

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Introduction to Theatre Arts

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grade Level 9 – 12

This course will introduce students to the fundamentals of acting as an art form. Students will be provided with a common core of knowledge of theatre vocabulary, individual and group pantomime, improvisation, and theatrical organization. This course will also introduce theatre history and its cultural perspective through plays and performances.

Advanced Theatre

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grade Level 10 – 12; Successful completion of Drama/Introduction to Theatre Arts and/or teacher approval

This course offers students an extensive knowledge of the theatre. This course will also examine theatre history, both contemporary and classical. Advanced Theatre will cultivate problem solving techniques and the ability to synthesize dramatic literature into performable works of art. A wide variety of theatre and drama forms will be explored. This course is aligned with the State of California Visual and Performing Art Standards. Rational for Course - Throughout history, mankind in every culture and every society has created theatre of some kind. The theatre work they created is presented in a wide variety of ways and satisfies many different purposes. Theatre has been used in most cultures and civilizations to communicate ideas, customs, traditions, and beliefs. The value of instruction and exposure to the art of theatre and drama is immeasurable in the humanizing process.

Production and Performance

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 9-12; Successful completion of Advanced Theater and/or teacher approval

This course will combine advanced acting and/or technical students into a production company. The company will design and produce theatrical productions and projects throughout the year. This course will also examine theatre history and its cultural perspectives through theatrical works and performances. Furthermore, this course may utilize after school hours for the preparation of theatrical works. A wide variety of theatre and drama forms will be explored. This course is aligned with the State of California Visual and Performing Art Standards.

Art Fundamentals

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 9 – 12

This course is designed to give students a broad overview of the visual arts. Students will be provided with a common core of knowledge of art elements, design principles and related vocabulary. Students will develop skills in using various media with a focus on creation of

artworks based on these concepts. Emphasis will be placed on relationships to art movements and individual artists.

Throughout history, every culture and society has created art forms of some kind. The works they created come in various sizes and shapes, are made with different materials and processes, and satisfy many different purposes. The visual arts have been used to communicate ideas, customs, traditions, and beliefs. Instruction and exposure to the visual arts gives students the skills and knowledge necessary to allow for personal growth and creative expression.

Band Percussion Ensemble

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Audition or teacher recommendation

The student will have the opportunity to develop performance techniques within a group as they relate to emotional and intellectual growth with music. The student will also have the opportunity to explore his/her individual musical talents through group participation.

Band Wind Ensemble

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Teacher recommendation

The course provides a broad overview of instrumental music. Students will develop advanced instrumental skills, posture, and self-confidence by performing advanced instrumental music of different historical periods and languages. The students will also develop performance techniques within a group as they relate to emotional and intellectual growth with music.

Choir

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 9 – 12

This course provides a broad overview of choral music. Students will develop choral skills, poise and self-confidence by performing secular and sacred repertoire. They will learn basic musical skills and voice production. The student gains greater proficiency in independent part singing, artistic interpretation and musical understanding.

Jazz Ensemble

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 9 – 12 and teacher recommendation

Jazz Ensemble is a course designed for the most advanced instrumental musicians. The Jazz Ensemble performs intermediate to advanced level music from various selected eras of musical histories including ragtime, dixieland, swing, big band, boogie-woogie, Latin jazz, modern jazz, and rock.

Treble Clef

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 9 – 12

This course provides a broad overview of treble choral music. Students will develop advanced choral skills, poise, and self-confidence by performing three and four-part secular and sacred music of different historical periods and languages.

Vocal Ensemble

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 9 – 12

This course provides a broad overview of choral music. Students will further develop choral skills, poise and self-confidence by performing four and eight-part secular and sacred repertoire of various cultures, styles, and historical periods. They will continue learning music notation in depth and correct voice production and stage movement.

Dance 1, Dance 2

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 9 – 12

This course gives the student a broad overview of dance. Students will learn and develop fundamental dance skills in the areas of Ballet, Jazz, Musical Theater, Tap, and Modern. The student will gain an understanding of dance from an historical context; gaining knowledge in dance as it has developed from merely a means of communication to its social importance and significance in today's society. Students will be provided with a common core of knowledge of dance elements, concepts, and related vocabulary. Students will be given structure that encourages the discovery of concepts and truths related to the artistic process of creating. Students will be given the opportunity to explore movement ideas and elementary choreographic processes. Students will be presented with the opportunity to gain knowledge in production methods and performance. A variety of media will be used to allow the student the opportunity to view many ethnic and world dance forms.

Dance 3

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Dance 1 and/or Dance 2

This course is designed to give the student a deeper study into dance. Students will be provided with a common core of knowledge of dance elements, concepts and related vocabulary. Emphasis will be placed on technical skill development in ballet, tap, jazz, and choreography. A wide variety of dance forms for each of these areas will be explored.

Dance 4

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Audition only

This course is designed for the advanced level dance student who desires further instruction in jazz, tap, ballet, modern, musical theater, and production dance. This course will improve the student's technical dance skills, performance skills, dance history knowledge, terminology knowledge, critical evaluation skills, performance skills, choreographic skills, and enjoyment of dance as an art form and as part of everyday life. Emphasis will be placed on relationships to dance movements and individual dance artists.

Dance Prop Production

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Audition for dance adjudicators. Students auditioning must demonstrate technical dance skills at a minimum of an intermediate dance level and ability to choreograph and learn quickly. Students must meet school/district eligibility requirements. Students must have completed dance or may receive teacher recommendation.

The course provides a means to develop an awareness and understanding of the styles, idioms, performance medium and purposes of music and dance that are part of our multicultural heritage and to provide a sound basis of musical and dance experience promoting good judgment of musical and dance value. The course is also designed to develop sensitivity to the qualities of music and to prepare students to participate in all aspects of public performance.

Drawing and Painting 1

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 10-12, 9th with teacher approval; Requires 1 year of Art Fundamentals

This course is designed to give students a broad overview of two-dimensional drawing and painting. Students will be provided with a common core of knowledge of art elements, concepts, and related vocabulary. Emphasis will be placed on relationships to art movements and individual artists. A wide variety of media will be explored. This course helps students develop more technical competence, art historical awareness and personal, creative expression in a variety of 2D visual art practices. It builds on concepts and skills covered in Art Fundamentals.

Drawing and Painting 2

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 10-12; Requires 1 year of Drawing and Painting 1

This course is designed to give students a broad overview of two-dimensional drawing and painting. Students will be provided with a common core of knowledge of art elements, concepts, and related vocabulary. Emphasis will be placed on relationships to art movements and individual artists. A wide variety of media will be explored. This course incorporated the State of California Visual and Performing Art standards.

Ceramics 1

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 10-12; 9th Grade with teacher approval

This course provides a broad overview of the three-dimensional art of Ceramics. Students will gain practical experience and learn the technical and historical information essential to master the art of ceramic construction. Basic information and techniques will be stressed and skills will be applied in a variety of ways. The course will develop self-discipline in the development of physical skills and intellectual understanding of critical judgements in the Fine Arts.

Ceramics 2

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 10-12; Completion of Ceramics 1

This course provides a broad overview of the three-dimensional art of Ceramics. Students will gain practical experience and learn the technical and historical information essential to master the art of ceramic construction. Basic information and techniques will be stressed and skills will be applied in a variety of ways. Advanced techniques, firing methods, and glaze calculation will be emphasized. The course will develop self-discipline in the development of physical skills and intellectual understanding of critical judgements in the Fine Arts.

Introduction to Digital Media

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 9 -12

This is a year-long course that introduces students to a broad spectrum of computer applications. Students are exposed to web design, video animation, digital imaging, digital video and digital art using current industry standards. This course works to help students learn the basic competencies necessary to use and manipulate images and information easily. Additionally, students will learn to use word processing, graphic skills and design skills in the production of professional documents such as a flyer, letterhead, business card, magazine cover, and newsletter. Graphic design and page layout techniques are emphasized. Students will produce documents that communicate effectively and use proper desktop publishing techniques.

Digital Video 1

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 9 -12, Requires Intro to Digital Media

This course is designed to give students a broad overview of the digital visual arts. Students are provided with a fundamental knowledge of art elements and design principals as well as the specialized vocabulary of the film and television industry. Students develop skills using various media with a focus on the creation of video artworks. This course is aligned with the Arts, Media and Entertainment Technology, Industry Sector within the California Career Technical Education Standards.

Digital Imaging

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 10 -12, Requires Intro to Digital Media

This course is designed to give students a broad overview of the use of graphics and their impact on society. Students will learn to identify visual elements and principals of design using the language of the visual arts and apply them to visual technology. Students are taught how to manipulate digital graphics and how to create and use original digital art for commercial web design and marketing. This course is aligned with the Information Technology, Industry Sector within the California Career Technical Education Standards.

Digital Imaging 2

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 11 -12, Completion of Intro to Digital Imaging 1 with a C or better or Teacher Approval

This course is designed to build upon skills learned in Digital Imaging 1 and provide project-based learning experiences focusing on the use of graphics and their impact on society. Students produce projects based on visual elements and principals of design using vector graphic and raster graphic software and apply them to print, commercial web design, and marketing. This course is aligned with the Information Technology, Industry Sector, within the California Career Technical Education Standards.

Introduction to Film and Video Production

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 9 -12, Requires Digital Video 1 and Digital Imaging

Introduction to Film and Video Production is a Career Technical Education (CTE) course that integrates Visual and Performing Arts and CTE standards for the Media Arts Production career pathway. Introduction to Film and Video Production is a college-bound course which integrates Visual and Performing Arts along with the screenwriting and film study. Video Production is focused on digital media that included both visual and audio concepts in preparation for a career in the video and film industry. It requires students to answer essential questions via media production units while applying their knowledge and skills with reference to the Common Core reading, writing, listening, and speak English Language Arts Standards. The units and essential questions build students' understanding of the digital media industry as well as the role and influence of digital media industry on global communications.

Stagecraft Adv

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 9-12

Students in this course will participate in and lead advanced and specialized components of technical theatre. Students will be introduced to the advanced elements of design, construction, lighting, production assignments, and historical developments involving theatre and stagecraft. Recent technological innovations will be emphasized. This course may utilize after school hours for the preparation of theatrical works. This course is aligned with the State of California Visual and Performing Arts Standards.

AP Studio Art: 2-D Design (AP Design)

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 10 -12 & Teacher Approval

In this course, students will be creating a portfolio that focuses on two-dimensional (2-D) design. Design involves purposeful decision making about how to use the elements and principles art in an integrative way. The principle of designs (unity/variety, balance, emphasis, contrast, rhythm, repetition, proportion/scale, figure/ground relationships) can be articulated through the visual elements (line, shape, color, value, texture, space). The principles and elements of art help guide artists in making decisions about how to organize an image on a picture plane in order to communicate content. Effective Design is possible

whether one uses representational or abstract approaches to art. The 2-D Design portfolio has a basic, three-section structure, which requires the student to show a fundamental competence and range of understanding in visual concerns (and methods). The portfolio asks the student to demonstrate a depth of investigation and process of discovery through the Sustained Investigation section (Section II). In the Range of Approaches section (Section III), the student is asked to demonstrate a serious grounding in visual principles and material techniques. The Selected Works section (Section I) permits the student to select the works that best exhibit a synthesis of form, technique, and content.

Music Theory AP

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 11 -12 & Teacher Approval

This course provides a high level of study of the aural and written processes of music. This course will help develop a student's ability to recognize, understand, and describe the basic materials and processes of music that are heard or presented in a score. This course will help further develop the student's abilities in aural, sight-singing, written, compositional, and analytical skills. Students will be required to read, notate, compose, perform, and listen to music. This course is aligned with the State of California Visual and Performing Art Standards.

Guitar 1

UC/CSU: f

NCAA: not applicable

Placement Guidelines: Grades 10-12

Students develop and acquire facility and technical ability in communicating their understanding of musical terms, values, and concepts through practice and individual and group performances. This class is for students who may or may not have had formal musical experience on any instrument.