

Advanced Placement Studio Art Frequently Asked Questions

What is AP Studio Art? There are three different AP Studio Art classes.

AP Art 2-D: Learn to use 2-D design principles to organize an image on a picture plane in order to communicate content.

Demonstrate mastery through any two-dimensional medium or process, such as graphic design, digital imaging, photography, collage, fabric design, weaving, fashion design, fashion illustration, painting and printmaking. Develop technical skills and familiarize yourself with the functions of visual elements as you create an individual portfolio of work for evaluation at the end of the course.

AP Art 3-D: Explore sculptural issues and understand 3-D design principles as they relate to the integration of depth and space, volume and surface.

Demonstrate mastery through any three-dimensional approach, such as figurative or nonfigurative sculpture, architectural models, metal work, ceramics, glass work, installation, assemblage and 3-D fabric/fiber arts. Develop technical skills and familiarize yourself with the functions of visual elements as you create an individual portfolio of work for evaluation at the end of the course.

AP Art Drawing: Explore drawing issues including line quality, light and shade, rendering of form, composition, surface manipulation, the illusion of depth and mark-making through a variety of means, such as painting, printmaking or mixed media.

Develop technical skills and familiarize yourself with the functions of visual elements as you create an individual portfolio of work for evaluation at the end of the course.

Why should I take AP Studio Art?

Students who understand and are willing to accept that academic classes will become increasingly rigorous through high school and college often take AP classes to prepare themselves for these challenges. AP classes are weighted more than other classes and they look great on college applications if you're willing to put in the necessary work. The AP Exam, taken at the end of the year, offers the opportunity to earn college credit (often worth thousands of dollars in tuition) while still in high school.

How much and what type of work will I be doing?

A 90-minute class typically includes discussion and notes and lecture about a specific topic and time to work on individual portfolio projects. Homework may include working on a specific piece, working in a sketchbook, or reading and writing about a specific topic.

What is the AP Exam?

The AP Exam is the end-of-course portfolio presentation for AP Studio Art. Students turn in work through an electronic portfolio, but then submit works through the mail for assessment. Portfolios are provided by The College Board. Scores range from 1 to 5 and students who get a 3, 4, or 5 stand a good chance of receiving college credit for their score.

Who can I talk to if I need more information?

It's likely that some of your friends and acquaintances have taken an AP class before, and talking with them might give you an idea of what's in store. The best way would probably be to speak with Mrs. Chris Eldred. You can email her at chris.eldred@nn.k12.va.us. You can also visit the College Board's AP Studio Art sites:

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-studio-art-2-d-design>, <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-studio-art-3-d-design>, or <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-studio-art-drawing>.

Information on AP courses was provided by The College Board. See [AP Courses](#) for more information.