



Course Syllabus

Course Title: Visual Art 2

School Year: 2024-2025

Semester(s): 1 & 2

Grade Level(s): 9, 10, 11, 12 (Prerequisite: Visual Art 1)

Course Day(s) and Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm PST

Teacher Information

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Google Classroom Links: <https://brancheslearning.org/product/visual-arts-2/#Materials>

Course Description: Visual Arts 2 builds upon the foundational concepts and skills learned in the first year while aligning with the Common Core Standard. Students will continue to explore various media and art techniques. They will continue focusing on five components of the standards: artistic perception, creative expression, historical and cultural context, aesthetic valuing and connections, and relationships and applications. While combining studio work and art history, students gain a deeper understanding of the impact of visual arts on society and culture. They analyze and interpret works of art from different periods and cultures. Students apply the conventions of art criticism and engage in reflective practices to refine their artistic voice and style.

A-G credit may be earned for Blue Ridge and Heartland students. We recommend other students check with their school regarding A-G credit.

Course Units:

Unit 1: Ancient Arts

Unit 2: Telling a Story

Unit 3: Keeping the Records

Unit 4: Cultures and symbols

Unit 5: Face It

Unit 6: The Isms



Unit 7: The Moderns

Unit 8: Your Art and Voice

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. 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.