

Virtual AP Art History

Course Description:

Advanced Placement Art History will expose students to Western Art history, as well as artwork beyond the European tradition. While building an appreciation and understanding of art and aesthetics, the coursework is designed to examine art, artists, styles and significant related historical and social context. Through reading, writing, critical analysis and gallery visits, this course will take students through a chronological exploration of art, from the earliest prehistoric art through Modern and Post-Modern art and architecture. Students will discover connections between history, geography, politics, religion, languages, literature and the visual arts that will increase the understanding of all of these subjects.

Who can enroll in the class?

Juniors or seniors who have with a strong interest in the arts, history and literature are especially encouraged to take the class. Students with these interests have been most successful if they have strong writing skills, the recommendation of the teacher, and a very solid personal level of commitment and motivation to succeed.

What materials are needed?

Students should invest in a 3-ring notebook for notes, a folder for handouts and packets, and may be asked to purchase a book or two during the course.

Which topics will be covered?

AP Art History will cover art and architecture from the Prehistoric Age through Post-Modern times. Art from Beyond the European tradition will also be covered.

How do I get college credit for this course?

Students passing the AP Exam in Art History with a score of '3' or better may gain college credit provided that the university the student attends will accept these credits.

Is there summer work?

Students are expected to attend an informational meeting or "boot camp" in the summer where materials will be discussed and disseminated to students enrolling in the course. Information about online learning and tips and advice on how to succeed in an online environment will be discussed. The first module of the course includes a student selected contemporary novel that students are expected to have read as summer reading.

Why take Advanced Placement Art History?

A common misconception is that AP Art History is an easy class, however, it actually requires a lot of work and a big time commitment. Students need to be willing to put the effort into the class to get the most out of it. With this, it is also one of the most rewarding classes a student can take. Students will develop necessary skills and experiences to become college ready, such as reading, writing and thinking, as well as learning to critically look at art and form personal and meaningful opinions. The skills developed during this class will transfer to any area of study or work experience. Studying art history helps one discover visual evidence of who we are and where we came from. It not only tells a story but gives insight on the unique personal, political, sociological and religious factors behind the creation of art and architecture. AP Art History is not only interesting and rewarding, but it is fascinating and will inform the rest of your life!