

Course Expectations

Pelto

Independent Study in Visual Communications

Course Overview

Welcome to **Independent Study in Visual Communications**.

This is an art elective.

Successful completion of Advanced Visual Communications and a strong motivation to complete computer or web based projects is a prerequisite for this course.

The student is expected to submit a proposal, curriculum and timeline for the semester's worth of work.

The student will take responsibility for researching and completing their own curriculum projects to further their learning in the chosen area.

The student is expected to initiate ideas, create timelines for themselves and follow through on ideas for projects independently with minimal supervision from the teacher.

They are expected to take responsibility for setting and meeting deadlines with minimal supervision from the teacher.

The student is expected to keep a weekly journal of progress and write a project summary at the end of the course.

The student will is expected to present his/her projects to the class for peer critique several times during the semester.

Attendance

Students are expected to arrive on time with the required materials and attitude to participate fully in class each day. Because this is a hands-on learning experience, absences will significantly hurt the student's progress. Because of the Independent Study nature of the course, students will be expected to initiate staying after school for completing makeup work necessary to meet deadlines.

Homework

Students will be expected to work at home or come after school to complete projects not finished during class time.

Student Behavior

- Students are expected to dress according to the school dress code. Clothing must cover you appropriately whether standing or sitting. Your teacher and peers have the right not to be offended, embarrassed, distracted or uncomfortable in the classroom.
- Students are expected to arrive to class on time, with whatever materials are necessary to participate in class. Tardiness will not be allowed to disrupt the beginning of class. If you are late, wait outside the door quietly until introductory class directions or presentations are finished. If you are late, you must have a pass from the previous teacher with your name, date, time and teacher signature.
- Students are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner to both classmates and faculty. Appropriate language, discussion topics and actions are expected at all times.
- Students are expected to be quiet and refrain from making unnecessary noises or comments during lectures, demonstrations, discussions and student presentations.
- When students are at work on projects, quiet talking is permitted. However, talking will not interfere with the artwork or concentration of others.
- Students are expected to work to the best of their ability during the entire class period.
- Except for emergency, students are expected to visit bathrooms before/after class.
- The only places students are permitted to access while on the computer are their own personal files and software and sites specifically assigned by the teacher.
- Any deliberate attempt to vandalize another student's artwork will not be tolerated.
- Any deliberate attempt to vandalize technology/art equipment will not be tolerated.
- Students will need to read and sign a technology use agreement provided by the school.
- NO food or drink or gum is allowed in the art/technology room.
- NO personal electronic devices, CD players or cell phones are allowed in the art/technology room. Electronic devices will be confiscated after the first warning and a parent will need to pick up.
- Plagiarism is defined as submitting work that is not your own, to include photographs that other people have taken. You cannot copy and/or use anyone else's work without giving them proper credit. Plagiarism will not be tolerated in this class. Plagiarized work will get a 0 on the project and school disciplinary action.

Unacceptable behavior will result in a warning, an assignment of an after school detention and/or suspension of computer privileges. Repeated violations will result in referral for disciplinary action. Violations of the school technology policy will result in suspension of computer privileges and/or a 0 on the affected assignment(s), at the discretion of the teacher.

Grading Policy

Independent Study students will be graded each quarter on

Participation and effort 400 points

Journal 200 points

Independent Study Project 400 points

The Final Exam will be presentation of the independent study project to peers school and community, including a class critique. This will be accomplished through a display in the school or, through work published online. The presentation will be 20% of the semester grade. Seniors with an A average may present before the end of the semester and be exempt from attendance during their scheduled exam block.

Signatures

I have read and agree to the Course Expectations for **Visual Communications Independent Study**.

I have reviewed the

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Independent Study in Visual Communications students are expected to be able to work independently with minimal supervision from the teacher. They are expected to take responsibility for setting and meeting deadlines with minimal supervision from the teacher. Most importantly, students are expected to initiate ideas, create timelines for themselves and follow through on ideas for projects with minimal supervision from the teacher. Please be certain you are capable of working independently as described before you make a commitment to this course.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____