



Photography

Photo 1
9-12

Photo 2*
9-12

Video
9-12

*Dual Credit Course

Photo 3
10-12

AP Art & Design
11-12

Drawing & Painting

Draw 1
9-12

Painting 1
9-12

Draw 2
9-12

Paint 2
10-12

Advanced Art
10-12

AP Art & Design
11-12

Art
Survey
9-12

Graphic Design

Graphic Design 1
9-12

GD 2*
9-12

Animation
9-12

*Dual Credit Course

Art Production
9-12

AP Art & Design
11-12

Ceramics

Ceramics 1
9-12

Ceramics 2
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Ceramics 3 & 4
11-12

AP Art & Design
11-12

ART

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The Art Department has a comprehensive program that allows students to express themselves artistically in a variety of areas. One year of art meets the Fine Arts requirement toward high school graduation.

ART SURVEY

ART 100

Elective

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep

This introductory art course is designed for students interested in trying out all the different art classes we have at Leyden. We'll explore painting, drawing, t-shirt printing, ceramics, photography, and computer art.

DRAWING I

ART 110

Elective

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep

Drawing I is an introductory drawing class where students learn drawing tips and tricks that really improve their drawing skills. Students create a variety of drawings using colored pencil, pencil, pen & ink, and pastel. This is a great starting point for any other art courses.

DRAWING II

ART 200

Elective

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: Drawing I

Grade Weight: College Prep

Students expand on their drawing skills and try out lots of new materials, including spray paint, charcoal, and scratchboard. Projects have increasing freedom and students are encouraged to put their own interests into their artwork.

PAINTING I

ART 260

Elective

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep

Students transfer their drawing skills to create realistic paint-

ings. Students experiment in acrylic paint and watercolor to create landscapes, large-scale paintings of animals, and other subjects. A field trip to the Art Institute of Chicago and painting on actual objects such as skateboard decks, shoes, and lamps offer creative opportunities as well.

PAINTING II

ART 270

Elective

Grades: 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: Painting I

Grade Weight: College Prep

Painting II is a more advanced study in painting. Students will focus on one type of paint in order to study that media in depth. Classic subjects will be investigated, including the figure, landscape, and portraiture.

ADVANCED ART ☼

ART 301, 302, 303

Elective

Grades: 11, 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: Two semester hours of 2D art classes.

Drawing II highly recommended.

Grade Weight: College Prep

This year-long class will help students develop their own art portfolio. Students create advanced level realistic and creative paintings, drawings, and mixed media artworks. Field trips such as sidewalk chalk drawing, the Art Institute of Chicago, or the Chicago Gallery District help students develop their own artistic voice.

AP ART & DESIGN ☼

ART 361, 362, 363

Elective

Grades: 11, 12 One Credit

Prerequisite: Three semester hours of art are suggested and instructor recommendation is needed.

If you are interested, talk to your art teacher.

Grade Weight: Advanced Placement

This year-long class offers college credit for creating a portfolio of artwork, which includes a series of works that is based on a theme each student chooses for themselves. Instead of a test at the end of the course, students submit the artwork they have created throughout the year. Students can choose to work in any media, including photography, graphic design, painting, drawing, ceramics, sculpture, or mixed media. See the Advanced Placement Testing Policy on page 14.

CERAMICS I

ART 210

Elective

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep

Students gain a basic understanding of how to work with clay. Students learn fundamental construction methods including coil, slab, and sculpting. Students also learn glazing techniques and how to express creative ideas in clay.

CERAMICS II

ART 220

Elective

Grades: 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: Ceramics I

Grade Weight: College Prep

Students are introduced to the potter's wheel and more advanced building and surface decoration techniques. The focus shifts to combining building techniques for a more creative result. Cohesive, well-built, and visually pleasing work is emphasized.

CERAMICS III

ART 230

Elective

Grades: 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: Ceramics II

Grade Weight: College Prep

In Ceramics III, students work through open-ended projects that allow students to determine their own creative direction. Students may choose a specific area of interest such as sculpting, handbuilding, or wheel-throwing. Students are also encouraged to develop a theme or other common element that unites their work over the course of the semester.

CERAMICS IV

ART 240

Elective

Grades: 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: Ceramics III

Grade Weight: College Prep

Students have the opportunity to develop their own area of interest, which is determined through collaboration with the teacher. Additionally, students will gain knowledge in ceramic studio management techniques which can prove helpful in setting up their own ceramic studio after graduation.

PHOTOGRAPHY I

ART 120

Elective

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep

Students gain an in-depth understanding of a digital camera. They will explore the automatic digital camera as well as use the DSLR. Students work in Photoshop to correct photographs, learn the basics of photography, and apply the elements of art to their work. Students must have a phone or camera that takes digital pictures.

PHOTOGRAPHY II ☀

ART 250

Elective

Grades: 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: Photography I

Grade Weight: College Prep / Honors

Students increase their knowledge of camera techniques, photo editing, and retouching. They use personal interests for subject matter and may explore the following shooting styles: documentary, fashion, nature, and advertising photography. Students use Photoshop to craft and edit their personal images.

This is a dual credit course. Students can receive college credit for successful completion of this course and is eligible to earn Honors grade weight.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND DIGITAL VIDEO

ART 290

Elective

Grades: 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: Photography I or Graphic Design I

Grade Weight: College Prep

Students will expand their knowledge of photography by exploring digital video. Students will work with YouTube, Adobe Premiere, Video Art, and Vine. Projects include cinemagraphs, music videos, documentary films, instructional videos, and photojournalism reporting.

GRAPHIC DESIGN I

ART 130

Elective

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep

Create art on a Mac computer using Photoshop and Illustrator. Students create CD covers, posters, cartoon characters, and photo collages. This is a great class for students who are interested in creating images for the web.

GRAPHIC DESIGN II ☀

ART 140

Elective

Grades: 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: Graphic Design I

Grade Weight: College Prep / Honors

In this advanced digital imaging course, students continue to experiment with Photoshop and Illustrator. By combining both programs, students create graphic projects modeled after the type of work created and used in the commercial design industry such as movie posters, graphic t-shirt designs, and package designs.

This is a dual credit course. Students can receive college credit for successful completion of this course and is eligible to earn Honors grade weight.

ANIMATION AND MOTION GRAPHICS

ART 150

Elective

Grades: 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: Graphic Design I

Grade Weight: College Prep

Students utilize the Adobe programs Photoshop, Illustrator, and After Effects to create dynamic multimedia motion graphics and animations. Students will create moving digital designs like those in commercial advertising and electronic media. This class would be beneficial to students interested in production media.

ART PRODUCTION ☀

ART 280

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: Graphic Design II, Photography II,
Photography & Digital Video,
or Animation & Motion Graphics

Grade Weight: College Prep

This semester-long class provides an opportunity for students to solve real world art and design problems. Students will gain hands-on experience working in an artist-client relationship while creating school related products, commissioned by school faculty. This project based learning curriculum allows students to improve their critical thinking, problem solving, collaborative skills, and creativity. This entrepreneurial environment allows students to take the lead in projects and the teacher to act as a guide. Possible projects will cover all areas of digital art, including: photography, image editing and printing, video creation and editing, logo design and animation, digital presentations, brochures, programs, posters, and infographics. Students' role on the projects will be based on the expertise gained in previous courses. Students will also gain Adobe Certification during the course of the semester. Students will be graded on product quality, client feedback, and teacher evaluation.