



Pulaski Academy Upper School

Visual Arts Course Overview

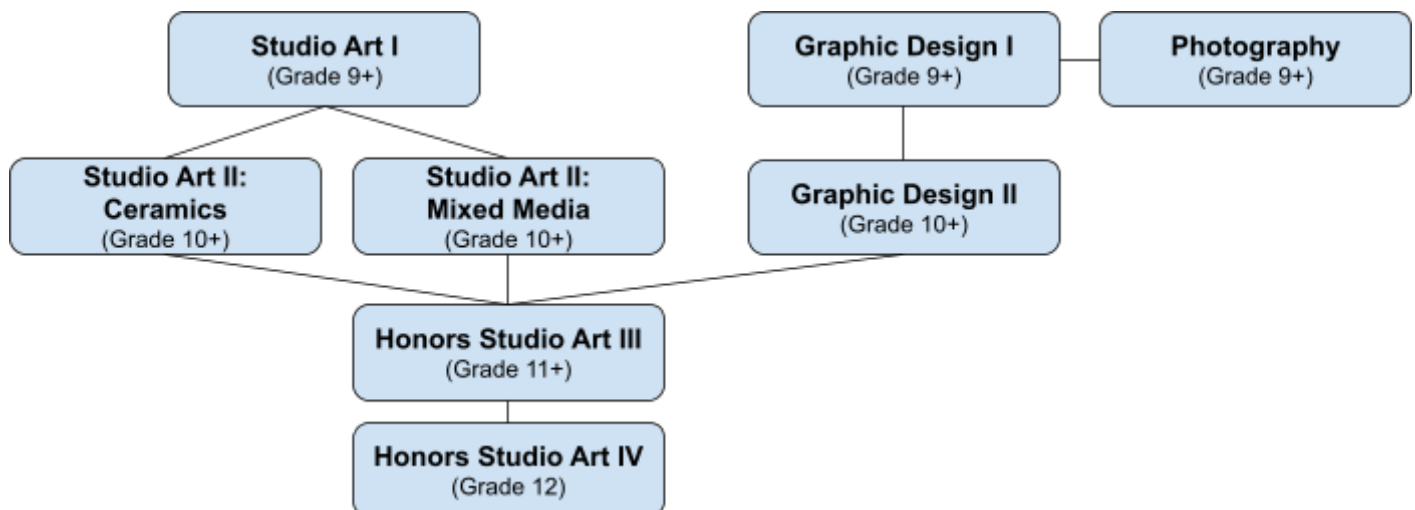
The Visual Arts Department at Pulaski Academy provides creative engagement in the visual research process as part of the larger development of well-rounded and dynamic learning and communication. Experience in visual art courses is a vital component in the expansion of authentic learning and accessing interests and abilities necessary for the 21st century student/artist/designer. Students interested in animation, graphic design, illustration, 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 Graphic Design I → Studio Art II Mixed Media OR Graphic Design II → Honors Studio Art III (Mixed Media Track) → Honors Studio Art IV (Mixed Media Track)

For Students Interested in Illustration:

Studio Art I OR Graphic Design I → Graphic Design II → Studio Art II → Honors Studio Art III (Mixed Media/Graphic Design Track)

For Students Interested in Photography:

Photography AND Graphic Design I → Graphic Design II → Honors Studio Art III (Photo Track) → Honors Studio Art IV (Photo Track)

For Students Interested in Ceramics:

Studio Art I → Studio Art II Ceramics → Honors Studio Art III (Ceramics Track) → Honors Studio Art IV (Ceramics Track)

For Students Interested in Graphic Design:

Graphic Design I → Graphic Design II → Honors Studio Art III (Graphic Design Track) → Honors Art IV (Graphic Design Track)