

## AP STUDIO ART WELCOME LETTER

Welcome to Advanced Placement Studio Art.

You are enrolled in the Advanced Placement Studio Art for the upcoming school year. The AP program offers college-level courses to high-school students. AP Studio is a yearlong course. During that time, you will compile a portfolio of work through class and sketchbook (homework) assignments that will be submitted to the College Board in May.

Each of you will be submitting a Drawing Portfolio. **Your portfolio will consist of 5 actual pieces of art, and digital images of approximately 24 different pieces of your artwork.** More specific information can be found at <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/Controller.jpf>. On the website, you will find examples of student work. To view the examples, click on THE EXAMS (located on the left side). Next, click on Exam Questions (located in the box in the upper right). Then find and click on the box labeled 'Studio Art: Drawing.' Now look through the three sections of the portfolio:

- Section I – Quality
- Section II – Concentration
- Section III – Breadth

The QUALITY section will list the scores given, the CONCENTRATION section will include the written commentary, and the BREADTH section will be compiled of work by different students. You will be able to go through the site in several ways, and see some very sophisticated work. Do not get discouraged, but be inspired to be creative in your own way.

This course complies with Shorecrest High School requirements in addition to the AP standards. It is offered to anyone possibly planning to attend college, whether as an art major or not. Students will send their portfolios to be “read” (graded) by a committee of college and high school art instructors who assess it as if it had been completed by the end of the freshman year of college. The students who have scored the highest have been the ones who have met all of their deadlines, both for in and out of class assignments. They have a larger body of high-quality work completed by the end of the first semester, which allows them to be selective about the work they put in their portfolio.

**Do not panic. You will be given assignments that help you realize your own artistic goals and ambitions. Be prepared to be challenged and to work VERY hard.**

The class is diverse and each of you should end the year with a different portfolio. The requirements will be tough, but you would expect that in a college setting. Remember,

you have been accepted in to this course, which is validation of your ability to be successful in the class.

The requirements are clearly defined and will include in-class assignments, out-of-class production assignments, critiques, photographing work, matting work, PowerPoint presentations, Scholastic Art readings, and self-evaluations. Work completed before this year is accepted in the portfolio. We will start off the school year developing a BREADTH of work and you will have to select your CONCENTRATION, or area of individual study, early in the first semester. Your QUALITY work will be selected from these two sections. In addition, we will develop personal artist statements, and work on college selections and scholarships based on career study in the fall. **You will be expected to attend the National Portfolio Review Day, which will be held in January, at Cornish College (Main Campus Center, 1000 Lenora St., Seattle, WA 98121.** Telephone: 206-726-5016. [www.cornish.edu](http://www.cornish.edu)). It is a great way to have your work critiqued and to look at post-secondary options in the visual arts. It is free and over 40 art schools will be represented. For more information see this website: <http://www.portfolioday.net/2017-18-schedule/event/80>

As a culmination of the course, AP art students will be given their own boards for display of their work in the Shorecrest Arts Expo. This event has been growing and gaining popularity. So look forward to showing off your hard work during this exhibition.

The class fee is \$30/per semester. **You will need to photograph and/or scan your artwork and upload it to the AP art digital submissions website.** We will go over this in more detail next year. Additionally, the fee for the AP Studio Art Portfolio Exam is approximately \$95. (There will be a non-refundable deposit of approximately \$15 due some time in March. The remaining balance will be due in April). \*Scholarships are available based on financial need for the class fee as well as the AP Portfolio fee. In order to qualify for the scholarships, you will need to fill out a free and reduced lunch application and return it to the counseling office.

Supplies you are recommended for the class include a portfolio (minimum size: 18"x24") (an inexpensive one is fine).

Good luck and I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

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