**Studio in Painting**

**Course Description:**

In this course you will be introduced to a wide variety of materials and techniques to improve your painting ability. Mediums will include acrylic, watercolor, and oil.

We will create paintings from direct observation, our imaginations as well as secondary resources such as photographs. You will also explore Adobe programs (PhotoShop and Ilustrator) as tools to develop and refine references for paintings.

Students will create, critique, evaluate, and appreciate works of art, while exploring their own aesthetic views.

**Supplies:**

-Unlined Sketchbook recommended, could be a notebook - Small Binder or pocket folder w/ Lined Paper

 - You may want a large shirt or smock. You WILL get paint on your clothes at some point and some paints will not wash out easily.

**Projects/Assignments:**

 **Major in-class projects:**

Will focus on a new medium, technique and/or subject matter.

 **Independent projects:**

Of your design should be worked on when you have completed an in class project early (this will happen), during Open Studio or whenever the art studio is available. This is your opportunity to do what you want to do. Take advantage of it!! These are not graded, they are just for you.

**Reflection Essays:**

In Painting you will have independent AC essays due biweekly. These are similar to what you’ve done in Drawing but the artwork is your choice and we will not be using them as bell ringers. I will give you sources for finding paintings and the requirements of the work. Schedule is attached.

 **Participation/Performance grades:**

Earned weekly.

**Course Grading: Projects: 60%**

* Major In-Class Projects

**Participation & Performance: 40%**

* Preparatory work for Projects
* Weekly In-class Participation & Performance grades
* Art Criticism Essays

**Absence/Late Work Policy:**

It is YOUR responsibility to see me to make up any work if you miss class. Images for your art criticism assignments are always available on the reference drive, or can be looked up online. Homework is due on the day you return to school unless other arrangements are made with me beforehand.

 If a homework assignment is not turned in when you enter class you will be expected to stay after school to complete for a reduced grade. If you fail to do so it will be a zero. We have a limited amount of assignments in this course. One or two zero’s will crush your average.

 As you will see, we don’t have much time, so use what you have wisely and advocate for yourself if you need help or more time.

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