

**COURSE TITLE:** Life Drawing

Level of Difficulty	Estimated Homework	Prerequisites
Difficult	30-60 minutes	<b>District:</b> Teacher approval <b>Department Suggestion:</b> Art Media, or teacher approval (art portfolio)

**Course Description:**

This course is highly recommended for students who want to eventually advance onto AP or IB Art. The class is designed to teach students with some background in art, how to create art at a more advanced level and discover the nature of artistic expression. Teacher will lead demonstrations in various art media and subject matter to advanced students' artistic repertoire. Emphasis is placed on media, including pencil, ink, watercolor, etc. . These media will be used to create portraits, still life, and landscape drawings. Additional emphasis will include the basic elements and principles of art and design and allowing the student to critically evaluate drawings made by self, peers, or professionals. Students will research art from various cultural periods. Materials cost for materials that students keep. Art kit available from Student Store.

**Grading:**

Grading will not only be based on projects, effort, and participation, but also artist research sketchbooks, and weekly drawing homework. Students will have to finish some projects outside of class.

Projects (approximately every week and a half) 68 points

Scholastic Sketchbook Research entries (approximately every 2 weeks) 30 points

Sketchbook Drawing Homework (weekly) 15 points.

**Syllabus:**

This *intermediate course* enables students to further develop their visual “language” skills by focusing on observational drawing and an expanded use of several types of media. This course is project-based and success depends on effort demonstrated by the student to commit to the creative process. Life Drawing is designed to continue an in-depth, intensive study of two dimensional art, while practicing and mastering techniques and concepts. The course will build on drawing techniques to learn how to apply a higher knowledge of the elements of art and principles of design in various drawing media. Students will be introduced to new concepts and learn to artistically problem solve.. This class will also help prepare students for AP or IB Art courses. Students will learn about a broad range of famous artists and movements, gain hands-on experience with a variety of art materials, and enhance their artistic abilities.

**Supplemental Information:**

10 Credits Annual

9th – 12th

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