



Dominican International School

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COURSE SYLLABUS

School Year	2025-2026
Subject	Art
Grade Level	1
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The first-grade Visual Arts course focuses on developing both technical skills and cognitive skills in art. It emphasizes the process of creativity, where students explore various techniques to transform imagination into tangible works. By meeting K-2 Visual Arts benchmarks, students will develop motor skills, use visual techniques and symbolic language, and start recognizing these elements in others' work. The course introduces students to key components of art composition, subject and content- and teaches them about diverse types of line, art critique, and the cultural significance of art.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- By the end of the semester/school year, (SWAT) Students will be able to: Identify key artists and their styles from various historical periods.
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- Recognize patterns, shapes and symmetry in both art and mathematics.
- Recall basic scientific principles that apply to art, such as oil/water resistance, and reactions of different chemicals in paint.
- Describe cultural and historical contexts of different artworks and how they relate to their time and place.
- Explain how different art techniques are used to achieve specific visual effects.
- Create art projects that incorporate learned techniques from various artists and styles studied in class.
- Differentiate between various styles and techniques, identifying the unique elements of each.
- Investigate the relationships between art and other subjects, such as how social studies concepts are represented in artwork.
- Design original art projects that reflect personal ideas, cultural influences, and historical understanding.
- Assess personal artworks and those of others to identify strengths and areas for improvement

PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES: Google slides, appropriate subject related materials from the library.



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GRADING SYSTEM/ASSESSMENT:

Classwork / Homework Participation	Tests, Quizzes and Projects	Quarter Exam / Project	D'TORCH
30%	30%	30%	10%

Differentiated instruction will be used in the classroom in order to cater to the different needs and interests of individual students. Instruction is meant to let students lead, discover, and demonstrate their learning in a variety of ways. Students will be involved in a variety of classroom activities such as discussions, group work, and group/individual presentations.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please always check Google Classroom for homework and announcements.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

Academic Dishonesty means employing a method or technique or engaging in conduct in an academic endeavor that contravenes the standards of ethical integrity expected at DIS.

Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to the following:

- Purposely incorporating the ideas, words of sentences, paragraphs, or parts thereof without appropriate acknowledgment and representing the product as one's work;
- Representing another's intellectual work, such as photographs, paintings, drawings, sculpture, research, or the like, as one's own, including failure to attribute content to an AI.
- Employing a tutor, using Artificial Intelligence without acknowledgment, getting a parent to write a paper or do an assignment, and paying for an essay to be written by someone else and presented as the student's work.
- Committing any act that a reasonable person would conclude, when informed of the evidence, to be a dishonest means of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work.

Any act of academic dishonesty will result in an automatic zero on the entire assignment/learning task.



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SUBJECT: Gr.1 Art

1st QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

(NB: Depending on time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)	
Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (August 12 to 15) <i>4 days of class</i> 12-General Assembly at the Gymnasium 15-Opening Mass & Assumption of Our Lady	Introduction to Art Class. Feeling Welcome, introduction to classroom expectations and rules, Self Portrait.
Week 2 (August 18 to 22) 18-St. Dominic de Guzman Feast Day Celebration) Integrated during the Monday Assembly 20- House Shirt & Blue Jeans Day Starts 22- Club Orientation and Club Sign-up	ART THROUGH HISTORY LEVEL 1: Prehistoric Art. Introduction to topic and first sketch
Week 3 (August 25 to 29) 27- High School Talk - "Kickstart Your Success: Winning Mindsets for a Great School Year" 29- First Club Meeting	ART THROUGH HISTORY LEVEL 1: Prehistoric Art. Sketch final design on brown paper
Week 4 (September 1 to 5) 1- Launching of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (During the Monday Assembly) 1-AP Registration 3- AEO Fall University Fair 5- House Ceremony	ART THROUGH HISTORY LEVEL 1. Prehistoric Art. Outline with oil pastels/black grease pencils. Discuss and finish.
Week 5 (September 8 to 12) 8- Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary & VIP Induction 10- House Mini Games Start	ART THROUGH HISTORY LEVEL 1. Ancient Greek art: Greek Urns
Week 6 (September 15 to 19) 15- Catholic Bridge Program for all New Students (After the Monday Assembly at the Gymnasium) 19- Athletics / Sports Orientation 19- PSAT/NMSQT Registration deadline	ART THROUGH HISTORY LEVEL 1 PART II: Greek Civilization Art Mosaic
Week 7 (September 22 to 26) 22- Celebration of the International Day of Peace- Peace Pole Ceremony (During the Monday Assembly) Teacher's Day Celebration & 26-Teachers' Appreciation 26- Grade 12 Career Educational Trip 24 to 26-Pre-Exam Days	ART THROUGH HISTORY LEVEL 1 PART II: Roman Civilization Art Mosaic
Week 8 (September 29 to October 3) 29- Launching of the Month of the Holy Rosary (During the Monday Assembly) Oct. 1-2- First Quarter Exam (half day)	ART THROUGH HISTORY LEVEL 1 PART II: Roman Civilization Art Finish up Mosaic
	Oct. 3-DIS Teachers and Staff Recognition Day/ Record Day Recollection for Aunties and Uncles (no classes for students)



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2nd QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

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Week / Date		Topic / Projects / Assessments
		6-Moon Festival (no classes)
		7-9 Teacher's Conference (no classes)
Week 1 (11) (October 13 to 17) 13- Second Quarter Begins 13- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 2nd Semester 14- Visit of Mother Mary to Classrooms (During the morning prayer) 15- AP Exam Only Registration Deadline 15- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 17- PSAT/NMSQT Digital Exam	Technique 1 Acrylic and enlarging sketch LEARNING FROM THE MASTERS LEVEL 1 Vincent Van Goh Tempera Sunflowers Day 1 Introduction and practice sketch (Zoom in technique)	
Week 2 (12) (October 20 to 24) 20- Jubilee: Marian Exhibit Opening (After the Monday Assembly) 20- Campus Safety Talk for Students 24- Book Fair (Senior Escape Room)	Technique 1 Acrylic and enlarging sketch LEARNING FROM THE MASTERS LEVEL 1 Vincent Van Goh Tempera Sunflowers Day 2 Sketch in final cardboard	
Week 3 (13) (October 27 to 31) 29- Grade 11 Career Educational Trip Oct. 31 to Nov. 1- Gr.6 SEL Camp	Technique 1 Acrylic and enlarging sketch LEARNING FROM THE MASTERS LEVEL 1 Vincent Van Goh Tempera Sunflowers Day 3 Paint flower centers using a printing technique (Q tips)	
Week 4 (14) (November 3 to 7) 3- Feast of St. Martin de Porres Mass (integrated during the Monday Assembly) 5- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep	Technique 1 Acrylic and enlarging sketch LEARNING FROM THE MASTERS LEVEL 1 Vincent Van Goh Tempera Sunflowers Day 4 Paint flower petals using Double Dip technique	
Week 5 (15) (November 10 to 14) 14- Health Week 14- VIP-Parent Learning Community	Technique 1 Acrylic and enlarging sketch for Nativity scene Finish Artwork	
Week 6 (16) (November 17 to 21) 17- Launching of Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Month 21- Young Shakespeare Play Writing and Performing Contest	Technique 2: Tempera and look alike sketch (already enlarged) Seasonal Art: Nativity scene Christmas Project Day 1	
Week 7 (17) (November 24 to 28) 24- Peace Pole Day (Monday Assembly) 24- Lighting of the Christmas Tree after school (Campus Min/ ECA/ D' Torch Orchestra/ Religious Studies) (Afternoon) 25-27- Pre-Exam Days 27- Thanksgiving Potluck after school for teachers and staff 27- Thanksgiving Family Day 28- Gr. 12 Second Quarter Exam	Technique 2: Tempera and look alike sketch begin painting background Seasonal Art: Nativity scene Christmas Project Day 2	
Nov. 29 Invitation for All: The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Taipei (Saturday)		
Week 8 (18) (December 1 to 5) 1- First Week of Advent: Lighting of First Advent Candle (During the Monday Assembly) 3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 5- Nativity Play (Collaboration with Campus Ministry) 5- Christmas Fair Whole Day	Technique 2: Tempera and look alike sketch: paint central figures Seasonal Art: Nativity scene Christmas Project Day 3	
Week 9 (19) (December 8 to 12) 8- Foundation Day Mass, cake ceremony, and Class Party (half day) 8- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 8- Second Week of Advent 10- Gr. 12 Advent Immersion 11 and 12- Second Quarter Exam (half day)	Technique 2: Tempera and look alike sketch: final critique Seasonal Art: Nativity scene Christmas Project Day 4	
December 13 Invitation for All: Advent Recollection @DIS (Saturday) December 15 to January 2 Christmas Break		



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3rd QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

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Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
	January 5- Record Day (No Classes for students)
Week 1 (20) (January 5 to 9) 5- PSAT 8/9 Registration Starts 6- Third Quarter Begins 7- Monthly Career Talk-College Prep 9- New Year Mass at 8:00	Seasonal Art CNY Poster Day 1 Outline Horse Shape
Week 2 (21) (January 12 to 16) 16- Club Orientation & Sign Up	Seasonal Art CNY Day 2 Add white details and background
Week 3 (22) (January 19 to 23) 19-23- Individual Yearbook Photoshoot for Students 19-23- Career Awareness Week 22- Grade 9 Career Educational trip 23- First Club Meeting for 2nd Semester	Seasonal Art CNY Day 3 Add black and detailing
Week 4 (23) (January 26 to 30) 26- Feast Day of St. Thomas Aquinas/Launching of the Catholic Week 26-28- Aquinas Conference: Science and Faith 26-30- Catholic Week Activities 30- DYM Charity Concert	Still Life sketch Day 1 Look alike sketch
Week 5 (24) (February 2 to 6) 1-4- WASC Mid-Cycle Visit 4- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6-7- SUAQO Recollection for MS	Still Life sketch Day 2 Outline with permanent marker
Week 6 (25) (February 9 to 13) 9- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 1st Semester for SY2025-26 13- PSAT 8/9 Registration Deadline 13- House Valentine's Mini Fair 13- Chinese New Year Celebration	Still life sketch Day 3 paint flowers
	February 16-20 Chinese New Year Holiday
Week 7 (26) (February 23 to 26) 23-26- IOWA Assessments 23- Student Council Application 24-26- Pre-Exam Days	Still life sketch: Real flowers Day 4 Make a symmetrical vase and fill background
	February 27 Memorial Day Holiday (no classes)
Week 8 (27) (March 2 to 6) 3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6- PSAT 8/9 System Installation and Practice Test	City Collage Day 1: Adding Buildings and houses
Week 9 (28) (March 9 to 13) 13 and 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day)	City Collage Day 2: Adding People, plants and animals



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4th QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

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Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (29) (March 16 to 20) 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day) 16-20- Faculty & Staff Yearbook Photo 17- Fourth Quarter Begins 18-21- EARCOS Teachers' Conference 19- Lectio Divina and Feast of St. Joseph 20- Parents Learning Community Meeting 20- Kindilympics 20-House Movie Night and Club Fair	Seasonal Art: Easter Painting Day 1: Students will choose how to depict Easter: Religious/ Easter Bunny They will discuss warm and cool colors.
	March 21 (Saturday) Spring Fair
Week 2 (30) (March 23 to 27) 23-27 Student Leaders Applicant Interviews 26- Annual Visit to World Religion Museum Gr. 11 27- Lower School Readers Theatre	Seasonal Art: Easter Painting Day 2 Warm and cool colors review
	March 30 to April 6 Easter/Spring Break
Week 3 (31) (April 7 to 10) 7- Spring University Fair 9- Easter Mass 9- Easter Egg Hunt for Lower School Students	Seasonal Art: Easter Painting Day 3 Complete painting and do a gallery walk around.
Week 4 (32) (April 13 to 17) 13 Laudato Si Month Launching (During the Monday Assembly) 13-30 Laudato Si Month Activities 13-17- Class Photo Taking 17- AP Chinese/Japanese Practice Test	My Dream Street collage art day 1 (shapes) What shapes do we see in our cities and neighborhoods?
Week 5 (33) (April 20 to 24) 20-24 Cultural Awareness Week / Art Exhibit / Earth Week 24- Music Recital 20-24 Student Council Campaign 20-24 AP Mock Exams	My Dream Street collage art day 2 (finish shapes and add detail with markers)
Week 6 (34) (April 27 to 30) 27- Student Council Elections 27-30 Senior Project Presentations 28-30 Pre-Exam Days	End of year self-portrait pencil
	May 1: Labor Day Public Holiday
Week 7 (35) (May 4 to 8) 4- May Crowning & Mother's Day Celebration (During the Monday Assembly) 4-14 Final Exams (K, Gr. 5, 8, & 12 Only) 4-15 AP Exams	End of year portrait tempura paint student's choice.
Week 8 (36) (May 11 to 15) 13 and 14- Fourth Quarter Exam—Undergraduate (half day) 14-16 Student Leaders Retreat Days	TBA
	May 15 Record Day (No Classes for students) Final Deliberation for Graduating/Promoting Classes
Week 9 (37) (May 18 to 22) 18- Gr. 5 Recollection & Mass 19- Gr. 8 Recollection & Mass	TBA



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20- Gr. 12 Recollection 20- Baccalaureate Mass (Whole School) 18-21 WIDA Testing 19- Lower School Sports Day / Gr. 6 & 7 School Field Trip 19- Gr. 9 - 11 - "Senior Success Forum: Inspiring the Next Generation" 19-22 Student Clearance Days 21- Middle & High School Sports Day 21- High School Field Trip 22- House Culminating Activity 20-22 Final Deliberation for Non-Graduating Classes 22- Student Leaders One Day Recollection / Turn Over Ceremony	
Week 10 (38) (May 25 to 29) 25- Kindergarten Graduation/Gr. 5 Promotion 26- LS Field Trip 26- Gr. 8 Graduation and Gr. 12 Graduation 27- Pre-Kindergarten & Gr. 1 - 4, 6 & 7, 9-11 Recognition Last Day of School, Report Card 28- Distribution, & Class Party (half day) 29- Last day for Teachers/Staff Meeting	TBA

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