

Art Department Course Offerings

Mercy High School



9th grade options

Course	Description	Prerequisite
Foundations of Studio Art and Design	Short-term projects in painting, printmaking, ceramics, fibers, jewelry, digital media	None
Drawing	Projects range from cartooning to realism in pencil, color pencil, ink, pastel and digital media	None
Fibers	Make scarves, purses, and garments by weaving with looms. Anything that can be stitched, woven or dyed is a possibility. Also, make projects by felting wool. This class will be offered in 2027-2028.	Foundations of Studio Art and Design or Drawing
Sculpture	Projects range from abstract to realistic. Make 3-D projects from clay, Styrofoam, cardboard, wire, and found objects. This class will be offered in 2026-2027.	Foundations of Studio Art and Design or Drawing
Painting	Projects from abstract to realistic painted with acrylic, watercolor, and iPad painting apps. Color mixing and color schemes are studied.	Foundations of Studio Art and Design or Drawing
Printmaking	Stamped designs, carving images into plates, inking, using a printer's press. Booklets are a possibility.	Art Foundations or Drawing

10th, 11th and 12th grade options

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Printmaking	Stamped designs, carving images into plates, inking, using a printer's press. Booklets are a possibility.	Foundations of Studio Art and Design or Drawing
Ceramics	Clay pottery pieces made from pinch, coil, and slab methods.	Foundations of Studio Art and Design or Drawing
Jewelry	Learn to saw, bend, file, and solder metal to create rings, bracelets, keychains, pendants.	Foundations of Studio Art and Design or Drawing
Photography	Learn photocomposition to make fine art quality photos. Learn Photoshop techniques. Learn to use a digital SLR camera. No camera purchase is needed.	Foundations of Studio Art and Design or Drawing
Digital Graphics	Learn Adobe Illustrator and design principles to create abstract designs, logos, poster designs, and ad campaigns. Great way to explore an art career. This class will be offered in 2027-2028.	Foundations of Studio Art and Design or Drawing
Film and Animation	Create drawn and sculpted stop motion films using the Adobe programs and Final Cut Pro in Mercy's computer lab. Great way to explore an art career. This class will be offered in 2026-2027.	Foundations of Studio Art and Design or Drawing, and one 3-D class
Intermediate Drawing	Build on skills from Drawing class by drawing a variety of subjects using pencil, charcoal, ink, pastel, digital media and collage methods.	Drawing and one 3-D class
Intermediate Painting	Build on skills from Painting class by painting a variety of subjects using acrylic, watercolor, water soluble oil, digital media and collage methods.	Foundations of Studio Art and Design or Drawing, Painting, and one 3-D class
Intermediate Ceramics	Build on the clay pinch, coil, and slab methods from Ceramics class and add wheel-thrown pottery.	Foundations of Studio Art and Design or Drawing and Ceramics
Intermediate Jewelry	Build on the skills from Jewelry to make more complicated metalworking pieces. Stone settings, riveting, chain making are possibilities.	Foundations of Studio Art and Design or Drawing and Jewelry
Intermediate Fibers	Build upon the skills from Fibers class to make more elaborate garments or sculptural pieces. Opportunities to use a floor loom.	Foundations of Studio Art and Design or Drawing and Fibers
Intermediate Photography	Build upon the skills from Photography class. Emphasis on individual themes and mixed media.	Foundations of Studio Art and Design or Drawing and Photography
A.P. 2-D Art and Design	See Ms. Smith and the A.P. Art and Design Course Exam Description.	Foundations of Studio Art and Design or Drawing and one other Mercy art class
A.P. 3-D Art and Design	See Ms. Smith and the A.P. Art and Design Course Exam Description.	Foundations of Studio Art and Design or Drawing and one other Mercy art class
A.P. Drawing	See Ms. Smith and the A.P. Drawing Course Exam Description.	Drawing and one other Mercy art class

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