art program's plan to provide all students with a sequential study in the visual arts.



Our program goals are the following:

- develop a cumulative portfolio of artwork that will reflect the student's development
- enable students to develop their aesthetic sensitivity, creative potential, and self-esteem
- enable students to develop the necessary skills, knowledge, and attitudes for realizing their artistic potential
- stimulate positive attitudes toward art and artists in the student's school and the community at large
- Studio in Art can be used by any student to fulfill the NY state Art/Music graduation requirement

COURSE OFFERINGS

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Type of Exam</u>
Studio in Art	1 unit	40 weeks	Local
Contemporary Art (West)	½ unit	20 weeks	Local
Drawing & Painting*	1 unit	40 weeks	Local
Drawing & Painting (Acad of Visual Arts)*	1 unit	40 weeks	Local
Art Portfolio Development***	1 unit	40 weeks	Local
Art Portfolio Development (Acad of Visual Arts)***	1 unit	40 weeks	Local
Advanced Placement Studio Art (Academy of Visual Arts)****	1 unit	40 weeks	AP
Computer Graphics I	½ unit	20 weeks	Local
Computer Graphics II**	½ unit	20 weeks	Local
Computer Design and Animation (East)	½ unit	20 weeks	Local
Digital Photography	½ unit	20 weeks	Local
Digital Photography II	½ unit	20 weeks	Local
Printmaking (West)	½ unit	20 weeks	Local
Ceramics and Sculpture	½ unit	20 weeks	Local
Ceramics II	½ unit	20 weeks	Local
Interior Design (East)	½ unit	20 weeks	Local
Fashion Design (East)	½ unit	20 weeks	Local

*Students are eligible to earn SUNY Erie credits for Drawing 1 (AT 200)

***Students are eligible to earn SUNY Erie credits for Painting I (AT 210)

**Students are eligible to earn SUNY Erie credits for Digital Art and Design (AT 260)

****Students completing AP Studio can be eligible for AP credit or SUNY Erie Drawing I (AT200) and/or ECC Design I (AT230)

Studio in Art

Credit: 1 Unit Length: 40 Weeks (Fulfills NYS graduation requirement)

This exciting class is an introductory, foundational art course for students in need of the NYS required Arts credit as well as for students pursuing future art courses or entrance into the Academy of Visual Arts. Students will develop an understanding of basic drawing and painting techniques, design fundamentals, critical analysis of art, as well as the lives and works of artists from history to the present. Students will explore the art of various cultures, period styles and techniques associated with them.

Contemporary Art (West)

Credit: 1/2 Unit Length: 20 Weeks

This fun, introductory course allows students a broad study of contemporary art and design concepts including drawing, painting, photography, sculpture and printmaking at a basic level. This course will allow students to sample various art media while allowing flexibility for the non-art major.

Drawing and Painting

Credit: 1 Unit Length: 40 Weeks

Prerequisite: Studio in Art

This course has been developed to provide an avenue of creative expression for those students who are serious about improving their rendering skills and painting techniques. Design, color theory, in depth study of landscape, still life, figure drawing, portraiture and fantasy are used as subject matter for studio work. In addition to creating unique personal artworks, students will explore historical and contemporary art movements and trends.

Advanced Studies Course through SUNY Erie: 3 college credits from SUNY Erie (AT 200 Drawing I). Must apply when you are taking the course to receive transcribed credit.

Drawing and Painting (Academy of Visual Arts)

Credit: 1 Unit Length: 40 Weeks Prerequisite: Studio in Art, acceptance into Academy of Visual Arts

This course is an enriched art elective taken only by students accepted into the Academy of Visual Arts. Coursework will correlate to the experiences in Drawing and Painting with the addition of enriching activities. These will include field trips, local college visitations, guest speakers, more rigorous studio art experiences. Finished projects will be incorporated into the student's Academy of Visual Arts Portfolio.

Advanced Studies Course through SUNY Erie: 3 college credits from SUNY Erie (AT 200 Drawing I). Must apply when you are taking the course to receive transcribed credit.

Art Portfolio Development

Credit: 1 Unit Length: 40 Weeks Prerequisite: Studio in Art, Drawing & Painting

Art Portfolio Development is for the serious and dedicated art student with possible career ambitions in mind. The year will concentrate on developing a professional art portfolio. Each person will have a portfolio ready to present for college admission at the end of the course. Observational drawing, conceptual art study, design topics and personal exploration are emphasized. The final exam will consist of the finished portfolio, a resume, and artist statement and portfolio review.

Advanced Studies Course through SUNY Erie: 3 college credits from SUNY Erie (AT 210 Painting I). Must apply when you are taking the course to receive transcribed credit.

Art Portfolio Development (*Academy of Visual Arts*)

Credit: 1 Unit Length: 40 Weeks

Prerequisite: Studio in Art, Drawing & Painting

This course is an enriched art elective taken only by students accepted into the Academy of Visual Arts. Course work will correlate to the experiences in Art Portfolio Development with the addition of enriching activities. Some activity possibilities will include field trips, local college visitations, guest speakers, and more rigorous studio art experiences. The class will culminate with a portfolio adjudication.

Advanced Studies Course through SUNY Erie: 3 college credits from SUNY Erie (AT 210 Painting I). Must apply when you are taking the course to receive transcribed credit.

Advanced Placement Studio in Art

Credit: 1 Unit Length: 40 Weeks

Prerequisite: Art Portfolio Development and Teacher Recommendation or enrolled in the Academy of Visual Arts

The Advanced Placement Studio Art Program enables a highly motivated student to do college level work while still in high school. As a very personal, independent, and instructor-guided art study, AP Studio is not based on a written exam. Instead, candidates submit a portfolio of work for evaluation in May. The digital portfolio will consist of personal artwork submitted to the college board. Students will need to submit a portfolio in either 2-D Design or Drawing for professional review. Because of the intensity and quantity of work required, students must be willing to devote a considerable amount of time in and outside

of school to be successful. Supplies will need to be purchased for this course.

Students will be required to submit a portfolio for the AP exam in May. The AP exam fee is covered by the district. Students could also submit for SUNY Erie Advanced Studies course credit: 3 college credits for AT 200 Drawing I and/or AT 230 Design I. Must apply when you are taking the course to receive transcribed credit.

Computer Graphics I

Credit: 1/2 Unit Length: 20 Weeks Prerequisite: Studio in Art

Computer Graphics is a fun course making use of professional grade software to create original artwork. Based on previously learned art concepts, students will work in a computer lab situation using the Adobe Creative Suite software packages to design unique digital art pieces. The focus will include introductory use of Adobe Photoshop and other programs.

Computer Graphics II

Credit: 1/2 Unit Length: 20 Weeks Prerequisite: Comp Graphics I

This course is designed with the serious digital artist in mind. Students will have an opportunity to work with cutting edge computer hardware in conjunction with the graphics industry standard software, Adobe Creative Suite. This course is aimed at developing and applying technical skills, cultural awareness and digital illustration to building an understanding of the role a graphic designer plays. Students will apply their understanding of design concepts to solve visual problems, produce illustrations, and generate images suitable for advertising media and production. Major topics of the course include ad layout, typography, and communication design.

Advanced Studies Course through SUNY Erie: 3 college credits from ECC (AT260 Digital Art & Design I). Cost: 1/3 of the tuition

of a 3 credit course. Must apply when you are taking the course to receive transcribed credit.

Computer Design & Animation (East)

Credit: 1/2 Unit Length: 20 Weeks

Prerequisite: Computer Graphics I

This advanced Design course will help students build on computer, graphic art and design concepts previously learned in Computer Graphic I. Students will further their focus on visual literacy, expanding conceptual, aesthetic and visualization skills, as well as creative problem solving through exploration of a wide variety of commercially oriented projects. Hands-on tasks may include logo design, product design package design, illustration, character development, and basic animation techniques using the Adobe Creative Cloud.

Digital Photography

Credit: 1/2 Unit Length: 20 weeks

Prerequisite: Must be an upperclassmen grade 10, 11 or 12

This is a half year course that introduces the history of photography and the basic operations and functions of a DSLR camera including building an understanding of aperture, shutter speed, lighting, and composition. Students are introduced to the history of photography and basic camera functions as well as the photographic elements of art, the principles of design and artistic composition. Students will learn basic photo editing skills using the Adobe Creative Cloud. Students will explore a broad range of photography subjects.

Digital Photography II

Credit: 1/2 Unit Length: 20 weeks Prerequisite:

Digital Photography

This is a half year course that builds upon the basic operations and functions of a DSLR camera including a more in-depth look at shutter speed, lighting, and creating their own compositions. Students will

expand on their photo editing skills through the use of Adobe Creative Cloud including Photoshop and Lightroom.

Printmaking (West)

Credit: 1/2 Unit Length: 20 weeks

Prerequisite: Studio in Art

This course will introduce students to printmaking techniques that can be used as a vehicle to visualize and communicate ideas. Artists use printmaking as an interdisciplinary medium within the idea of creating multiples in the art world. Students will be introduced to a brief history of printmaking and how contemporary artists use print techniques towards expression and communication. Students will also learn how prints are used outside of the art world including publication and commercial prints. Students will discuss technical as well as conceptual issues in the field of contemporary printmaking. By the end of the course students will be competent in identifying and creating various types of prints in both relief and serigraphy styles.

Ceramics and Sculpture

Credit: 1/2 unit Length: 20 weeks

Prerequisite: Must be an upperclassmen grade 10, 11 or 12

This semester course allows students to explore three-dimensional media and encounter historical figures and cultures that have had an impact on the development of ceramics and sculpture as an art form. Students will experience all aspects of the ceramic process from building, to firing, glazing and finishing. An emphasis will be placed on hand building techniques and student creativity in design. Projects will range from utilitarian to purely aesthetic artwork.

Ceramics II

Credit: 1/2 unit Length: 20 weeks

Prerequisite: Ceramics and Sculpture

Ceramics II is a half-year course developed to provide the beginner ceramist with an opportunity to advance their skills learned in Ceramics & Sculpture. Students will further explore the pinch, coil, and slab building techniques that they learned about in Ceramics & Sculpture. Advanced Ceramics will shift the focus of student art works to a more creative design while still focusing on the craftsmanship and utility of the work. Students will also explore historical cultures that have impacted the technical and conceptual development of ceramics.

Interior Design (East)

Credit: 1/2 Unit

Length: 20 Weeks

Prerequisite: Studio in Art

Interior design is an exciting profession that not only requires designers to be able to think creatively, but also to problem-solve. Interior designers are responsible for creating spaces for any structure, which may include a single-family home, corporate headquarters, restaurants and everything in

between. Students will explore design fundamentals and familiarize themselves with architectural and interior design concepts through a series of hands-on activities and projects. This course will explore space planning, lighting, materials, color theory, and furnishings. Students will design interior spaces where they will create a set of presentation boards that include: drawings, floor plans, elevations, materials, and furniture.

Fashion Design and Illustration (East)

Credit: 1/2 Unit Length: 20 Weeks Prerequisite: Studio in Art

This is an advanced course aimed at developing students' knowledge and understanding of the principles and skills involved in fashion design, illustration, the fashion industry. Students will further develop an understanding of design principles, basic figure drawing, and fashion trends through a series of exciting hands-on tasks. Students will also study the history of fashion and period styles of clothing.

National Art Honor Society (NAHS)

The National Art Honor Society is designed specifically for high school students in grades 9-12. In 1978, The National Art Education Association began the National Art Honor Society program to inspire and recognize students who have shown an outstanding ability and interest in art. The NAHS strives to aid members in attaining the highest standards in art, scholarship, character and service, and to bring art education to the attention of the school and community. Students who maintain a 90% or above composite Art average, and an 80% or above composite average for all other courses (excluding art) are eligible to join. Students must be enrolled in a Visual Arts class each semester to maintain membership in the National Art Honor Society.

Academy of Visual Arts



The Academy of Visual Arts will be composed of students who demonstrate extraordinary ability and interest in the visual arts. The goal of the program is to provide students with a more mature understanding of visual concepts, enhance cultural awareness as well as develop the students' artistic abilities at a more sophisticated level. Students will have the opportunity to explore more challenging studio endeavors, participate in gallery and college visitations, be exposed to visiting artists as well as receive college credit. Interested students enrolled in Studio in Art or Drawing and Painting will be accepted into this enrichment program upon completing the application process and a portfolio review.

The Academy is supported by an Advisory Board which currently includes the following companies, organizations and colleges:

- SUNY Fredonia • Chautauqua Institution • Villa Maria College • McGard, Inc • Brook Studio • West Seneca Central Schools • Daemen College • Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center • Buffalo State College • Buffalo and Erie County Public Library • Albright Knox Art Gallery • The Parlour • Valleykat Designs • University at Buffalo • Buffalo Schools • Buffalo and Erie County Public Library • Albright Knox Art Gallery

ACADEMY COURSE SEQUENCE

•Four Year Program •

Five Units of Credit Toward Graduation

Academy students are required to take the following electives in addition to their Regents courses.

Grade Level	Course	Credit
Ninth Grade	Studio in Art	1 unit
Tenth Grade	Enriched Drawing & Painting*	1 unit
	Visual Art Elective (Computer Graphics I recommended)	½ unit
Eleventh Grade	Art Portfolio Development***	1 unit
	Visual Art Elective (Comp Graphics I or II recommended**)	½ unit
Twelfth Grade	Advanced Placement Studio****	1 unit

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****All academy students have the option to take college level courses as part of the Academy during their senior year. They will have 4 different course options: 1. SUNY Erie Drawing I (AT200) 2. AP Drawing 3. SUNY Erie Design I (AT230) or 4. AP 2D Design. Seniors may elect to: 1. Earn SUNY Erie Drawing 1 AND submit for AP 2D for 6 credits 2. Earn SUNY Erie Design I AND submit for AP Collegeboard Drawing for 6 credits 3. Submit for Collegeboard Drawing AND AP 2D Design for 6 credits or 4. Earn SUNY Erie Drawing I and SUNY Erie Design I for 6 credits.

*Graduation - Certificate of Studies Visual Arts in addition to Regents Diploma or Regents Diploma with an Advanced Designation