



Pulaski Academy Upper School Visual Arts Course Overview

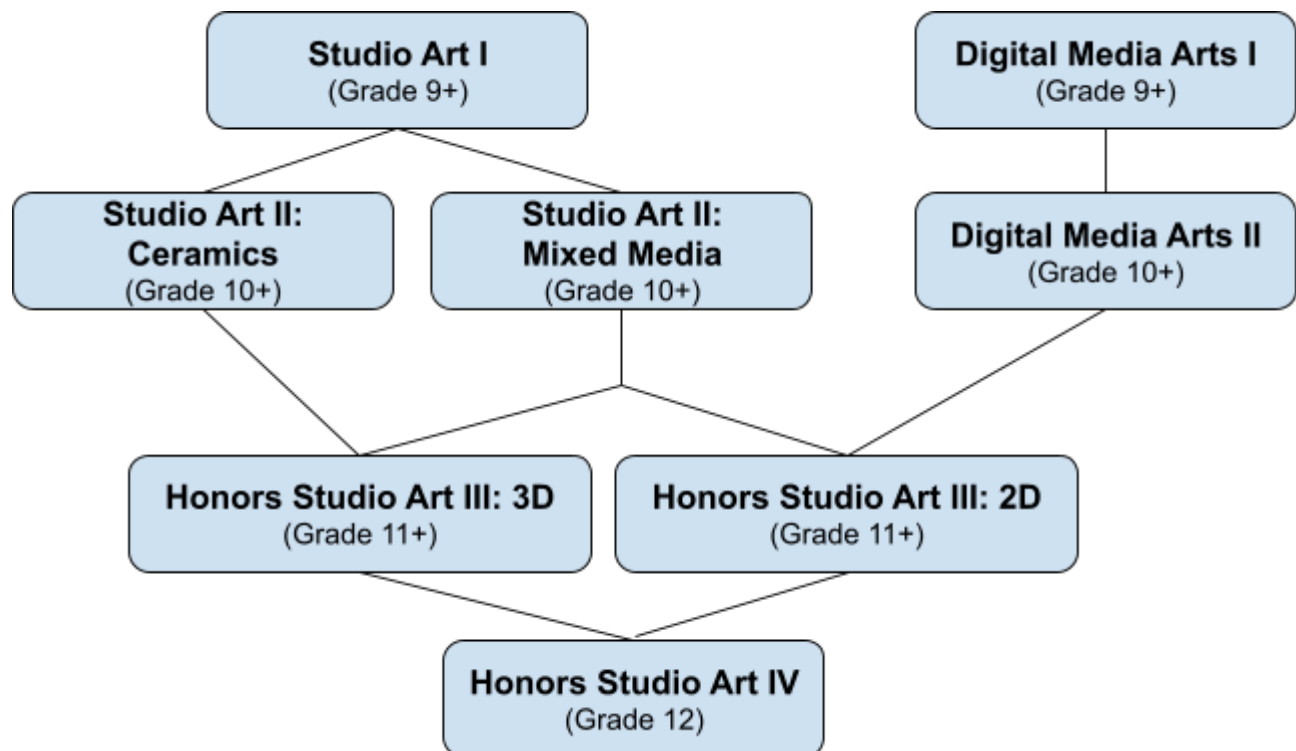
The Visual Arts Department at Pulaski Academy provides creative engagement in the visual research process as part of the larger development of well-rounded and dynamic learning and communication. Experience in visual art courses is a vital component in the expansion of authentic learning and accessing interests and abilities necessary for the 21st century student/artist/designer. Students interested in animation, Digital Media Arts, illustration, photography, or time-based media are encouraged to build a variety of skill sets that will produce a diverse and dynamic body of work. Painting, drawing, ceramics, and mixed media students are supported along their development of an expansive and varied range of approaches in both idea and material.

Focused research on both contemporary and historical influences is an important aspect of every course, giving students a strong foundation in visual communication that is relevant for a variety of future endeavors.

We believe in the value of interdisciplinary learning in the visual arts and therefore provide opportunities for students to truly push the boundaries of personal expression. Emphasizing both handmade and technology-driven processes, students are encouraged to explore, create, and contribute in their own unique and powerful way.

Sample projects include the following: rug tufting, cyanotype (sunprints), digital painting, pyrography (wood burning), handmade book-binding, embroidery, textile design/printing, various packaging and product design challenges, photo transfers with ceramic glaze, posters, album art, life drawing, and acrylic/watercolor painting.

Visual Arts Pathways



Career-Focused Visual Arts Course Recommendations

For Students Interested in Painting/Drawing/Mixed Media:

Studio Art I OR Digital Media Arts I → Studio Art II: Mixed Media OR Digital Media Arts II → Honors Studio Art III: 2D → Honors Studio Art IV (Mixed Media Focus)

For Students Interested in Illustration:

Studio Art I OR Digital Media Arts I → Digital Media Arts II → Honors Studio Art III: 2D → Honors Studio Art IV (Mixed Media/Digital Media Arts Focus)

For Students Interested in Photography:

Digital Media Arts I → Digital Media Arts II → Honors Studio Art III: 2D → Honors Studio Art IV (Photo Focus)

For Students Interested in Ceramics:

Studio Art I → Studio Art II: Ceramics → Honors Studio Art III: 3D → Honors Studio Art IV (Ceramics Focus)

For Students Interested in Digital Media Arts:

Digital Media Arts I → Digital Media Arts II → Honors Studio Art III: 2D → Honors Art IV (Digital Media Focus)