

## Intro to the Studio Arts Course Objectives

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### Studio Art | 10 credits

Through this course, students will receive an enriching experience through exploring a breadth of visual art mediums inside and outside of the classroom. Students will have the opportunity to discover and strengthen their skills in the visual art categories of painting, drawing, sculpting, designing, mixed media, and many more. Students will also learn about the world of art by focusing on a variety of artists from different cultures and time periods. This course will guide students in creating a portfolio of work that will showcase not only their artistic abilities, but also their own journey of self-expression.

The main objectives of this course include aiding students in their exploration of the various visual arts mediums as well as motivating students to serve our culture with the love of Christ through their talents.

- In order for students to experience various mediums, our course will focus on a general introduction to materials such as brushes, paints, pencils, pens, clay, papers, and much more. We will also focus on cultivating a supportive environment for both the instructor and students to provide meaningful feedback and critiques that will aid students towards improving their craft.
- In order to encourage students towards a mindset of caring for our culture with the love of Christ, we will provide opportunities for students to discover their God-given talents. These opportunities include assigning individual as well as group art-focused projects, teaching about important artists who contributed to culture positively, and exploring Biblical truths and spiritual formation through creative self-expression.

Each student is uniquely made by God to worship Him through the act of creating. This course is designed to show students this truth: they have been created to create, and, through their creations, to show compassion to their community and culture with the love of Christ. In understanding that they are made in God's image, students will recognize that others were made in His image as well and seek to show others that truth through the arts. With this mindset, students will have the unique opportunity to explore a variety of visual art forms through the lens of truth, beauty, and goodness.

*Exploring TRUTH through creating art*

All art is communicating something. IBAA seeks to communicate truth—God’s truth—through artistic creation. We desire for our students to discover the truths of God and His creation through the exploration of creating and using their God-given talents.

*Exploring BEAUTY in relation to art*

Students will receive a greater appreciation for beauty through the study of art history, art making, and God’s creation. By observing, crafting, and experiencing beauty through these different aspects of the course, students will recognize the purpose of beauty, and understand the importance of seeking and discovering beauty within their own lives, the lives of others, and the world God has created.

*Exploring GOODNESS in relation to self-expression and caring for the culture*

Good art has the ability to influence people across cultures and generations. Good art addresses major life questions and core issues about life such as loss, love, challenges, victories, sin, and redemption. Good art can help people know they are not alone. Students will explore both what makes art good and what it means and takes to create good art. Students will tackle questions such as: “What are my specific talents and how can I use these to serve other people?” and “How can we spread hope, light, and God’s love through art?”

At the end of the first semester, each student will contribute to a greater piece of work in the form of an art gallery. This gallery will display each student’s general introduction to various art mediums as well as give them the opportunity to showcase their growth to friends, family, and community members.

At the end of the second semester, each student will receive the opportunity to showcase works of art focusing on their own central theme, using mediums of their choice after exploring each one provided through the course. Each student will get the chance to express how they are each uniquely created for a purpose—God’s purpose.

By the end of this course, students will have an enriched understanding of the visual art forms from technical training in drawing, painting, sculpture, designing, and more techniques to developing creative projects centered on expression and communication.

- Technical training with each material and medium
- Weekly art history lessons, focusing on a new artist per week
- Weekly assignments and practices to aid in honing skills
- Larger individual creative projects as well as group projects
- Two gallery shows; one with the whole class and another individually