



**York Region District School Board
Bur Oak Secondary School**

Art Department
Grade 9 Non Traditional Art
AWS101 - Open
Course Outline
1 Full Credit
Prerequisite: None



Course Description

This course enables students to create and interpret media art works by exploring new media, emerging technologies such as digital animation, and a variety of traditional art forms such as film, photography, video, and visual arts. Students will acquire communication skills that are transferable beyond the media arts classroom and develop an understanding of responsible practices related to the creative process.

Units of Study

Each unit will include necessary and relevant art theory and art history handouts, presentations, demonstrations, examples, etc. This course will cover the following units. Minor changes may occur as the semester progresses.

- Unit 1 Introduction**
- Unit 2 Digital Photography**
- Unit 3 Photo Manipulation**
- Unit 4 Vector Art**
- Unit 5 Narrative**
- Unit 6 Duration/Animation**
- Unit 7: Interactivity**
- Year End Practical: Portfolio**
- *all units subject to change as required**

Course Expectations

Students are expected to be patient and persistent. An open mind, concentration and determination are necessary for success. While some assignments may require independent time to complete at lunch, after school, or at home, **students are expected to complete at least 50% of all work in class in order to qualify for evaluation.**

Curriculum Expectations

This course is based on curriculum expectations found in [The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 9 and 10 The Arts](#) document. A copy of this document can be found in the Visual Arts Office as well as online.

School Board and Ministry Policies

The art department is committed to providing programming which supports students of all backgrounds. The department actively promotes classroom environments in which deep learning occurs, and in which the mental health and well-being of students is a priority.

Teachers as “lead learners” will pay consistent attention to equity, inclusivity, mental health and mathematics, while overall well-being will be at the forefront of modern learning. Source: [Ontario Schools, K-12 Policy and Program Requirements, 2016](#). (p.57-58)

Submission of Work Policy

Students are responsible for providing evidence of their achievement within the time frame specified by the teacher. There may be consequences for both incomplete assignments as well as assignments submitted past the due date. *Please see Bur Oak Secondary School A&E Policy.*

Assessment and Evaluation

Assessment and evaluation is based on the provincial curriculum expectations and achievement levels. Its primary purpose is to improve student learning by allowing the teacher to provide descriptive feedback to students and suggesting strategies for improvement. A variety of assessment and evaluation tools will be used during this course including checklists, student teacher conferencing, written feedback, rubrics, etc.

Course Work	90%
Communication (written analyses, self reflections, oral presentations, etc.)	25%
Knowledge/Understanding (theoretical & technical understanding, unit tests)	25%
Thinking/Inquiry (brainstorming, research, planning, thumbnail sketches, etc.)	25%
Application (drawing, painting, prints, sculpture, etc.)	25%
Year End Practical	10%
*all assessment categories subject to change as required	

Learning skills will be assessed in terms of attendance, punctuality, being prepared and equipped, material use and clean-up, participation in class discussions, demonstration of group skills, homework & project completion, along with subject-specific criteria. This data will be collected and used to assess students' **responsibility, organization, independent work, collaboration, initiative, self regulation.**

*Student may **not** use electronic translators nor paper dictionaries during quizzes, tests, and exams but may ask the teacher for clarification at any point during the assessment.*

Google Classroom

We will be using Google Classroom to facilitate all of our units. Please go to **google.yrdsb.ca** and login using your regular student username and password. The enrollment key will be provided by your classroom teacher.

Digital Literacy

Students are encouraged to use the arts as a way of exploring language and developing their verbal, visual and written skills. Students will have the opportunity to develop literacy skills as they communicate analytically and critically.

Supplies and Equipment

Each student will be provided all necessary materials needed to complete the course. If enhancement materials are desired students may choose to purchase them at their own expense.

Health and Safety

Students are instructed in the safe and proper handling, clean-up, and storage of classroom materials and equipment. Attention must be given to these instructions.

Career Education

Students will be encouraged to explore educational and career opportunities related to Media Arts. The teacher will help students identify ways in which their involvement in the arts enhances their suitability for a wide range of occupations.



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