Department:

Art

Course Description:

This course is designed for students interested in research, discussion, and studio experience in various media within academic or vocational areas such as art education, art therapy, computer graphics, graphic design, interior design, and studio art.

Course Competencies:

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

1. Define visual art and explain its purpose in society.
2. Analyze and interpret art work in terms of what it means to individuals.
3. Demonstrate progress in the interpretation, meaning, and maturity of his or her own work and style.

Course Content:

A. What is art?
   1. Classifying the fine arts
   2. Communication in the visual arts
   3. The function of the arts
B. Formal research project
   1. Comparison of project ideas
   2. Emphasis on an area of concentration
   3. Presentation of exploration and research
C. What makes a work of art good or great?
   1. Composition
   2. Style and technique
   3. Creativity
   4. Craftsmanship
D. Forming opinions and making judgments on art
   1. Some widely accepted beliefs
   2. Originality vs. transition
   3. Beauty vs. purpose
   4. Exploration vs. conclusions

Learning Assessments:

Course competencies will be assessed by evaluation of discussion participation, the research assignment, and video summary assignments.
Instructional Materials:

Contemporary periodicals, online research, and other materials provided by instructor.

Guidelines for Requesting Accommodations Based on Documented Disability or Medical Condition

It is the intention of Highland Community College to work toward full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, to make instructional programs accessible to all people, and to provide reasonable accommodations according to the law.

Students should understand that it is their responsibility to self-identify their need(s) for accommodation and that they must provide current, comprehensive diagnosis of a specific disability or medical condition from a qualified professional in order to receive services. Documentation must include specific recommendations for accommodation(s). Documentation should be provided in a timely manner prior to or early in the semester so that the requested accommodation can be considered and, if warranted, arranged.

In order to begin the process all students must complete the “Disabilities Self-Identification Form” at this link: https://highlandcc.edu/pages/disability-services.

This form can also be accessed at the Highland Community College homepage under Students Services/Student Resources/Disability Service or by contacting the Disabilities Coordinator.