

Duke Ellington School of the Arts
Visual Arts Department
Syllabus: Art History I
Instructor: Ms. J. Maggi

Course Description:

Art History I is a required course for the 1st year students in the Visual Arts Department. Art History is the record of Art from past to present. A survey course of historical background of the arts forms from Pre-historic times to Renaissance. Emphasis placed on fine arts, architecture, design and crafts as related to history.

Objectives:

- 1- Explore the significance and purposes of art and the worlds artistic heritage.
- 2- Understand from many cultures around the world.
- 3- Develop an approach that will focus on similarities that unite different cultures and reveal the universality of the human impulse to create art.
- 4- Understand the chronological overview of the history of art. Use of timeline.

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to :

- 1-Identify what ART IS and WHY it exists.
- 2-Identify the meaning of art terms used.
- 3-Distinguish between major Art styles from Prehistoric times to Renaissance.
- 4-Recognize specific works of art, media and artists profile.
- 5-Analyze social, political, scientific and technological influences on art production.
- 6- Making connections with other art forms.

Course Outline:

- Art and communication.
- Purposes of Art.
- Pre-historic Art.
- Mesopotamia. Egypt. Ancient Near East.
- Greek Art. Roman Art. Medieval Art.
- Renaissance.
- Art from Africa. China and Japan. India.
- Art of the Americas. Native American. Middle East Art.

Instructional Strategies:

Lectures, class discussions, note taking, questions and answers, audio-visual materials, hands-on projects, visits to museums and galleries.

Resources:

Texts: Art Talk. Glencoe.

The Story of Art, E.H. Gombrich.

Art magazines, dictionaries, internet, glossaries.

Activities to Accomplish Objectives and Methods of Evaluation.

- . Students will be responsible for attending class, reading assigned text and other materials.
- .Class participation. Quizzes, research papers, projects and homework.
- .Advisories test. Final Test.