

**NOUVEL HIGH SCHOOL**

**ART FUNDAMENTALS**

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

<b>COURSE DESCRIPTION:</b>	Art Fundamentals is a semester course designed to give beginning students an introductory experience with art. Emphasis will be on the development of perceptual skills by means of drawing from observation, and the use of a variety of drawing exercises. The students will study linear perspective, the development of pictorial space, composition, and the basic elements and principles of design. The course will also cover proper equipment and materials use and a variety of safety issues. Participation in group critiques is required to help students develop skills in talking about their work. Sketchbook work is also required and graded. Students will be given an opportunity to participate in art shows and competitions. This introductory course of art is a prerequisite for further study.
<b>MAJOR COURSE GOALS:</b>	After successfully completing this course the student will:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Demonstrate fundamental use of art media, techniques, and processes with basic skill in the creation of two-and three dimensional works of art.</li><li>2. Demonstrate basic skills and techniques in the use of drawing.</li><li>3. Demonstrate use of design elements and principles in the creation of a work of art.</li><li>4. Demonstrate use of the skills of art criticism to respond to the art of others as well as their own.</li><li>5. Develop a visual and verbal vocabulary related to art.</li><li>6. Demonstrate awareness of the subject matter and symbols used in a variety of time periods and cultures.</li><li>7. Compare and Contrast career opportunities in art.</li></ol>
<b>COURSE ASSESSMENT PLAN:</b>	The assessment plan for this course is designed to let the students know specifically what is expected in the assignments and projects. It is centered around high expectations with an insistence on excellence. Student learning will be assessed primarily by examination and evaluation of finished products and performance.

	<p>Rubrics will be used in the assessment process that have been constructed with criteria that specifies required elements as well as reflects a standard of quality. In addition, self-reflection, both written and oral, will be used as part of the assessment process.</p> <p>Quarter grades will be determined by achievement in the following activities and assignments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sketchbook Assignments (35%)</li> <li>2. Studio Projects (45%)</li> <li>3. Participation (20%)</li> </ol> <p>The final grade is the average of quarter grades (40% for each quarter) and a final exam (20%).</p>
<p>SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS NEEDED:</p>	<p>Materials for this course are provided, but students are encouraged to supplement these materials with their own supplies. However, all art students are still <u>required</u> to have the following basic items:</p> <p>Drawing Pencils (not mechanical)</p> <p>Rubber Eraser</p> <p>12" – 18" Ruler</p> <p>Bound Sketchbook 9"x12"</p> <p>Colored Pencils – 24 color set</p>
<p>EXTRA HELP:</p>	<p>If you need to meet with me for any reason or you would like extra studio time, I will be available before school, after school or by appointment.</p>
<p>INSTRUCTIONAL PHILOSOPHY:</p>	<p>Art is a hands-on subject. This course will be structured around demonstrations, lectures, group discussions, critiques, and individual assistance. It is expected that students will use the majority of their class time working independently on studio projects. Sketchbook activities are assigned as homework to be completed outside of class. Expect to learn something new each day and to conduct yourself in a manner that contributes to a creative and productive atmosphere, within a safe and positive environment.</p> <p>My goals as a teacher are to inspire my students to learn and to</p>

	<p>challenge them to reach their fullest potential. I believe that my purpose as a teacher goes beyond the teaching of art. It is equally important to respond to the needs of the whole person. Helping them to develop the skills necessary to live a balanced and healthy lifestyle through education, the development and appreciation of spirituality and culture, and the promotion of personal growth and self-esteem. I believe in challenging my students to reach very high standards of performance and in providing them with the resources they need to reach those standards. I take my role in the learning process very seriously. I want my students to know that I am personally invested in their success or failure because I care very deeply that they learn.</p>
<p>MAJOR COURSE PROJECTS AND INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:</p>	<p>In order to meet the course objectives and goals the students will do the following:</p> <p><u>Sketchbook Activities</u> – Completed outside of class on a weekly basis. The majority of the assignments are drawings from observation and activities that supplement the lessons in class and the studio projects. Topics may include, but are not limited to: still life, landscape, portraiture, figure studies, use of perspective, seasonal and holiday themes, religious themes, imagination drawings, exhibition reviews, personal experiences, and graphic design projects.</p> <p><u>Lesson Activities</u> – These activities serve as an introduction to the studio projects. Topics may include, but art not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning to Draw</li> <li>• Creating a Value Scale</li> <li>• Using Perspective</li> <li>• Using Sighting Techniques</li> <li>• Rule of Thirds</li> <li>• Using a Viewing Frame</li> <li>• Making a Grid for Enlarging</li> <li>• Using Color Schemes</li> <li>• Mixing Colors</li> <li>• Critiquing the Artwork</li> </ul> <p><u>Studio Projects</u> – Require the majority of the work to be completed in class. Permission of the instructor is necessary if a student desires additional time to complete a project outside of class.</p>

	<p>There will be two studio projects per quarter. Students will have the opportunity to explore a variety of subject matter. Projects may include, but are not limited to media, tools, techniques, and processes in the following areas:</p> <p><b>DRAWING</b> – Pencil, Colored Pencil  <b>PAINTING</b>- Tempera, Watercolor  <b>SCULPTURE</b> – Carving, Modeling, Assembling  <b>CERAMICS</b> – Handbuilding Methods  <b>MIXED MEDIA</b> – Found Objects, Collage</p>
CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:	<p>In order to provide a safe and positive environment for learning ,as well as a productive studio atmosphere, the following is expected of all students:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make good use of class time. You are expected to work on only your art assignments <u>everyday</u> in class. Talking during the entire class period is <u>not</u> making good use of your time. The quality of artwork produced generally diminishes as the amount of students’ unguided socializing increases.</li> <li>2. Bring the required materials to class as instructed in each class period.</li> <li>3. There will be <u>NO EATING OR DRINKING</u> in the classroom. This is a health and safety issue. Please respect this rule.</li> <li>4. Be courteous to classmates and staff members. Respect yourself and others. Please read and follow the <b>POLICIES REGARDING STUDENT CONDUCT</b> in the Parent/Student Handbook.</li> <li>5. Participate in classroom discussions and critiques.</li> <li>6. Present each assignment on time. Each assignment is due at the <u>beginning</u> of its due date class period.</li> <li>7. Keep the classroom clean at all times. Clean up after yourself. The first rule of creativity is to “leave no trace.”</li> <li>8. Comply with the <b>NOUVEL CATHOLIC CENTRAL DRESS CODE</b>.</li> <li>9. <b>ATTENDANCE:</b> Attending each class is essential in order for you to complete assignments and meet all the class requirements. Please read and follow the policies regarding <b>ATTENDANCE</b> in the Parent/Student Handbook.</li> <li>10. <u><b>BE ON TIME FOR CLASS!</b></u> Please read the policy on <b>TARDINESS</b> in the Parent/Student Handbook.</li> </ol>
HOMEWORK POLICY AND	Grades will be determined on work evaluated on achievement in

<b>GRADING SCALE:</b>	the following areas: studio production, sketchbook assignments, participation, and exams. Late work will receive a reduction in points equivalent to one letter grade provided you turn it in within one week of the due date. Work turned in after one week will receive a failing grade (59 pts.). Work not turned in will receive zero points. The grading scale and the policy for make-up work for this class are published in the Nouvel Catholic Central H.S. Parent/Student Handbook.
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