BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL

VISUAL ARTS COURSES

2025-2026 School Year

FOUNDATIONAL COURSE:

Studio in Art (*Full Year Course - 1 Credit*)

Prerequisite: **None**

Studio in Art is the foundation for all other high school art courses. You need to take this before taking any other art electives below, and could be done in 8th Grade as an accelerated course. Students are taught the skills and techniques of how to use and investigate many art media, such as ***drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, photography, architecture, illustration and design.***

BEGINNER ELECTIVE COURSES:

Prerequisite for ALL Below: **Studio in Art** (*or concurrent enrollment with*)

Drawing & Painting (*1 HS Credit*)

For the 2D Artists! *Always wanted to learn to draw? In this course, you are taught the techniques of drawing in depth including different techniques in Graphite, Charcoal, Marker, Colored Pencil, Oil Pastel, Collage, Digital Art and more! In this course, you are also taught how to progress in your painting skills, including techniques in Watercolor, Inks, Acrylic and Oil Paint. You don't have to already be a great drawer/painter to take this course!*

Sculpture & Ceramics (*1 HS Credit*)

For the 3D Artists! *Do you love working with your hands and building with different types of materials? Love getting messy with clay? This course explores three-dimensional (3D) art through different mixed media. We learn about space and form through exploration of wire, paper, cardboard, polymer, plaster and wire sculptures, among others! We will also investigate many techniques within ceramic pottery (clay) including handbuilding and work on the potter's wheel. Students will learn different forms of construction, as well as surface treatments and glazing.*

Media Arts: (*1 HS Credit*)

Digital Photography, Adobe Photoshop and Printmaking *- the triad of tools for Graphic Designers. Graphic Design is the career that designs advertisements, logos, t-shirts, websites and the other media around us. Along with learning the Adobe Suite, including skills in Illustration, Film and Animation, you will learn how to take and edit proper photographs for a well-rounded skill set.*

Introduction to Photography (*1 HS Credit, option for 3 HVCC Credits*)

Can be taken for just HS credit OR for college credit. ***Why not earn Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC) college credit while learning the basics of the field of photography?*** *Students will learn basic digital photography skills, alternative processes, and manipulation/editing through Adobe Photoshop.*

BEGINNER ELECTIVE COURSES *Continued...*

Yearbook Design (1 HS Credit)

***Prerequisite:* None, Any Student Grades 10-12**

This course explores both Graphic Design and Photography. Students will work both independently and collaboratively designing this year's high school yearbook. Students will be responsible for layouts and documenting different events throughout the school year. Students will also explore a new design program along with Adobe Photoshop.

INTERMEDIATE ELECTIVE COURSE:

Intermediate Studio (1 HS Credit)

***Prerequisites:* Studio in Art, at least one Beginner Elective, Grades 11-12 (or Teacher Recommendation)**

Intermediate Studio is the middle level art course to allow students to explore their own fine art-making and get to know the Artistic Process in a deeper, more meaningful way. Students may choose their own path in many media areas including, but not limited to: Drawing, Painting, Collage, Printmaking, Graphic Design, Photography, Sculpture or Ceramics (or a mixture!). This course can also be used for pre-portfolio development for students wishing to take AP Studio Art: 2D Design the following year. It can be taken multiple school years.

ADVANCED ELECTIVE COURSES:

AP Studio Art: 2D Design (*Advanced Placement Studio Art in Two-Dimensional Design*) (1 HS Credit, 3 College Credits)

***Prerequisite:* Intermediate Studio and/or Teacher Recommendation**

This college-level course develops a well-rounded AP portfolio demonstrating understanding of 2D Design through drawing, printmaking, photography, graphics and the Art Elements & Principles of Design. Successful completion of this course can be used for the Alternate Pathway to Graduation.

HVCC Credit Survey of Art History I & II (Full Year Course, 6 HVCC credits)

***Prerequisite:* None, Any Student Grades 10-12 with Teacher Recommendation**

Most college programs require at least one Art or Art History Course to get your degree. Why not earn those credits while still in High School? We will be exploring the Art and culture from the ancient civilizations to the mid-gothic period in Survey I, and the late gothic period to modern art in Survey II, both through projects, reading, writing, analyzing and, most importantly, discussion! You will leave this course with 6 humanities credits from HVCC. Taking this course is highly recommended for a student wishing to pursue the Visual Arts/Design post-graduation.

Want more information on *when* to take these courses, and in *what* order, as well as more information on how to graduate with an Art Sequence?
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