

# Course **Syllabus**

What you will learn in this course

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**ARTS**

## Middle School Digital Art and Design 1a

Introduction

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL DIGITAL ART AND DESIGN 1A: INTRODUCTION**

Follow your passion for digital art and learn how it influences the world around you. After taking Digital Art and Design 1a: Introduction, you will enjoy a deeper understanding and appreciation for this special genre of art found in everything from advertising to animation to photography and beyond. You will learn about the evolution of art, the basic principles of art and design, the fundamentals of photography to develop your creativity and channel it into your own art.

### **Unit 1: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Art**

What do you think of when you hear the words digital art? Did you think about the last photo you took? It was probably taken with a digital camera, or even your phone. How did you share the picture with your friends and family? Do you ever make changes to pictures you see or take, whether by hand or on the computer? Sometimes adding funny pictures, words, or drawings to your sibling's or friend's face is the best part! All of these are part of the growing field of digital

art and design. Discover what it means to be a digital artist or designer — who knows, it could be your dream job!

## What will you learn in this unit?

- Define digital art and design.
- Distinguish between digital art and design and other art forms.
- Identify the traits of digital artists.
- Explore careers in digital art and design.

<b>UNIT 1 Assignments</b>	
<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Type</b>
Unit 1 Text Questions	Homework
Unit 1 Lab	Homework
Unit 1 Activity	Homework
Unit 1 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 1 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 1 Quiz	Discussion

## Unit 2: Say Cheese!

Can you feel it? You are getting ready to become one in a long line of great artists. You are going to learn to be a photographer. Through the lens of your camera, you will capture the world around you. Click! A picture of you and your best friend. Click! A snapshot of your puppy sleeping in the sun. Click! A photo of your apartment building against a cloudless blue sky. When you shoot a picture, you capture a moment in time and preserve it for others. Studying the art of photography in this unit will teach you how to take a beautiful picture, to really make a work of art. Famous photographer Ansel Adams once said, “I hope that my work will encourage self-expression in others and stimulate the search for beauty and creative excitement in the world around us.” We hope this unit inspires the same kind of “creative excitement” in you!

## What will you learn in this unit?

- Compare and contrast the early history of photography to modern day digital photography.

- Identify and apply the elements of art and principles of design in photography.
- Understand and use photographic composition.
- Explain the process of editing photography and describe the tools used to do it.

<b>UNIT 2 Assignments</b>	
<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Type</b>
Unit 2 Text Questions	Homework
Unit 2 Activity	Homework
Unit 2 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 2 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 2 Quiz	Discussion

## **Middle School Digital Art and Design 1a Midterm Exam**

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- Take a course exam based on material from the first two units in this course (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

<b>MIDTERM Assignments</b>	
<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Type</b>
Midterm Exam	Exam
Midterm Discussion	Discussion

## **Unit 3: The Evolution of 2-Dimensional Art**

Where is digital art around you? On the wrapper of the burger from your favorite take out place? Rolling across your computer screen as you search the web? In the special effects of your favorite movie? Today, digital art is everywhere. But we are not the first society to value art. That tradition dates back to the Stone Age! Both 2D and 3D art play an important role in the artistic forms of the past and present. In fact, today's digital artists often need to know how to move

back and forth between these two types of art. Fortunately, there are a lot of ways for artists to think about space in both dimensions. Are you ready to learn some of their techniques?

## What will you learn in this unit?

- Describe 2D digital art and understand its uses.
- Compare and contrast digital 2D and 3D art.
- Understand and apply specific elements used in 2D digital design.
- Recognize the limitations of 2D digital art.

<b>UNIT 3 Assignments</b>	
<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Type</b>
Unit 3 Text Questions	Homework
Unit 3 Activity	Homework
Unit 3 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 3 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 3 Quiz	Discussion

## Unit 4: Graphic Design

When you get advertisements in your mailbox, do you look at the products to see if there is something you like? The graphic artist who designed the flier certainly hopes you do! Graphic design combines the power of text and pictures to create persuasive images that communicate a specific message. It is used in advertising, entertainment, and politics. There are many ways in which art and language work together to educate and inform us. Sometimes that information provides important life-saving safety instructions, other times it is as simple as letting you know that your favorite restaurant has a new flavor of milkshake. One thing is for sure though—graphic art has a lot to say!

## What will you learn in this unit?

- Define graphic design and its commercial uses.
- Recognize the tools used to create graphic art.
- Describe pop art and its influential artists.
- Identify street art and understand its purpose in society.

<b>UNIT 4 Assignments</b>	
<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Type</b>
Unit 4 Text Questions	Homework
Unit 4 Lab	Homework
Unit 4 Activity	Homework
Unit 4 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 4 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 4 Quiz	Discussion

## **Middle School Digital Art and Design 1a Final Exam**

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- Take a course exam based on material from all units in this course. (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

<b>FINAL Assignments</b>	
<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Type</b>
Final Exam	Exam
Class Reflection Discussion	Discussion