

Digital Art 1
Natomas High

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Google Class Code _____

Syllabus

What do we do?

Digital Art 1 - This is a survey course that will focus on the use of electronic media (Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop) to enhance traditional art techniques. Students will be working in a computer lab-based classroom as well as in a hands-on studio art classroom. The assignments will allow students to engage in project-based learning. Our class will learn the tools for each of the computer programs, elements and principles of art, as well as best practices of graphic designers, and digital artists.

Are there prerequisite for this class? What do I need to know?

My goal is to provide challenging assignments for students of any skill level. There are NO prerequisites for this course, and all skill levels will be welcome. This course is aligned with the State Standards for the visual arts. Students will be instructed via, in-class demonstrations, written directions, peer and teacher support. The curriculum has been designed to allow students to be as independent as they are capable of being.

Do I need this class?

A full year of the Digital Art 1 course will satisfy your 10 credits toward your...

- elective units, **or**
- technology units, **or**
- Visual and Performing Art (VAPA) units.
- Five credits for Fall / Five credits for Spring. This class will satisfy line G, in the A-G graduation requirements.

How will I be graded in this class?

Students that are enrolled in Digital Art 1 are required to show **effort** to engage in applying the skills, techniques and knowledge provided in this course. Students will have multiple opportunities to demonstrate understanding via their art projects, learning activities, classroom critiques, writing assignments and one-on-one discussions with the teacher. Students will have access to grading rubrics for all assignments. Students are encouraged to communicate with the teacher if they are unclear why their assignment was graded a particular way.

Assignments = 60% of the grade.

Participation = 40% of the grade.

Student performance is evaluated based on effort, following directions, completing projects on time, originality, creativity, craftsmanship, attendance and attitude. Final grades will reflect growth or lack of growth in these areas.

Do I need any supplies for this class?

Natomas Unified School District will supply all necessary materials for students to earn a grade. There are no fees for this course. Students must be respectful of our classroom equipment and

supplies. If there is excessive damage to our equipment or supplies, the privilege of using them may be taken away or a bill to replace broken materials will be submitted to the person who is responsible. Please treat the lab with respect, so others may enjoy the benefits of learning in our lab.

You will need a personal email, such as Gmail, Yahoo, Outlook, iCloud, etc?

You will need to set up a Dropbox.com account for this class. I strongly recommend that you use your personal email. The district email may block Dropbox.com. We will use class time, around the second week of class to setup these accounts.

Who is the teacher?

My name is Mr. Knight, I have taught at Natomas High for over 10 years. I teach Art 1, Art 2, AP Art, Digital Art 1, and Digital Art 2. I have over 25 years of experience in drawing, painting, digital art, and exploring the creative process. I currently hold a Bachelors of Fine Art from Chico State University, a teaching credential from Sacramento State University, and a Masters' Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Sacramento State University.

My experience in the art industry, before teaching was as a production artist working with interior designers, faux painters, and muralists. I worked as a production artist for 4 years.

Teaching Philosophy?

- **All students can learn!**
- **Our cultures, and life experiences are an asset and will be celebrated.**
- **As the teacher, I am still learning from my students.**
- **Every student learns differently, I will do my best to provide instruction that works best for you.**

Office hours can be scheduled after school as needed, upon request. You can email me at aknight@natomasunified.org or see me during class to find a good time to meet.