

Bridgemont High School Course Descriptions

Visual Performing Arts Department

Purpose

To provide a means and opportunity for practice in the arts, in order for students to more fully understand the creative process, artistic expression, and craftsmanship. These will help to develop and build aesthetic and social awareness and confidence that communicate an understanding of art, culture and God.

Course: Art 1-2

Type of Course: Elective **

Grade Level: 9-12

Prerequisites: None

This is a discipline-based art education course, combining art history, aesthetics, and criticism, along with art production. Students will be taught fundamental skills of drawing, painting, sculpting, and the critique.

Course: Art 3-4

Type of Course: Elective **

Grade Level: 9-12

Prerequisites: C or better in Art 1-2 or consent of instructor

This course is designed to introduce students to contemporary art-making concerns, strengthen previous art knowledge and skill, and offer students the opportunity to explore the visual arts as a means of spiritual and self-expression. Students will read, research, write, and present artworks based on their chosen artist/art style.

Course: Drama 1-2

Type of Course: Elective **

Grade Level: 9-12

Prerequisites: None

This is a University of California-approved Fine Arts elective. It is a beginning drama course designed to help students develop acting skills by participating in Theatre games, improvisation, scenes, monologues, and productions. Students also study significant plays and playwrights, write original scenes, and practice voice, movement, characterization, public speaking, and musical Theatre. Outside of class, students are involved with seeing and evaluating plays in the community, performing skits for Chapels, helping produce Arts with Dessert (an annual talent show), and performing in other public productions of our choosing. This course builds performing skills, spontaneity, confidence, leadership, team skills, and God-given creative talents.

Course: Drama 3-4

Type of Course: Elective **

Grade Level: 9-12

Prerequisites: Drama 1-2

This is an intermediate drama course designed to allow students to reinforce foundational skills and to develop personal style in acting. On every assignment and class project, students are expected to go beyond the standard of the Drama 1-2 students in the class, to reach standards set for intermediate students.

Course: Advanced Art

Type of Course: Elective #

Grade Level: 11-12

Prerequisites: Art 1-2, Art 3-4, and/or consent of instructor

This is a college-preparatory course, combining art history, aesthetics, and criticism, along with art production. Students will be asked to do difficult and complex tasks at a high standard of excellence. The first semester is structured in a way to act as a model for the second semester of more independent study. Oil painting is introduced in the first semester, but the second semester students have the opportunity to work in a media of their choosing in an effort to “master” techniques and materials.

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Course: Print Production

Type of Course: Elective **

Grade Level: 9-12

Prerequisites: B or better in English and consent of instructor

This is a production-based course, whose end-of-year goal is the production of the school yearbook. Work is done in stages from concept to design to printing to binding. All staff members are organized into teams, which are responsible for all writing, photo selection, and layout of pages.

Course: Technical Theatre

Type of Course: Elective

Grade Level: 9-12

Prerequisites: One student per year with consent of instructor

This course is a beginning theatre design and stagecraft class, introducing students to the world of theatrical production through hands-on experience. Students are exposed to and trained in the elements of scenic design and construction, graphic design and layout, sound, lighting, wardrobe, and stage properties. They design and implement their work for the productions of the theatre department, including Arts with Dessert, the junior high play, and the high school play.

Course: Worship Team

Type of Course: Elective

Grade Level: 9-12

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

This course is designed to build a team of spiritual leaders who want to help make Chapel interesting, challenging, and exciting. Students study, pray, plan, and critique Chapel services, using vocal music, instrumental music, drama, dance, poetry, visual arts, and multi-media to help make Chapels fun, creative, and meaningful. This is an opportunity for any believer who enjoys the arts to see how these gifts can be used to glorify God. This course builds performing skills, confidence, leadership, team building, and God-given creative talents.

** These courses are approved by the UC system and each student must successfully complete two semesters of one of these courses to graduate.

Offered as needed.