

VISUAL ARTS

- Course descriptions that are shaded are not being offered.
- Students are required to earn 1 credit of Visual, Performing, or Applied Arts.

Advanced Pottery

#7110

1 trimester

Grade Level: 10 – 12

Prerequisite: B or better in Pottery

This course is for the serious potter who wants to develop proficiency on the pottery wheel. Larger, more complicated hand-built projects will be completed as well as learning how to complete wheel-thrown production pieces and sets. The historical perspective of the development of pottery will be discussed as well as today's current trends. Low fire white clay will be used, as well as stoneware and Mojave red clays. Materials for this course will be provided by the Mason Public School District. Projects made as a requirement of this course will become the property of the Mason Public School District. However, students wishing to keep their projects may purchase them all for a total of \$30.

Art 1

Course # 7101

1 trimester

Grade Level: 9 - 12

Prerequisite: None

This course is the first of two courses which will introduce and reinforce students' knowledge of the elements and principles of art. This course is a prerequisite to most other art courses and will lay the foundation for all other art classes. Students will begin to learn vital art skills as well as build independence in expanding their own creativity and design abilities. A variety of media will be used throughout the course including drawing, pen and ink, and 3-D. Projects made as a requirement of this course will become the property of Mason Public School District. However, students wishing to keep their projects may purchase them all for \$10.

Art 2

Course # 7102

1 trimester

Grade Level: 9 - 12

Prerequisite: Art 1

Students will continue to investigate and expand the basic concepts and skills studied in Art 1. Individual creative expression will be developed at all ability levels through the use of painting, drawing, and wire bending. Portfolio development and assessment will begin. Projects made as a requirement of this course will become the property of Mason Public School District. However, students wishing to keep their projects may purchase them all for \$10.

Art History

Course # 7100

1 trimester

Grade Level: 10 - 12

Prerequisite: None

The Art History course will cover world history from the perspective of the artist beginning with cave paintings and ending with the modern art movements of the 21st. Century. Study and concentration will focus on art periods, including classical Greek and Roman, the Renaissance, The Middle and Dark Ages, Baroque, Post Renaissance and Modern. We will study different genres of art, including sculpture, painting, architecture, printmaking, photography, digital and 3-D. We will culminate the art history course with a trip to one of the Midwest's fine art galleries, so students will have an opportunity to see some of the great works of art firsthand.

Crafts

1 trimester

Grade Level: 9 - 12

Course # 7104

Prerequisite: None

Crafts will cater to a student who is interested in exploring modern and traditional craft art as opposed to the more traditional visual arts. Crafts will explore cultural arts such as batik and basket weaving as well as popular American crafts like rubber stamping, marbling and scrap-booking. Emphasis on cultural folk art will be the theme for this course with study of the impact of folk art on the economy and society. Projects made as a requirement of this course will become the property of Mason Public School District. However, students wishing to keep their projects may purchase them all for \$25

Drawing 1

1 trimester

Grade Level: 9 - 12

Course # 7105

Prerequisite: Art 1

The Drawing 1 course will allow students to focus on two-dimensional drawings for the entire term. Mediums used will be: pencil, colored pencil, pen and ink and pastels. Skills taught will include: figure drawing, contour drawing, thumbnail sketching, pointillism, blending, shading and crosshatching. The focus will be on the value scale and perspective. Projects made as a requirement of this course will become the property of Mason Public School District. However, students wishing to keep their projects may purchase them all for \$10.

Mixed Media

1 trimester

Grade Level: 9 - 12

Course # 7106

Prerequisite: Art 1

Mixed Media is designed for students who are seriously interested in the practical experience of art and for those who wish to focus their skills in preparation for a college major or minor in Art. Mixed Media will not be assessed based on a written exam; instead, students will submit portfolios for evaluation at the end of the term as well as curating a final art exhibit of the works they have produced throughout the term. Each student will work with the art faculty to design a specific curricular body of work which will include research as well as production. Students will be guided in their study focusing on multiple types of art media, such as paint, ink, pencil, among many other 3-D and 2-D materials. Students will be required to exhibit works in the local and regional art competitions and will be required to critically examine their own work and the work of other students in order to clarify career goals and identify potential opportunities. Projects made as a requirement of this course will become the property of Mason Public School District. However, students wishing to keep their projects may purchase them all for (\$10 non-ceramics concentration / \$30 Ceramics concentration)

Painting 1

1 trimester

Grade Level: 9 - 12

Course # 7107

Prerequisite: Art 1 and Drawing 1

Painting 1 will introduce students to the mediums of watercolor and acrylics. Emphasis will be placed on painting techniques, and on blending and mixing colors. Students will create several small works in both mediums and will complete the trimester with one larger work in watercolor and one in acrylics. Projects made as a requirement of this course will become the property of Mason Public School District. However, students wishing to keep their projects may purchase them all for \$10.

Pottery
Course # 7109

1 trimester

Grade Level: 10-12
Prerequisite: None

This course is divided into 6 weeks of hand building and 6 weeks on the pottery wheel. It will be entirely mid-range fired pottery, cone 5-6. The wheel throwing portion of the course consists of individual lessons given one-on-one with teacher to student. During the hand building portion of the course, students must demonstrate independent work habits and will be responsible for monitoring their own progress. Students will also learn how to glaze and fire their work and learn safety information about the firing process. Because of the limited number of pottery wheels, the class is limited to 24 students. Projects made as a requirement of this course will become the property of Mason Public School District. However, students wishing to keep their projects may purchase them all for \$30.

3-D Art
Course # 7112

1 trimester

Grade Level: 9 - 12
Prerequisite: Art 1

This course is an introduction to the creation and understanding of three-dimensional form. Studio projects emphasize basic visual aesthetics, the principles and elements of spatial design (line, plane, mass, surface, light, and color in space) and the processes and materials used to create sculptural forms. Three-dimensional design is also a preliminary course of study for architecture, furniture design, theatre design, fashion design, and many other disciplines. A variety of media will be used to create multiple projects. Projects made as a requirement of this course will become the property of Mason Public School District. However, students wishing to keep their projects may purchase them all for \$10.