



## Course Syllabus

**Course Title:** Visual Arts 1 AB

**School Year:** 2024-2025

**Semester(s):** 1 and 2

**Grade Level(s):** 9, 10, 11, 12

**Course Day(s) and Times:** Fridays, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm PST

### Teacher Information

- **Name:** Elizabeth Rydall (Ms. E)
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**Google Classroom Links:** <https://brancheslearning.org/product/art-explorers/#Materials>

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**Class Description:** Visual Arts 1 explores five foundational concepts of the California standards: artistic perception, creative expression, historical and cultural context, aesthetic valuing and connections, and relationships and applications. In addition, students explore art theory, apply the conventions of art criticism, and develop fundamental skills through experimentation with media and techniques used to create art. Students will review works by the Masters and understand their influences in the world.

### Course Units

**Unit 1:** Creative Expression and Line

**Unit 2:** The History of Line

**Unit 3:** You Do You

**Unit 4:** Getting Into Shape

**Unit 5:** Fill out the Form

**Unit 6:** Your Choice, Report on a Master

**Unit 7:** What is the value of copying a Master?

**Unit 8:** Composition

**Unit 9:** Value It!

**Unit 10:** Chiaroscuro and the Neutrals

**Unit 11:** The Wild, Wild World of Color

**Unit 12:** Mix It Up!

**Unit 13:** Play with Paint and The Fauves

**Unit 14:** Art Can Tell a Story

**Unit 15:** You Choose! Final Project Design

**Unit 16:** Final Project

**Unit 17:** POL

**Course Expectations:** Learners must be on time and prepared, attend from a quiet place, have their materials ready, have their camera on, participate, submit work in a timely fashion, treat others with respect, ask for help when needed.

### **Grading Scale**

#### **High School, Grades 9-12**

- A = 90% -100%
- B = 80%-89%
- C = 70%-79%
- D = 60%-69%
- F = 0%-59%

Final grades are determined by the quality and completion of assignments, attendance, and participation.

### **Important Branches Learning Policy Information**

#### **Camera Policy**

Branches Learning requires students to keep their cameras on during live classes unless otherwise instructed by the teacher. Exceptions can be made in rare circumstances if the course teacher, supervising teacher (HST), and the parent all approve a camera waiver.

#### **Headset Policy**

Students attending live classes from a shared space must have a headset with a microphone to ensure the class is not disrupted by background noise.

#### **Attendance Policy**

Absences must be reported to the course instructor via email or sent to [info@brancheslearning.org](mailto:info@brancheslearning.org). Class recordings are available upon requests.

Attendance and participation are part of the final grade. Students who miss more than 40% of live classes may fail the course. Exceptions may be made if a pre-approved plan is in place.

#### **Late Work**

Assignments turned in after the due date will result in a lower grade unless pre-approved by the instructor.