



**CURRICULUM GUIDE  
2019-2020**

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Changing lives through the transformative power of art.

## VISION STATEMENT

We recognize art as an essential solution to global challenges. Idyllwild Arts will be a thriving leader in 21st Century education, with a global network of support, providing access for a diverse population of artists. We will maintain a sustainable environment worthy of our mission, and an intellectual space worthy of our students.

## STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Idyllwild Arts Academy provides students in grades nine through twelve with the skills and attitudes that will improve their opportunities for success in the highly competitive world of the arts and in post-secondary education.

The Academy recognizes the value of a learning environment that includes students from widely varied backgrounds. The school is committed to a strong financial aid program where the primary common denominators are talent and dedication.

The Academy provides its student body with a climate of cooperation and caring where young people can learn to participate in, and assume responsibility for, building a better community.

Finally, students find joy in the discovery and fulfillment of their visions and gain the confidence and skills necessary to attain and surpass their goals in life.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

This guide is prepared as a general reference for students and parents to plan a course of study. Because Idyllwild Arts Academy encompasses grades nine through twelve plus post-graduates, programs ranging from one to four years in length may be created. Each student's course of study is composed of a combination of the required arts courses listed under each program and the academic courses (credits) necessary to meet the graduation requirements.

Major areas of arts study include creative writing, dance, film and digital media, interarts, music, theatre, and visual arts.

Instruction in the arts is geared to the ability of the individual student. Advancement from preliminary courses to the most demanding is based entirely upon performance. Thus, a student with extensive training prior to coming into the program may be able to complete the course requirements in a shorter period of time.

Upon graduation, students will have completed requirements for an arts program and the following academic requirements, which align with University of California admissions standards:

English	4 years (credits)
History/Social Studies	3 years: World History, U.S. History, Government and Economics/Social Science
Foreign Language	2 years: Consecutive courses in the same language -French or Spanish
Mathematics	3 years: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II
Science	2 years: Biology and either Chemistry or Physics
Physical Education	2 years

All academic courses are full-year courses (two semesters) with .5 credit per semester unless otherwise specified.

Honors courses are offered in all subject areas.

## **ARTS CERTIFICATE**

Please refer to individual arts departments for specific requirements for the completion of the arts certificate. Attendance and participation in arts events of all types are required to complete an Idyllwild Arts Academy education.

## **ART IN SOCIETY**

This program supports students in applying their art to world issues and community engagement. Art in Society students have the opportunity to impact their community by sharing their talents, helping others, and educating the community about their art. For more information, contact Art in Society Coordinator Erica Nashen at [enashen@idyllwildarts.org](mailto:enashen@idyllwildarts.org)

## **REQUIRED TESTING**

Sophomore and juniors are required to take the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) in October and juniors the SAT I (Scholastic Assessment Test) in May. Seniors take the SAT I in October and are encouraged to take the SAT II (previously known as Achievement Tests) in December.

All international students whose native language is not English are also required to take the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) in both their junior and senior years. It is strongly recommended that international students take the TOEFL test online at home.

The ACT test is offered several times throughout the fall, as indicated on the school calendar.

Students interested in taking Advanced Placement exams may register for the tests offered in May.

## **SUMMER COURSEWORK**

Students intending to enroll in summer courses for credit must have the course approved by the Vice President, Educational Programs before applying. A copy of the course description and information about the type of school should be sent to the attention of the Assistant Head. Internet, home school, or other distance learning programs may be accepted for academic credit in place of Academy courses as long as they have been approved prior to participation by the Assistant Head. Once the course has been successfully completed, a final transcript must be submitted to the Academy's Director of Student Information/ Registrar.

## **ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

### **ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES**

#### **RESOURCE CENTER**

The Resource Center is staffed by a full-time faculty member who provides small group tutoring for students needing extra support in their academic courses. A student may be assigned to the Resource Center on a regular basis by the Vice President, Educational Programs or may drop in on occasion for extra help.

## **FACULTY OFFICE HOURS**

Each academic faculty member holds regularly scheduled office hours Tuesday through Thursday during X-Block (10:55-11:35 am). Students are encouraged to seek assistance from their teachers as needed. Attendance may be mandated for any student whose grade drops below a grade of "C" in any given class.

## **ACCELERATED ENGLISH PROGRAM**

### **STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

The Accelerated English Program is designed to provide quality instruction to students whose first language is not English so that they, like native speakers, may meet the academic requirements for graduation outlined in the *Student Parent Handbook* and prescribed by the University of California Admissions Standards. Three levels of instruction are offered to develop proficiency in oral and written English: beginning, intermediate, and advanced. Core classes include listening, speaking, reading, writing, vocabulary and grammar. Class size is limited to provide individual attention and instructors are committed to increasing intercultural understanding as well as language proficiency. Students must achieve an average grade of C- (70%) in each ESL class before they can proceed to the next level of proficiency.

### **DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS**

All new international students must take a placement test to determine the most appropriate level for them. All students are unique in their language development. We therefore tailor the program progression to fit individual needs during their time here. All students will get at least one year, if not more, of mainstream classes before graduation.

Overarching Goal:

To provide our students with the academic and language skills in 1 to 3 years to successfully integrate into mainstream classes as well as achieve their long-term goals.

### **AEP Levels & Progression towards Graduation:**

A1 - Beginning – 9/10<sup>th</sup> grade

- Grammar
- Composition
- Literature
- Language Skills (including 'English for Math')
- Resource

B1 - Intermediate – 9/10/11<sup>th</sup> grades

- Rhetoric & Composition (+ online component)
- ESL Literature\*
- World Cultures\*

Plus Math\* – Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, or Calculus\*. Plus Science\* for 11<sup>th</sup> graders

C1 - Advanced – 9/10/11<sup>th</sup> grades

- Rhetoric & Composition II\* (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade only)
- Introduction to Literature\*
- U.S. History\*
- American Literature\*

Plus Math\* & Science\* (for 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> graders) classes

\*graduation credit

## **HUMANITIES**

### **STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

The Humanities classroom provides the groundwork for an education of the citizen-artist, a person who expands the diversity of civic discourse, reimagines the creative arts, and can succeed in 21st-century professions. Humanities faculty support students as they cultivate the primary skills of communication, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and community engagement.

Complementing this skill development, students also work with content and process personal choices in relation to the grade-level values of empathy, respect, responsibility, and integrity. Thus, the department prepares students to engage thoughtfully in the global marketplace, the public square, and the interdependent creative workspace of the 21st century.

#### **Humanities Grade-Level Values:**

##### **9th Grade History/English: *Empathy***

To encourage understanding of oneself and others, to foster an appreciation of unique identities, and to develop the capacity to imagine one's own experiences within a complex world.

##### **10th Grade History/English: *Respect***

To perceive distinct political, economic, religious, and aesthetic viewpoints, to critique ideas in order to better understand these viewpoints, and to navigate qualitative differences between viewpoints over time.

##### **11th Grade History/English: *Responsibility***

To inspire a commitment to a cause and other people, to engage with the gravity of consequences, and to nurture mindful independence within a diverse community.

##### **12th Grade History/English: *Integrity***

To recognize an accumulated body of knowledge and creative expertise of one's own and of others, to measure the contemporary value of one's work in a complex world, and to present to a public audience distinct interpretations of one's work in the world.

#### **Expectations for Humanities Honors Courses:**

The Humanities Department at Idyllwild Arts Academy offers honors courses in 10<sup>th</sup> grade *Modern World History* and *English 10*, 11<sup>th</sup> grade *U.S. History* and *English 11*, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade *Government and Economics* and *English 12*. These courses entail a far more rigorous and challenging curriculum than the standard courses at these grade levels. The reading assignments are more complex and provocative, requiring students to invest more time, critical analysis, and creative energy in the study process. These courses also demand that students consistently write and think with increased argumentative sophistication, critical insight, thoughtfulness, and clarity. In short, they not only provide greater depth of subject matter and more interesting opportunities for independent learning, but they also commit the student to a heavier academic workload that sometimes impinges upon a student's devotion to the arts. As students discuss these options with teachers, college counselors, and parents, it is important that they also contact Karin Obermeier, Humanities Department Chair, about the application requirements for Humanities Honors courses.

## **HUMANITIES ENGLISH COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:**

### **English 9**

In this course students will examine literature from various cultural traditions around the world. Through this examination students will discover who they are as learners, readers, and writers, and how storytelling can not only reflect who we are as individuals, but also inspire us to create and to transform our world. Students will be asked to question preconceived ideas and will be challenged to consider literature, poetry, and nonfiction texts through a lens different than their own, developing empathy as the foundational value of the 9<sup>th</sup>-grade Humanities curriculum. The course also creates a foundation for the study of literature based on observation rather than inference, and emphasizes careful examination of the texts explored, thus fostering growth in the skills of reading, writing, critical thinking, and communication. Through their study, students develop the essential skills they will use throughout the rest of their high school careers and beyond: analytical writing, including nuanced and effective thesis statements and the five-paragraph essay; collaborative communication, using class discussion as a base for developing and testing ideas and working with peers on projects; and how to relate the study of literature to their own lives and the lives of others, linking arguments about the text to real-world issues.

### **English 10/English 10 (Honors)**

This course introduces students to literary classics from around the world, with particular emphasis on texts from the Western literary tradition and their impact on differing global literary traditions. Students approach these texts not only through their historical, social, and cultural backgrounds, but through their influence on and relevance to contemporary culture. Students will strengthen their analytical reading and writing skills, as well as their personal creative engagement with the various themes and topics relevant to the value of respect, which represents the foundation of the 10<sup>th</sup>-grade Humanities curriculum. In addition to investigating the value of respect regarding oneself, others, texts, and ideas, students will practice analytical, comparative, and descriptive writing, taking on a more assertive tone and academic language. They will further develop close reading skills with the intention of using the text at hand to advance and elaborate upon their own ideas and interpretations. While relating to more traditional literary characters, students will also be required to tackle literature with difficult language and seek better understanding of by-gone cultures and social norms. Thus, students will be challenged to step outside their comfort zone, formulate their opinions, and express their opinions respectfully, substantively, and clearly. They will also learn to listen to their peers' opinions. Such complex themes as race, gender, religious beliefs, and social class will form the basis for stimulating discussions, in which students will learn to speak in an engaging and clear manner and, perhaps even more importantly, to listen to and respond to others.

## **English 11/English 11 (Honors)**

What does it mean to be “American” and how does the literature of America reflect the many and often contradictory answers? “America”—as a nation, a culture, a myth, an ongoing experiment—takes up a lot of space in the imagination. It is an expansive and diverse place with distinct regions. It has been called a “melting pot,” a society that derives its unique character from any number of differences, including class, race, gender, ethnicity, age, and sexuality. In this complex space, how—and to whom—do we develop a sense of responsibility? To what extent do American culture, politics, and ideology reflect a process of recognizing, asserting, and fighting for the rights of its diverse constituencies? How do we as individuals, no matter our background, engage with concepts of equality, freedom, social justice, and democracy? Through the study of American literature and art, students will gain a fuller understanding of the significance of these ideals for their own lives. Students will also examine how these ideals intersect with the real experiences of various peoples who have lived, worked, and sought to create their own version of the American Dream. An essential aspect of intellectual engagement with any work is to cultivate the value of responsibility for the ideas that matter to us as global citizens, a central value that informs the 11<sup>th</sup>-grade Humanities curriculum. Conscious of the diversity of worldviews and experiences within our own school community, students will approach discussion and argumentation as a way to test—and shore up—their individual ideas. By considering many writers’ and artists’ assessment of the inherent contradictions between the ideal and the real in the American landscape, students will attain a more critical stance toward their own positions, as well as toward the potential consequences of their thoughts.

## **English 12 (Honors)**

Literature of the 20<sup>th</sup> and early 21<sup>st</sup> centuries can be read as a story of the individual in his or her confrontation with a dramatically changing world. In this course, students will look at how the literature of the last hundred years reflects the fragmentation and re-imagining of the individual. The existence of a whole, unified self is questioned, as well as how an individual with multiple and often conflicting identities can be represented in literature and art. Students will examine how Western and non-Western writers have responded to the tremendous changes experienced in their own societies. In examining the social, cultural, and psychological challenges to the individual, students will gain a better understanding of what it means to engage in the world with integrity, a central value that informs the 12<sup>th</sup>-grade Humanities curriculum. We will read literary works, as well as a variety of visual and film “texts,” as one way to understand the ongoing conversation between Western and non-Western cultures and worldviews.

## **English 12 (Course Offerings)**

Prerequisites: three years of high school English. The following courses are designed for seniors. Each course meets for one semester only, so students must take two courses to earn one English credit. Not all courses are offered each year.

- ***Contemporary Literature***
- ***Criticism: Theory and Practice***
- ***Graphic Novels***
- ***Mythology***
- ***Novel Into Film***
- ***Poetry***
- ***Native American Literature And Culture***
- ***Gender and Sexuality***
- ***Creative Nonfiction***
- ***World Literature and College Composition***
- ***Shakespeare in Action***

- **Critical Media Studies**

## **HUMANITIES HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:**

### **9th-Grade *Introduction to Social Studies***

In this course students will explore our global community and acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for further exploration in social studies. They will study the spirit of geographical place, the interplay of diverse cultures, the complexity of global politics, and the power of social activism to understand not only the complex world around them, but also their emerging role in it. Students will come to understand and appreciate the opinions and experiences of others as part of the 9<sup>th</sup>-grade Humanities curriculum centered around the value of empathy. They will explore elements of folk and popular culture, language, religion, ethnicity, political geography, and economic development by analyzing challenging texts and multimedia sources in order to construct informed viewpoints on controversial issues. Through reading challenging texts, students will identify an author's main idea, purpose, evidence, intended audience, and rhetorical methods. They will also learn to pursue an inquiry informed by focused research questions, to synthesize information from multiple sources, and to present their findings clearly using both print and digital media. Students will often engage in group discussions, working collaboratively to develop new ideas and reflecting on ways to contribute constructive comments in a positive, supportive environment.

### **10th-Grade *Modern World History/Modern World History (Honors)***

In this year-long course, students concentrate on the areas of political, economic, cultural, and intellectual past of the West, and its impact on world history. The course will span from the early modern period to mid-20th century, demonstrating the complexities that major events posed on non-European countries. Students will identify the complications of these events during their contemporary period, as well as the effects they have on our current, globalized community. This inquiry emphasizes the foundational value of respect for differing points of view, a value which informs the 10th-grade Humanities curriculum at IAA. Students will analyze, synthesize, and evaluate primary and secondary historical sources as vehicles for persuasive writing, critical reading, oral presentations, and building an effective learning environment which gives credence to various viewpoints. This course will also incorporate the students' artistic talents through creative assignments, which reflect the academic and social goals of the course.

### **11th-Grade *U.S. History/U.S. History (Honors)***

This course introduces students to the many concepts of "responsible citizenship" in the American historical narrative, beginning with first encounters between Natives, Europeans, and Africans, and concluding with more recent debates about the 20<sup>th</sup>-century limits of American Progressivism and Neo-Conservatism. Students will engage primary and secondary source materials to explore the public obligations of American citizenship, the material and philosophical consequences impacting it, and the capacity of individual citizens to assert their independence as members of the American community. In support of this exploration, students will continue to build on the communication skills of research-based argumentative writing and public speaking; they will think in new ways to question authoritative sources while striving to take the measure of historical and ethical dilemmas; and they will expand their collaborative skills to produce more effective arguments, richer interpretations, and more persuasive expressions of historical events. Students in *U.S. History* will also develop the creative skills to formulate their own major assessments, to imagine solutions to seemingly intractable historical problems, and to overturn traditional perspectives on such problems. This combination of skill development and textual exploration will strive to model success for both

the Idyllwild Arts learning community and the democratic community within contemporary American life.

### **12th-Grade *Government and Economics/Government and Economics (Honors)***

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to some key historical events, corresponding concepts, and the institutional processes that define America's political and economic identity in today's world. This course will be divided into three distinct but interrelated parts. First, the course begins with an exploration of the varied meanings of politics, government, republican democracy, and Neoliberal economics as they derive from specific historical movements during the European Enlightenment and its 17<sup>th</sup>- and 18<sup>th</sup>-century colonial legacy. Second, from this historical vantage point the course explores the development of uniquely American iterations on constitutionalism, federalism, civil liberties and rights, parties and elections, individual commercial enterprise, regulatory economics, Congress, the presidency, and the judiciary. Finally, based on an understanding of these institutions, the course concludes with student research projects on a topic integral to present-day American government or economics. Indeed, each part of the course provides an opportunity for individual students to develop their own areas of expertise on such topics as marriage equality and the American courts, homeland security and the constitutional right to privacy, Citizens United, contemporary conservatism, immigration reform, and America's economic recovery. Additionally, such projects grant students the chance to teach their peers and instructors about timely subjects in American government and economics in a collaborative classroom atmosphere.

### **12th-Grade Social Studies Course Offerings:**

Prerequisites: Successful completion of 10<sup>th</sup>-grade *Modern World History* and 11<sup>th</sup>-grade *U.S. History*. Each course meets for one semester and is paired with the required *Government and Economics* course to fulfill the 12<sup>th</sup>-grade Social Studies requirement. Not all courses are offered each year.

- ***Comparative Religion in the Modern World***
- ***Introduction To Psychology***
- ***Introducing Terrorism***
- ***Modern East Asia***
- ***Modern Latin American History and Culture***
- ***The Modern Middle East***
- ***Modern Revolutions***
- ***Introduction to Philosophy***

## **MATHEMATICS**

### **STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

The Mathematics Department offers sequential courses from Algebra through the second year of Calculus. Idyllwild Arts Academy's core math classes required for graduation consist of Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. Due to the sequential nature of our math courses, a student must master the material in one course to proceed to the next. Students must achieve an average grade of 70% (C-) if they are to move on to the next level of mathematics. The curriculum adopted by the Mathematics Department was jointly developed by high school mathematics teachers and university professors from the University of California, Davis, to meet the new National Standards of Mathematics required by the State of California. The standard topics are presented in an innovative group setting, using a hands-on approach. Problem-solving is emphasized, with development of

higher-order skills secured by frequent review of skills previously learned. All three of our core classes integrate statistics and probability within the curriculum. Teachers serve as facilitators rather than lecturers, enabling students to work both in small groups and individually during class time. Texas Instruments-83 and/or Texas Instruments-84 graphing calculators are used in classes at almost every level. Teachers use overhead graphing calculators and online technical resources in all classes to help students visualize and therefore better understand the mathematics they are learning.

- **ALGEBRA I – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: successful completion of Pre-Algebra. The Mathematics department does not offer Pre-Algebra. Students who cannot test into Algebra I must remediate their math skills during that school year with outside assistance.*

*Requirements: Texas Instruments Calculator (83 or 84)*

Algebra I focuses on learning basic skills including exponents, linear functions, quadratics, graphing functions, solving equations, ratios, solving systems of equations, and solving slope. Students work in groups and learn problem-solving strategies. Students also learn to use the graphing calculator.

- **GEOMETRY – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: a grade of C- (70%) or better in Algebra I*

*Requirements: Texas Instruments Calculator (83 or 84)*

This course is designed to emphasize the study of the properties and applications of common geometric figures in two and three dimensions. It includes the study of transformations, shape similarity, and right triangle trigonometry. Inductive and deductive thinking skills are used in problem solving situations, and applications to the real world are emphasized. This course also focuses on writing proofs to solve (prove) properties of geometric figures. Students should have a strong foundation of Algebra I skills including order of operations, as well as simplifying and solving both multi-step quadratic and linear equations. They should also have basic knowledge of square roots. The understanding attained in Algebra I is secured by frequent review. The graphing calculator is used to further the students' understanding and is an essential tool for trigonometric calculations.

- **ALGEBRA II – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: a grade of C- (70%) or better in both Geometry and Algebra I*

*Requirements: Texas Instruments Calculator (83 or 84)*

Group work and guided inquiry ensure that students are able to master Algebra II topics, including discrete functions, exponential functions, log and other inverse functions, polynomials, and further studies of the sine, cosine, and tangent functions with their graphs. Students work in small groups to hone their problem-solving skills.

- **STATISTICS AND PROBABILITY – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Algebra II and permission of the Mathematics department*

*Requirements: Texas Instruments Calculator (83 or 84)*

Statistics and Probability is for students interested in studying beyond the Algebra II level. This is a rigorous course that is not meant to be taken without a true interest in the subject. The course emphasizes the use of statistics through applications, projects, surveys, statistical modeling, and elementary research methods. This class uses hands-on and team approaches to design statistical models. Topics of study include data collection through accurate sampling methods, data analysis, probability (and probability distributions), hypothesis testing, inferences from two samples, and correlation and regression. The class will culminate with an individual statistical based project relating to the students' interests and real-life situations.

- **PRE-CALCULUS (HONORS) – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: a grade of B or better in Algebra II and permission of the Mathematics department.*

*Requirements: Texas Instruments Calculator (83 or 84)*

Pre-Calculus provides the foundation for Calculus by exploring the concept of a function. Properties of exponential, logarithmic, inverse, and trigonometric functions are developed and applied to the study of area under a curve and limits. The course concludes with an investigation of rate of change and introduction to derivatives.

- **CALCULUS (HONORS) – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: a grade of B or better in Pre-Calculus and permission of the Mathematics department.*

*Requirements: Texas Instruments Calculator (83 or 84)*

Calculus is the study of change in mathematical systems and its application to the physical and social sciences. Using the concept of limits, the techniques of differentiation, and integration of polynomial, exponential, logarithmic, and trigonometric functions and their applications are studied.

- **CALCULUS II (HONORS) – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: a grade of B or better in Calculus (H) and permission of the Mathematics department.*

*Requirements: Texas Instruments Calculator (83 or 84)*

Honors Calculus II is designed to provide a second year of calculus at the high school level. Students continue from the Calculus (Honors) curriculum and study parametric, vector and polar equations, convergence of series, MacLaurin and Taylor polynomial approximations, and are introduced to differential equations.

- **INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER SCIENCE – Full-year junior and senior elective**

*Prerequisites: Completion of Algebra II*

This course focuses on foundational computer-science concepts and computational practices using Python. Students who complete this course will:

- Understand the components inside a typical computer and how these components interact with each other to handle instructions and data
- Have an appreciation for the role computers play in modern society and how computers have evolved since their inception
- Be able to read, parse, and manipulate data in Python
- Know how to solve computational problems by designing and implementing algorithms

- **COMPUTER GAME DESIGN--Full-year junior and senior elective**

*Prerequisite: Completion of Algebra 1*

Game Design Workshop introduces students to the fundamentals of game design and programming, with a focus on games as a storytelling medium. Approaches to user experience design will be introduced, as well as the Python and C# programming languages. Students will scope, pitch and implement a series of short games across multiple genres utilizing the Unity2D engine. Upon scheduled milestones, teams will present, run play-test sessions and receive critiques from fellow students.

- **CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY COMPUTER DESIGN FOR ARTISTS – Full-year junior and senior elective**

*Prerequisites: department approval*

This course will introduce students to 3D design, motion capture, and rapid prototyping. The course will be team-taught by Math and Visual Arts faculty. During the first semester, students will be introduced to the various programs used by 3D printers and scanners, CNC machines, and laser cutters. Students will become familiar with the softwares TinkerCAD, 123Design, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe Photoshop. Students will also learn how these machines work, how they are being used by artists, and proper safety procedures. During the second semester, students will work on collaborative projects in several artistic disciplines.

## **SCIENCE**

### **STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

The Science Department offers a wide range of lab-based courses and electives. Required classes for graduation include one life science lab course, such as Biology, and one physical science course, such as Chemistry or Physics. Upon completion of the core requirements, students are encouraged to pursue further exploration of science through elective courses such as Environmental Studies or Astronomy. Additionally, IAA offers an honors science track, in which students progress from Honors Chemistry to Honors Physics and finish with Advanced Biology. All of our core classes focus on a hands-on, inquiry-based approach to create a rigorous and relevant science curriculum.

- **BIOLOGY – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Biology is the study of all living creatures, their history, and the processes that allow them to live and reproduce. This course will begin with a scientific definition of life and a survey of the diversity of life, emphasizing animals. Course topics include, Evolution, Genetics, and Cell Biology. The overarching themes of the course are Diversity, and Biology as a science.

- **ADVANCED BIOLOGY (HONORS) – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: a grade of B or better in Biology, successful completion of Algebra I, matriculation as a Senior*

Biology is the study of all living creatures, their history, and the processes that allow them to live and reproduce. However, this is not a typical course in Biology, in that it is not content-driven. While certain topics in Biology will be covered, the coverage will not be comprehensive. Rather, this class is an effort to focus on higher-order thinking, 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills, and an implementation of Project-Based Learning (PBL). We will be using *select* content from Biology to engage in activities and projects whose purpose is to develop skills. The focus will be on the skills, not the biological theory.

Students will be introduced to data collection and pattern analysis and will receive (and search for) information from a variety of media, including texts, videos, internet sources, and simulations. Students should be prepared for outdoor fieldwork, extensive collaboration and negotiation with each other in class, reading assignments as homework, writing self- and peer-assessments, and presenting material orally, through videos, and in slides. Students will be expected to advocate for their interests, argue for what they would like to study, and work independently with little oversight to prepare themselves for class projects.

- **CHEMISTRY – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Chemistry studies the underlying structure of all matter and the reactions between substances. Emphasis is placed on a hands-on approach, active learning through manipulation, experimentation, and projects. Among the topics studied in detail are atomic structure and its relationship to the quantum theory, nuclear chemistry, chemical bonding, chemical nomenclature and equations, acids and bases, and oxidation/reduction. Organic chemistry is also surveyed. Additional topics studied in project format and presented to students may include polymers, chemistry of the earth, air, and water, energy, biochemistry, the chemistry of food, household chemicals, fitness and health, drugs, and poisons. The focus of the laboratory experience is on safety and skill in the use of equipment. Students explore the behavior of chemicals while handling them safely and carefully. They also gain proficiency in accurate measurement techniques. While basic mathematics is occasionally used to solve problems and compute results in the laboratory, it is not an emphasis of this course.

- **CHEMISTRY (HONORS) – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: department approval*

This course provides a more advanced chemistry curriculum for students who already have a strong basic understanding of chemistry principles. The course will explore the composition, structure, and properties of matter, the processes that matter undergoes, and the energy changes that accompany these processes. Research methods will also be developed by writing lab reports and discussing scientific concepts. The writing of lab reports will be substantially equivalent to the AP curriculum, with elements of the IB chemistry curriculum embedded to reinforce the connections with real-world problems and challenges and engage students in global issues.

- **PHYSICS – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Algebra I and Geometry*

*Fees: \$20 per semester for lab manual*

Physics is the study of the “how” of the universe, from the structure of the parts of an atom to the pull of the distant stars. Mechanics, sound and light, and electricity are some of the major topics studied and applied to the understanding of music, color, temperature and heat, and other everyday phenomena. Problem solving and conceptual understanding are emphasized, but at a lower difficulty than Honors Physics.

- **PHYSICS (HONORS) – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: a grade of B or better in Algebra II*

*Co-requisite: Pre-Calculus or Calculus*

Honors Physics emphasizes an understanding of the role that math plays in the explanation of the phenomena of the real world. The course also stresses the theory of scientific knowledge and its application to physics. Through experimentation, students explore mechanics, properties of sound and music, light, thermodynamics, and relativity, as well as the application of physics to everyday life. Problem solving and conceptual understanding are emphasized and will be challenging.

- **ASTRONOMY – Full-year junior and senior elective**

*Prerequisites: Completion of Biology and Chemistry or Physics*

This is an introductory course for those who have not been exposed to Astronomy. Students who take this course will gain a sound understanding of common celestial events and objects, learn the

fundamentals of scientific thought-making and recording observations, understand the complexity and vastness of the universe, and appreciate the awe-inspiring beauty of the night sky. Students are required to attend 5 observatory nights per semester (offered at least twice per month).

- **ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES – Full-year senior elective**

*Prerequisites: Department approval required*

Environmental Studies encourages seniors to explore our connections to “the environment” through many different lenses: global, national, local, and cultural. Through reading, writing, discussion, research, team projects, and personal experience, students learn how our world currently operates and how to live in a way that benefits future generations. This dynamic class requires full participation and willingness to dive into difficult and complex issues with an open mind. Seniors should expect at least two hours per week devoted to homework and research outside of class.

- **STEAM --Full-Year junior and senior elective**

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics)

*Prerequisite: Completion of Algebra 1 and Geometry*

Through experimentation and problem solving, students encounter real-world applications of design. This class will allow students to engage in every step of the process-conception, design, production, and testing of their products. Student will use an array of technology including 3D printers, laser scanners, computer software such as Adobe and TinkerCad, as well as graphing calculators and robots. It is a requirement that students be willing to work in groups and not be scared to try something new and fail.

- **ELECTRONICS FOR ARTISTS- Full year elective course**

The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with the basic components of (and concepts behind) analog electronic technology, with an emphasis towards understanding the circuitry that comprises analog electronic equipment (i.e. amplifiers, effects, instruments, etc.). However, the principles can be applied to any situation involving electronic technology. Students that successfully complete the course will be in a good position to begin experimentation with the modification of existing equipment, interfacing multiple pieces of equipment to ‘speak’ with each other, as well as the basic troubleshooting and repair abilities that come with the confidence of knowledge.

## **MOVEMENT AND WELLNESS (PE)**

Due to the unique curriculum offered by Idyllwild Arts Academy, the Physical Education program tends to be more creative than the typical standardized course offerings. This course serves as a foundation for a healthy, positive lifestyle with a focus on nutrition, fitness, and some wilderness skills. It will enhance every student’s interpersonal and leadership abilities and develop an awareness and appreciation of the natural environment, while physically challenging students in team sports and individual exercises such as jogging, hiking, yoga, ultimate Frisbee, various ball sports, and a broad range of core fitness and cardio exercises.

All students are required to complete two years of Movement and Wellness. Courses meet twice a week during regularly scheduled academic class hours in the morning. There are no fees, but students are expected to have appropriate clothing and footwear. Afternoon Dance Department classes meeting for three or more hours per week can be taken for Movement and Wellness (PE) credit.

# MODERN LANGUAGES

## STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The Modern Languages Department aims to give students experience and practice in performing language functions across a range of real-life contexts, developing both social and academic linguistic proficiency. Foreign language classes also help students strengthen their knowledge and appreciation of the diverse cultures of the countries whose languages they are learning.

## MODERN LANGUAGE APPROACH

The Modern Languages department uses a proficiency-based approach which adheres to the American Council of Foreign Languages Teachers standards: communication, cultures, connections, comparisons and communities (the 5 Cs of language education). Methods include comprehensible input teaching and blended learning.

## DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

All new students must take a placement test to determine their appropriate levels.

## CURRICULUM

All students must complete two years of foreign language study in their 9<sup>th</sup>- through 12<sup>th</sup>-grade years. Three years of a foreign language are recommended for university admission. Idyllwild Arts Academy offers four levels of French and Spanish. Due to the sequential nature of foreign language courses, a student must master a course's material, achieving an average grade of C- (70%) or better, to advance to the next level.

## FRENCH

- **FRENCH I – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Students acquire working use of a fundamental vocabulary of contemporary French language. Students develop the ability to converse in French about such topics as school, family, friends, house, time, numbers, food, shopping, and personal activities. A wide variety of instructional materials and immersive methods are employed. Students also begin to learn about francophone culture through readings and projects.

- **FRENCH II – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: French I or comparable level of proficiency*

French II builds on the student's elementary knowledge of French and is designed to develop the fundamental skills necessary for genuine oral and written communication. Topics studied include travel, summer and winter sports, clothes, physical fitness and health, and cars and road regulations. Students also continue learning about French culture and the traditions of other Francophone cultures.

- **FRENCH III (Honors) – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: a grade of B or better in French II or comparable level of proficiency*

French III continues to develop the student's skill in effective communication about everyday topics such as daily routines, medical care, city life, university studies, and careers. All communication is in French. An intensive review of grammar accompanies an introduction to French literature and literary analysis. Guided essays and conversations are geared toward sharpening a student's

descriptive and narrative prose. In addition to continued instruction in the history of France, students are also exposed to Francophone culture and history via activities, discussions, films, and projects.

- **FRENCH IV (HONORS) – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: a grade of B or better in French III*

French IV (Honors) is designed to teach students to converse and write entirely in French by focusing on readings about milestone events and important figures from the Renaissance to the Modern period. Students discuss topics that require intensive use of advanced grammar patterns. The course emphasizes correct pronunciation, inflection, and intonation, as well as reading for content, theme, vocabulary development, cultural and historical context, and nuance. Students pursue intensive study of literature and literary analysis through short stories, poems, novels, and passages from important works by French and Canadian, African, and Caribbean Francophone writers.

- **FRENCH V (HONORS) – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: French IV Honors*

French V students prepare for taking the Advanced Placement exam in French language and culture.

## **SPANISH**

- **SPANISH I – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Students acquire working use of a fundamental vocabulary of contemporary Spanish. Students develop the ability to converse in Spanish about topics such as health, weather, time, numbers, and personal activities. A wide variety of instructional materials is employed.

- **SPANISH II – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Spanish I or comparable level of proficiency*

Spanish II emphasizes increased competency and proficiency in the language. After a review of basic grammar, the students undertake a thorough study of grammatical concepts. Through daily class activities, students demonstrate practical and meaningful use of the language.

- **SPANISH III (HONORS) – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: a grade of B or better in Spanish II or comparable level of proficiency*

Spanish III (Honors) is designed for students whose background enables them to read, write, listen, and speak in Spanish. The objective of the course is to increase oral facility and to improve ability to participate in authentic Spanish conversations and discussions. Contemporary literary and cultural readings expand student familiarity with the Spanish-speaking world. Students express their own thoughts and feelings through creative use of the language.

- **SPANISH IV (HONORS) – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: a grade of B or better in Spanish III*

This advanced course is conducted in and requires students to communicate both verbally and in written form entirely in Spanish. Modern Hispanic literature is the main vehicle of instruction, providing a review and intensive use of advanced grammar. The course emphasizes correct pronunciation, listening comprehension, reading for content, theme, vocabulary development, cultural and historical context, and nuance. Frequent written compositions are geared toward sharpening a student's descriptive and narrative prose in Spanish.

- **SPANISH V (HONORS) – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Spanish IV Honors*

Spanish V students prepare for taking the Advanced Placement test in Spanish language and culture.

## **ARTS PROGRAM**

### **CREATIVE WRITING**

#### **STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

Idyllwild Arts Academy's Writers Workshop nurtures and challenges high school students interested in developing as poets, fiction writers, playwrights, screenwriters, and essayists. The Workshop prepares its participants to pursue writing and related fields in college and beyond. Workshop courses place equal emphasis on the crafts of poetry, fiction, and dramatic writing, and the study of literature by writers of many eras, geographies, and sensibilities.

Creative Writing students at Idyllwild Arts Academy will be engaged literary citizens, who will enhance their creative writing and creative reading through comprehensive study of major works in literary genres.

Students will develop pre-professional skills through submissions to literary journals and competitions, and through artistic collaboration with guest artists and peers in other departments. Through practice of their craft, they will develop compassion, curiosity, and the confidence to take artistic risks.

#### **DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Within the department, students take courses that provide a wide-ranging background in literature and the fine arts, varied historically, intellectually, geographically, and culturally. A tiered curriculum provides introductory and advanced workshops, seminars, tutorials, a senior thesis, and senior portfolio. Because too much specialization too soon is generally not in a young writer's best interest, workshop participants are required to take writing workshops and seminars in poetry, fiction, and dramatic writing. Courses include texts on craft, anthologies of literature, collections of poems, novels, plays, and nonfiction works that offer challenging models for writing. Lectures, readings, and workshops by visiting writers extend the regular faculty's ability to present a variety of approaches to the art and craft of writing. Classes typically include fewer than ten students.

Seniors are expected to meet certain requirements to earn their arts certificates upon graduation. Seniors create a reading list of 18-20 books which they read over the course of their senior year, write a thesis of 12-15 pages based on the books in their senior reading list, submit a portfolio of 20-25 pages of publishable work, and give a public reading showcasing their best work.

#### **CURRICULUM**

- **AUTHOR SEMINAR – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: none*

The Author Seminar, though structured along the lines of the Literature and the Writer course outlined below, examines a single author's work in chronological order. For example, if Hemingway is the selected author, his works (novels, short stories, and personal correspondence) are discussed in a linear manner starting from his first known work through his last. Authors with a large body of work will be covered in a quarter. This course is designed to show how an author's style and technique develop over the course of their writing career. Edgar Allan Poe was the featured author during a recent semester.

- **FICTION AND POETRY WORKSHOP – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

First-level Fiction and Poetry Workshop provides a comprehensive introduction to poetry and fiction writing, in addition to illuminating literary intersections with other arts. Participants develop habits of writing and revising, as well as habits of reading and understanding texts, through workshops, seminars, field trips, and individual conferences. This studio and academic course meets for six to nine hours per week and is led by poetry and fiction faculty. This course is required for all first year Creative Writers.

- **FICTION AND POETRY WORKSHOP, ADVANCED – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Completion of Poetry and Fiction Workshop and chair permission*

Advanced Fiction and Poetry Workshop continues the comprehensive inquiry into the writing of poetry and fiction. Participants deepen their habits of writing and revising, as well as habits of reading and understanding texts, through workshops, seminars, field trips, individual conferences, and, for seniors, the senior portfolio and a senior oral examination or paper on a list of novels. This course meets for six to nine hours per week and is led by poetry and fiction faculty.

- **INDIVIDUAL TUTORIAL – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: chair permission, B- or above in all arts courses*

Individual Tutorial lets students complete a major work (poetry or story collection, full-length play, novel, etc.), deepening student understanding of their particular genre of interest. Students propose a writing project they would like to complete over the course of the spring semester, setting this long-term semester goal as well as short-term weekly goals. In addition, the student and instructor select applicable texts to accompany the writing project. Students meet with an instructor on a weekly basis to discuss both components of the tutorial, the writing project and the reading assignments. In these meetings, student progress is assessed, leading to further customization of goals.

- **LITERATURE AND THE WRITER – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Literature and the Writer is designed to help students develop close reading skills and to provide in-depth study of various literary techniques. The course exposes students to a wide variety of literature from various time periods, genres, styles, and places. Students develop critical thinking and analytical skills through seminar-style discussions and essay-writing.

Courses offered under this heading have included Global Cultures, Detective Fiction, Victorian Literature, Russian Literature, Southern Literature, Latin American Literature, Asian Literature, Hybrid Literature, and others.

- **MULTI-GENRE WORKSHOP – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Multi-Genre Workshop can include, but is not limited to, poetry, fiction, playwriting, screenwriting, creative nonfiction, and songwriting. The course is designed to develop writing and language skills needed for individual expression in literary forms. Students share their work in a group environment to benefit from an interactive revision process and to develop a vocabulary with which to discuss writing in a positive and supportive manner. Students from all majors are encouraged to take this course.

- **PLAYWRITING/PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: Completion of Poetry and Fiction Workshop, Completion of Multi-Genre Workshop*  
Playwriting/Performance Workshop provides a comprehensive introduction to playwriting. Students read a variety of classic and contemporary plays and write, workshop, and revise their own one-act plays. In addition, they complete process-driven (exploratory) writing and improvisation exercises. Playwrights collaborate with Theatre students, who direct and act in the plays, culminating in public performance of fully staged readings.

- **PUBLISHING – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*  
Publishing students edit and produce the Creative Writing Department's literary journals, *Parallax* and *Parallax Online*, and the campus magazine. *Parallax* is a print journal published in the spring, featuring creative writing and visual art solicited, selected, and edited by Creative Writing students. *Parallax Online* is one of the few online journals featuring work from high school students around the world, in addition to book reviews and author interviews written by Idyllwild Arts students. The campus magazine enhances the campus community by featuring interviews with faculty and students, in addition to book reviews, poetry, fiction, and visual arts. Students develop a variety of skills necessary for today's professional writers: editing, web design and management, event coordinating, marketing and publicizing, book reviewing, and interviewing.

- **SENIOR SEMINAR – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: none*  
All seniors take Senior Seminar. The class is divided into two parts: common sessions where all seniors participate under the college counselor's direction, addressing such topics as college applications, essays, and standardized testing; and breakout sessions on department/discipline-specific needs (audition preparation, audition travel, portfolio development).

## OTHER CLASSES

Other workshops include, but are not limited to: Screenwriting, TV Writing, Literary Adaptations, Translation, Creative Nonfiction, Novel Writing, Graphic Storytelling, Exploratory Workshop, and Advanced Grammar. The courses develop writing and language skills needed for individual expression in literary forms. Students share their work in a group environment to benefit from an interactive revision process and to develop a vocabulary with which to discuss writing in a positive and supportive manner.

## INDEPENDENT STUDY

Four-year seniors may on occasion undertake independent study projects in areas not covered by the standard writing curriculum. Independent Study is not an alternative to, or a method of avoiding, courses included in the curriculum. A written proposal for any Independent Study must be presented at the beginning of the semester during which the project is to be completed and must be approved by the department chair. An approved copy of the proposal must be placed in the student's permanent file. Credit for Independent Study will be determined by the chair and the Registrar.

## COMMUNITY OF WRITERS

Because Idyllwild is located between Los Angeles and San Diego, there are many opportunities for students to experience a wide range of literary influences firsthand. Trips are organized around topics and genres that students are currently studying. Past field trips have included visits to the Huntington Library, South Coast Repertory, The Old Globe, The Los Angeles Times Festival of Books, the Noah Purifoy Outdoor Desert Art Museum, and California State University, San Bernardino (where our students gave readings).

The Academy's Creative Writing program is a member of the Associated Writing Programs (AWP), and its students have access to all of the membership benefits. They receive five newsletters per year as part of our department's enrollment in this national nonprofit organization. These newsletters contain interviews with established writers, contest and workshop announcements, calls for manuscripts, and feature articles on the writing process.

## CREATIVE WRITING READINGS

Creative Writing students are required to read selections from their works during readings that occur throughout the year.

## PUBLICATIONS

Students edit and publish the Academy's art and literary journal, *Parallax*. Creative Writers solicit material from the entire student body and participate fully in the editing, designing, and publishing process, which culminates in a reading and release party. Enrollment in the Creative Writing program does not guarantee publication in *Parallax*. The selection of manuscripts is based on quality, thematic connectivity, and appropriateness to the issue in production.

*Parallax Online* invites submissions from high school students around the world, thus increasing Idyllwild Arts student involvement in the larger literary community. Idyllwild Arts students maintain and publicize the online journal and publish their own author interviews and book reviews. Visual art from the Academy is archived and showcased on the website. The website is celebrated annually with a public reading.

The campus magazine is a monthly campus newsletter featuring interviews with students and faculty from all Idyllwild Arts departments, book reviews, essays, and articles that are pertinent to the community, and fiction, poetry, and visual art.

## MASTER CLASSES

Nationally recognized writers visit Creative Writing classes to highlight areas of concentration that students are currently working in. Their presentations give students insight into the writing life of established and emerging writers from varied backgrounds, and expose students to careers that can arise from a thorough understanding of literature and the writing process.

Recent guests have included:

**Kazim Ali**, poet, novelist, essayist: *Orange Alert* (University of Michigan Press 2010) *The Far Mosque* (Alice James Books 2005), *The Fortieth Day* (BOA Editions 2008), *The Disappearance of Seth* (Etruscan Press 2009), *Bright Felon: Autobiography and Cities* (Wesleyan 2009), *Quinn's Passage* (BlazeVox Books 2005). Co-founder: Nightboat Books. Recipient of Individual Excellence Award from the Ohio Arts Council. Poetry featured in *Best American Poetry*. Columnist for the

*American Poetry Review*. Contributing editor for the Association of Writers and Writing Programs' *Writer's Chronicle*. Professor at Oberlin College.

**Judy Blunt**, author of *Breaking Clean* (Vintage, 2003), which was awarded a 1997 PEN/Jerard Fund Award for a work in progress, a 2001 Whiting Writers' Award, Mountains and Plains Nonfiction Book Award, Willa Cather Literary Award, and was one of The New York Times' Notable Books. Her essays and poems have appeared in publications such as *The New York Times*, *Big Sky Journal* and *Oprah Magazine*. Recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship and a Guggenheim fellowship. Creative Nonfiction Professor at the University of Montana.

**Richard Bausch**, novelist and short story writer: *Rebel Powers* (Random House 1997), *Violence* (Random House 1997), *Good Evening Mr. & Mrs. America And All The Ships At Sea* (Harper Perennial 1997), *In The Night Season* (Harper Perennial 1999), *Hello To The Cannibals* (Harper Perennial 2003), *Thanksgiving Night* (Harper 2006), and *Peace* (Vintage 2009); and the story collections *Spirits* (Penguin 1988), *The Fireman's Wife* (W.W. Norton & Co. 1991), *Rare & Endangered Species* (Houghton Mifflin 1994), *Someone To Watch Over Me* (Harper Perennial 2000), *The Stories of Richard Bausch* (Harper Perennial 2004), *Wives & Lovers* (Harper Perennial 2004), *Something Is Out There* (Knopf 2010). His novel, *The Last Good Time* (Vintage 1995) was made into a feature-length motion picture, directed by Bob Balaban, starring Armin Meuhler-Stahl, Maureen Stapleton, and Lionel Stander, released in April 1995, and *Peace* was awarded the 2010 Dayton International Literary Peace Prize. Editor of *The Norton Anthology of Short Fiction*. Professor at Chapman University.

**Ilya Kaminsky**, poet, editor, translator: *Deaf Republic* (Graywolf Press, 2019); *Dancing in Odessa* (Tupelo Press, 2004), named Best Book of the Year by *Forward* magazine; *Musica Humana* (Chapiteau Press, 2002). Awards include a Guggenheim Fellowship, the Whiting Writer's Award, the American Academy of Arts and Letters' Metcalf Award, Lannan Foundation's Fellowship, the NEA Fellowship, *Poetry* magazine's Levison Prize. Poems regularly appear in *Best American Poetry* and *Pushcart Prize* anthologies. Poems have been translated into over twenty languages, books have been published in many countries including Turkey, Holland, Russia, France, Mexico, Macedonia, Romania, Spain and China, where his poetry was awarded the Yinchuan International Poetry Prize.

**Claudia Rankine**, poet, essayist, editor, professor at Pomona College: *Citizen: An American Lyric* (Graywolf Press, 2014), recipient of the 2014 National Book Critics Circle Award in Poetry; *Don't Let Me Be Lonely: An American Lyric* (Graywolf Press, 2004); *PLOT* (Grove Press, 2001); *The End of the Alphabet* (Grove Press, 1998); *Nothing in Nature is Private* (Cleveland State University Poetry Center, 1995), recipient of the Cleveland State Poetry Prize. Chancellor of Academy of American Poets, recipient of fellowships from The Lannan Foundation, The National Endowment for the Arts, and the Academy of American Poets.

**Chase Twichell**, poet, publisher: *Horses Where the Answers Should Have Been* (Copper Canyon Press, 2010), *The Snow Watcher* (Ontario Review Press, 1998), *The Ghost of Eden* (Ontario Review Press, 1995), *Perdido* (Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 1991), *Northern Spy: Poems* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 1981), *Dog Language* (Copper Canyon Press, 2005), *The Odds* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 1986). Editor: *The Practice of Poetry: Writing Exercises From Poets Who Teach* (edited with Robin Behn: Harper Perennial, 1992), founder of Ausable Press. Winner of the Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award, among others.

**Brady Udall**, author of international bestseller, *The Miracle Life of Edgar Mint* (Vintage, 2002), *Letting Loose the Hounds* (Washington Square Press, 1997; Norton, 2010), and the Amazon Best Book of the Month in May 2010, *The Lonely Polygamist* (Norton 2010). Stories and essays have appeared on NPR's *This American Life*. Professor in the MFA program at Boise State University.

**William Lucas Walker** is an Emmy Award-winning writer and producer whose television credits include *Frasier*, *Will & Grace* and *Roseanne*. He co-created the critically-acclaimed one-hour Showtime comedy series *The Chris Isaak Show*. He regularly blogs for The Huffington Post in his column Spilled Milk, the first recurring humor column by a gay parent to appear in a major U.S. publication.

## DANCE

### STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The Dance program provides students with the technical and artistic versatility required to advance in the professional dance world. Therefore all Dance majors study all forms of dance. Ballet plays a crucial role in a Dance major's education. Idyllwild Arts students study the American Ballet Theater National Training Curriculum in Ballet and work toward achieving both technical expertise and artistic expression, developing an understanding of and a feeling for efficient movement. By applying the laws of physics to the principles of classical ballet, each student acquires healthy movement habits that minimize the risk of injury and learns how to apply these laws to dance techniques other than ballet. Modern Dance classes give the Dance major the versatility required to succeed in their field. Students become aware of how weight, gravity, space, and energy provide the basis for technical ability and for choreographic creativity. Modern dance training, with its emphasis on the articulation of the torso and pelvis, helps the young dancer develop the strong and supple body necessary for a long career. Jazz Dance classes give the Dance major training in rhythm, dynamic movement, phrasing, and work on long combinations.

### DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

All Dance majors must enroll in ballet, modern, and jazz dance classes each year that they are in the program. Tap Dance is required first semester of the freshman and sophomore year and is offered as an elective second semester. Placement into all technique classes is by audition. Additionally, all Dance majors must complete Anatomy and Kinesiology as well as Dance History. Juniors and seniors are required to take Dance Composition.

Because the Dance program focuses on developing performing abilities, all Dance majors must take part in Dance performances. Faculty and students work together to develop senior solos in preparation for college/university and professional company auditions appropriate to each student's individual goals. Juniors and seniors present their own choreography in a spring showcase.

Enrollment and placement in all classes are at the discretion of the Dance faculty.

### CURRICULUM

- **ANATOMY AND KINESIOLOGY – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Anatomy and Kinesiology is a requirement for all first-year Dance majors and is devoted to the study of the structure and function of the locomotive system, essential for injury prevention. By putting the principles of the course into action, students acquire healthy movement habits applicable to any dance-related activity. This class teaches exercises that correct body alignment and optimize

muscle usage in order to prevent injuries. Strength-building routines are combined with stretching exercises to improve movement efficiency, increase range of motion, and enhance career longevity. Students may be required to repeat this course at the discretion of the Dance chair.

- **BALLET I-V – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Placement by audition*

Ballet is offered at all levels and is based on the American Ballet Theater National Training Curriculum syllabus. Students are placed in levels at the discretion of the faculty. Ballet stresses the simultaneous development of strength, limberness, neuromuscular coordination, spatial orientation, musicality, and stylistic clarity. Ballet is required for all Dance majors each year of enrollment. Concurrent enrollment in the following classes is required: Anatomy and Kinesiology and Dance History. The curriculum takes students from a basic understanding of the principles of ballet to the technical mastery needed for full artistic expression. Students receive instruction in pointe, pas de deux, variations, and dance fundamentals. Their advancement in technical expertise and artistic expression allows them to develop an understanding of and feeling for complex movement, timing, and line in their work.

- **POINTE CLASS – Full-year course (credit included with Ballet technique classes)**

*Prerequisites: Placement by audition for female dancers; no prerequisite for male dancers*

Pointe class provides the technical understanding of muscular strength needed for efficient pointe work. The advanced section deals with more complex technical skills, emphasizing the articulation, speed, and endurance required in the classical ballet repertoire. Pointe class is required for all female dancers each year of enrollment.

- **MEN'S CLASS – Full-year course (credit included with Ballet technique classes)**

*Prerequisites: Male dancers only*

Men's Class is designed to provide male students with the strength, stamina, and specific technical training required for the classical male repertoire.

- **PAS DE DEUX – Full-year course (credit included with Ballet technique classes)**

*Prerequisites: Placement by audition for female dancers*

In Pas de Deux, students use their technical expertise and awareness of timing to become familiar with the sense of mutual trust and support essential to the art of partnering. Pas de Deux is required of all male dancers each year of enrollment.

- **DANCE COMPOSITION – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: junior or senior standing*

Dance Composition teaches students how to create and structure their own dance works. Students learn that dance is a language with a specific vocabulary and have opportunities to develop their own dance works. Student-choreographed pieces are presented as part of a spring showcase. Dance Composition is required of all junior and senior Dance majors.

- **DANCE HISTORY – Full-year course, successful completion is an Arts Certificate requirement.**

*Prerequisites: none*

Dance History explores the history of dance from the ancient world to the present, enabling students to develop an appreciation of their heritage in this art form through readings, lectures, and viewing films and videotapes. Dance appreciation develops the students' artistic taste, informs them of current trends in the professional dance world, and motivates their daily studio work through exposure to remarkable dancing and choreographic works. In addition to recorded performances,

students have opportunities to attend live performances by world-famous dance companies. Dance History is required for all Dance majors each year of enrollment.

- **INTRO TO DANCE – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

This class, designed for beginning non-major dancers, explores ballet, modern, jazz, and world dance. The class focuses on one style per quarter.

- **JAZZ DANCE I-V – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Placement by audition*

Jazz Dance presents various jazz techniques and styles at all levels. Entry-level classes introduce students to jazz-dance basics. Upper-level classes allow dancers to explore and refine their craft. Emphasis is placed on technique and challenges. Jazz Dance classes are open to all students with the consent of the instructor. Jazz Dance is required for all Dance majors each year of enrollment. Concurrent enrollment in one of the following is required: Anatomy and Kinesiology or Dance History.

- **MODERN DANCE I-V – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Placement by audition*

Modern Dance focuses on developing technical abilities along with artistic versatility. By concentrating on the articulation of the spine, the technique classes explore the full range of possibilities for movement in the torso. Different rhythmic structures and emphasis on musical phrasing help create a musical dancer. Students receive instruction in partnering, variations, and dance fundamentals. Modern Dance is required for all Dance majors each year of enrollment. Concurrent enrollment in one of the following is required: Anatomy and Kinesiology or Dance History.

- **TAP DANCE I-V – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Placement by audition*

Tap Dance teaches basic tap steps and rhythm carried through to advanced techniques. No experience is needed and the class is open to all students with the consent of the instructor. Entry-level classes introduce students to the basics of tap. Upper-level classes enable dancers to explore and refine their craft. Tap Dance is required for all freshman and sophomore Dance majors the first semester of each of those years of enrollment.

- **SENIOR SEMINAR – One-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Senior Seminar is required of all seniors. The class is divided into two parts: common sessions where all seniors, under the college counselor's direction, address such topics as college applications, essays, and standardized testing; and breakout sessions addressing department/discipline-specific needs such as audition preparation, audition travel, and portfolio development.

## MASTER CLASSES

All Dance majors participate in master classes throughout the year. Idyllwild's proximity to Los Angeles and San Diego provides easy access to the many performances that take place in these cities. Workshop topics include ballet, modern, jazz, and ethnic styles of dance, acting for dancers, anatomy, basic nutrition, and career counseling. Previous masterclass teachers have included Anna-Marie Holms, Jock Soto, Orion Duckstein, Josie Walsh, Nina Watt, Lillian Barbeito, Chad

Michael Hall, Robyn Gardenhire, John Pennington, Alexandre Munz, Neal Beasley, and Sam Wentz.

## **FILM & DIGITAL MEDIA**

### STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The Film and Digital Media program offer students the foundations of filmmaking and emerging media production in a pre-professional educational environment. The program gives special attention to preparing students for an ever-changing industry with a focus on foundations in the five phases of production: development, pre-production, principal photography, post-production, and distribution. Students will learn to think critically, communicate effectively, and adapt to change in diverse collaborative environments.

The Film and Digital Media curriculum includes three learning levels: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Students are evaluated and placed into the appropriate level for each primary course of study. For advancement, each student is expected to execute a film within their level successfully.

The program offers opportunities to use industry-standard and emerging media equipment and software throughout the curriculum. Students have the advantage of graduating with AVID Media Composer User and AVID Media Pro-Tools User certifications.

Proximity to Los Angeles affords a rich opportunity for students to work with Hollywood experts. Master classes are provided both in Los Angeles and on the Idyllwild Campus, building relationships between students and industry professionals.

### DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

Filmmaking is a collaborative art that requires strong leadership skills as well as the ability to work well with others. Students are therefore expected to respect others regardless of their position on a crew. Honesty, generosity, flexibility, and a positive attitude are essential qualities of the collaborative spirit and expected in the program.

Students are enrolled in four to six three-hour courses per week, depending on their program level. Students may be placed in a class several times until mastered. Enrollment and placement in all classes are at the discretion of the Film faculty.

Students are assigned crew positions on productions throughout the year and must participate when assigned. Productions schedules include Friday nights and Saturdays.

Filmmaking is a physical occupation, and students should be able to lift 30-40 lbs during production. Any health or physical restrictions will need to be approved by the Chair.

Required supplies and attire are emailed at the start of each year.

All students are required to enroll in the Junior Seminar during the Spring semester of their junior year. This course prepares students for upcoming college visits, college selections, and submission materials.

All students are required to enroll in Senior Seminar during the Fall semester of their senior year. This course continues the preparation of college submission materials and selections.

### **Film and Digital Media Arts Certificate Requirements:**

Successful completion of the following is required to receive an Arts Certificate for Film and Digital Media.

- One year of Film History
- At least one year of Screenwriting, Cinematography, Editing, and Production Workshop course passing with a grade of C or higher.
- Capstone Film completed, receiving a grade of C or higher, and approved by the FDM faculty to participate in the Annual Film Showcase.
- Participation in two or more additional film projects as a crew member.

## **CURRICULUM**

- **ADVANCED FILM HISTORY -- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: FILM HISTORY OR PERMISSION FROM HUMANITIES AND FILM CHAIRS*

The Vietnam War era created a scar in American history, and the remnants of this can still be seen in America today. This course will focus on the “American War,” investigating its historical context in cinematic representation. The material chosen for screening illustrates distinctive directorial styles, film genres, and/or national cinema styles. Students will gain a deeper understanding of the Vietnam conflict through research and presentations. Supplemental reading will enrich the students’ exploration of the films, and serve to build a pragmatic foundation of a historical knowledge of this era, and the representative cinematic views that film offers. Through discussions, students will reflect upon their own perspectives on the films viewed, as well as be exposed to differing points of view.

- **CAPSTONE FILM -- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: REQUIRED FOR SENIORS*

The Capstone Film course employs all phases of filmmaking, from pre-production to production to post-production on Senior Capstone films. Students work collaboratively to hone their filmmaking skills while working as key crew on fellow students’ films and individual projects. All students prepare their films for the year-end Film Showcase and festival submissions.

- **CINEMATOGRAPHY I -- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: NONE*

The Cinematography I course focuses on the aesthetic, expressive, and technical qualities of the photographic image. Students learn the principles of design, rules of composition, exposure theory, color theory, and the basic grammar of shot design. Expanding their skills, students work with digital cinema cameras. Aspects of the moving image are introduced and include camera movement, shutter angle, frame rate, and focus pulling. For advancement to Cinematography II, students are required to complete a practical camera test and a successful visual essay.

- **CINEMATOGRAPHY II -- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: CINEMATOGRAPHY I*

The Cinematography II course focuses on understanding lighting aesthetics and field production techniques. Students learn how to apply camera movement and placement to creatively tell a story while exploring the physical properties of light to support the tone and visual style of films. Students take on the role of Director of Photography and execute lighting diagrams for efficient set performance. Basic electricity and set safety are emphasized in class and on location. For advancement to Cinematography III, students are required to pass a written final and complete a level two film successfully.

- **CINEMATOGRAPHY III -- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: CINEMATOGRAPHY I & II*

The Cinematography III course continues the skill development learned in Cinematography II, emphasizing advanced lighting theory and camera techniques specific to the student's Capstone film. Students will have the opportunity to break down their Capstone scripts into camera and lighting diagrams. They will provide researched visual representations that apply to the overall aesthetic and tone of their films. Students conduct camera and lighting tests for each scene and have the opportunity to adjust and prepare before principle photography.

- **DIRECTING -- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: CINEMATOGRAPHY I*

The Directing course focuses on the tasks specific to the film director. Students learn the creative and technical process of directing the narrative and develop communication skills specific to directing the actor. Management skills to work in collaboration with cast and crew, and time management skills are honed in class and on production. For advancement to Capstone Film, students are required to pass with a C or higher.

- **EDITING I -- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: None*

The Editing I course examines editing as an art form, exploring its unique contribution to the art of storytelling. Students will analyze scenes for artistic achievement by applying a historical perspective and knowledge of contemporary aesthetic styles, followed by the implementation of their understanding in the post-production of their films. Students will learn the basic editing fundamentals while working on the edit of their visual essay. For advancement to Editing II, students are required to meet post-production milestones on their visual essay and complete their edit successfully.

- **EDITING II-- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: EDITING I*

The Editing II course provides an introduction to the core skills and technical requirements to edit a project and perform basic sound corrections to the audio. Topics covered include project setup, organizing media, editing a sequence, refining sound, and creating and outputting files for viewing. Students are required to edit various sequences to achieve these goals. This course completes the first part of the Avid Media Composer Certification program. For advancement to Editing III, students are required to meet post-production milestones on their level two films and complete their edits successfully.

- **EDITING III -- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: EDITING I & II*

The Editing III course focuses on advanced post-production techniques and visual effects. The students understand the workflow of high-end post-production and learn to use their advanced editing skills for creative, dramatic, and artistic purposes. Each lesson is designed to cover how to use the different effects in Avid's Media Composer software and the concepts behind their use. This course completes the second part of the Avid Media Composer Certification program. Students have the opportunity to test for the Avid Media Composer User Certificate.

- **FILM COLLOQUIUM -- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: NONE*

The Film Colloquium course focuses on the exploration and flow of ideas within a creative space. Students will express and cultivate innovative approaches while guided toward social and global issues. Classes range from design thinking within a digital media world to the physical execution of concepts.

- **FILM HISTORY -- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: NONE*

The Film History course is a comprehensive course in the history and aesthetics of film and digital media. The material chosen for screening illustrates distinctive directorial styles, film genres, and/or national cinema styles. By concentrating on the historical development of film's mise en scène, the photographic image, editing, cinematography, and the relation of sound to the image, students learn to view film as a complex pictorial language and to understand how the combination of sound and image articulate film's narrative, psychological, social, and ideological purposes.

- **JUNIOR SEMINAR -- Spring Semester course**

*Prerequisites: REQUIRED FOR JUNIORS*

The Junior Seminar course is divided into two parts: common sessions where all juniors participate under the direction of the college counselor, addressing such topics as college applications, essays, and standardized testing; and breakout sessions that address departments/discipline-specific needs such as audition preparation, audition travel, and portfolio development.

- **PRACTICUM -- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: REQUIRED ALL STUDENTS*

Students are tasked to maintain the studio and equipment and to organize and manage the Film Showcase. Housekeeping is part of the professional filmmaker's life and all filmmakers should have experiential knowledge of every task required to support successful productions. "Leave it the way you found it," the independent filmmaker's guiding light, ensures access to sensitive locations and expensive equipment. This

course helps students develop the maturity and mundane skills needed for a career in a highly competitive industry.

- **PRE-PRODUCTION -- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: NONE*

The Pre-Production course focuses on the planning and organizational phase of filmmaking. Students apply the managerial skills of producing to the preparation of short-form student films. They gain a working knowledge of professional software to create efficiency in production scheduling. They execute producing tasks, including production breakdowns, crew selection, location scouts, casting sessions, and actor contracts. Students break down their scripts for production using professional production management software.

- **PRE-VISUALIZATION -- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: CINEMATOGRAPHY I*

Previsualization (Previs), is the process of creating visual shot designs, during the preproduction phase of filmmaking. Students will acquire a better understanding of the camera as a storytelling device by visually mapping out scenes of a movie, through the use of photography, storyboards and 2D/3D software animatics. Emphasis is placed on camera angles and movement, lighting and depth of field, color and location, and the creation of shot lists that effectively communicate the meaning of a scene to the crew and discover any possible complications prior to actual filming.

- **PRODUCTION WORKSHOP -- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: REQUIRED FOR FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS*

The Production Workshop course employs all phases of filmmaking, from pre-production to production to post-production. Students work collaboratively to hone their filmmaking skills while crewing fellow students' films and working on individual projects. All students prepare their films for the year-end Film Showcase and festival submissions.

- **SCREENWRITING I -- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: NONE*

The Screenwriting I course introduces students to the concepts of visual storytelling and the techniques of writing the short screenplay. Emphasis is placed on the detailed development of character and the "world" of the story. These elements, coupled with an understanding of premise and theme, give rise to plot details that will form the backbone of the script. Character suitability, story structure, dialogue, tone, and timing and are discussed and refined through an intensive group workshop process. Using professional screenwriting software, students write several three to seven-page narrative screenplays. For advancement to Screenwriting II, a successful three to seven-page narrative screenplay is required.

- **SCREENWRITING II -- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: SCREENWRITING I*

The Screenwriting II course is a workshop-based course in which students write one or two original narrative screenplays. The skill of rewriting is the main focus of this class. Multiple drafts are produced with an emphasis on crafting highly refined scenes using a detailed "Scene Analytics" process. Drafts are table-read and annotated in class, with eventual one-on-one, detailed notes sessions given at the end of the year. The

goal is for each student to produce a production-ready script that is ten to twelve pages long. For advancement to Screenwriting III, a successful ten to twelve-page narrative screenplay is required.

- **SCREENWRITING III -- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: SCREENWRITING I & II*

The Screenwriting III course is a course in which students can explore feature-length screenplays and other various forms of screenwriting. The class will begin with a detailed, group study of a produced, feature-length screenplay, to fully explore its structure. Students will then commence individual projects which will provide them an in-depth opportunity to focus on honing their skills in dialogue, character development, and long-form story structure. One-on-one mentorship is emphasized in the class with occasional group workshops for peer review.

- **SENIOR SEMINAR -- Fall Semester course**

*Prerequisites: REQUIRED FOR SENIORS*

The Senior Seminar course is divided into two parts: common sessions where all juniors participate under the direction of the college counselor, addressing such topics as college applications, essays, and standardized testing; and breakout sessions that address departments/discipline-specific needs such as audition preparation, audition travel, and portfolio development.

- **SOUND DESIGN -- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: NONE*

The Sound Design course emphasizes the creative use of music and sound in the post-production process. Students learn to build a rich and dynamic soundtrack using original scores, licensed music, sound effects, sound editing, Foley, ADR (additional dialogue recording), and mixing. Students learn industry-standard, Avid ProTools.

- **SPECIAL TOPICS -- Full-year course/Semester course**

*Prerequisites: NONE*

The Special Topics course is developed to cover emerging issues or specialized content not represented in the main curriculum.

- **VISUAL EFFECTS -- Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: EDITING I*

The Visual Effects course introduces students to the history and development of visual effects. By examining the artistic reasons behind visual effects and the associated software to achieve those effects, students acquire a basic skill set to pursue visual effects on their projects. Basic introductions to Photoshop, After Effects, Maya, and Nuke allow students to continue simple effect creation and image manipulation for artistic enhancement of their projects.

## **INTERARTS**

### **STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

The goal of the InterArts Department is threefold: Students are placed in an environment where they are encouraged to explore different artistic disciplines, leading to a commitment to major in one of them, or they are placed in a structure that enables them to create a program for themselves, leading to a culmination representing a course of study that features collaboration and integration. Fashion Design is a sub-major and the third branch of the InterArts Department. InterArts graduates will be independent, forward thinkers who can conceive, develop, implement, and present their artistic creations within an environment of independent learning. In addition to the core InterArts curriculum, students' schedules are tailored to their individual interests, encompassing intensive training in at least two areas of the arts. InterArts students study the relationships among various art forms, as well as new and traditional artistic movements. This exploration includes the cultural, social, political, and philosophical connections to and between the arts.

## DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

### Interarts

InterArts majors' schedules are written for them by the department chair. Students must complete all required courses designed specifically for the InterArts major: Interdisciplinary Mind, Independent Study (Junior and Senior year), Performance Workshop (all years,) Practicum, and an Art History course in the discipline of their choosing. In addition, students enroll in classes offered by other disciplines each year that they are in the program. Students may not take fewer than twelve hours or more than eighteen hours per week of arts classes without approval of the department chair and the Assistant Head of School. Some courses have prerequisites or require consent by the instructor, as indicated by the course descriptions. Studio art classes require prior approval from the instructor. Available performance classes require an audition. Private lessons are subject to instructor availability and require an additional fee.

### Fashion

Students must complete all required courses designed specifically for the Fashion major: Interdisciplinary Mind, Textiles, Independent Study (Junior and Senior year), Practicum, and Fashion History. Students must be enrolled in Fashion Design and Construction at their appropriate level for all years; Students may not take fewer than twelve hours or more than eighteen hours per week of arts classes without approval of the department chair and the Assistant Head of School. Students are required to take as many classes in the VA department as their schedule allows, as determined by the InterArts Chair. Studio art classes require prior approval from the instructor.

## CURRICULUM

- FASHION CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN – Full-year course.

*Prerequisites: none.*

Fashion Design encompasses design, garment construction, accessories, print, and presentation for stage and show. The class culminates each year with a fashion show. This beginning class is designed for first year students and teaches all the basics of garment design and construction. Field trips, films, lectures, and research projects provide opportunities for in-depth learning about the fashion world. This is a combined course that covers introductory topics in both construction and design.

- FASHION CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN II – Full-year course

*Prerequisites: Fashion Design or equivalent.*

This intermediate class is geared toward the second-year student. Students enrolling in this class should have good basic skills in sewing, draping, pattern-making, and construction. Field trips, films, lectures, and research projects provide opportunities for in-depth learning about the fashion world. This is a combined course that covers intermediate topics in both construction and design.

- FASHION CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN III -IV – Full-year course

*Prerequisites: Fashion Design II or equivalent*

This advanced class focuses on the higher-level Fashion Design student. This class is for the gifted, experienced, self-starting student. Field trips, films, lectures, and research projects provide opportunities for in-depth learning about the fashion world. Portfolio preparation and Fashion Business are covered in this class. This is a combined course that covers advanced topics in both construction and design.

- FASHION HISTORY – Full-year course

*Prerequisites: none*

Fees: possible field trip expenses only

Fashion History/Portfolio, which can be taken at any level, focuses on the history of global fashion from a cultural and socio-economic standpoint. This class also explores the nature of fashion cycles, the structure of the fashion industry, the process of fashion design, and potential employment opportunities in fashion. Field trips, films, lectures, and research projects provide opportunities for in-depth learning about the fashion world.

- FASHION ILLUSTRATION– Full-year course

*Prerequisites: none.*

This is a beginning level drawing class which focuses on the human form, and the specific requirements of the creation of a personal portfolio, and of the wider fashion industry. Field trips, films, lectures, and research projects provide opportunities for in-depth learning about the fashion world.

- FASHION PHOTOGRAPHY – One semester

*Prerequisites: Interdisciplinary Mind*

This digital-photography class focuses on the requirements of creating a personal fashion design portfolio and of the wider fashion industry.

- INTERDISCIPLINARY MIND – Full-year course

*Prerequisites: none.*

Interdisciplinary Mind focuses on skills for the beginning interdisciplinary artist, with an emphasis on examining theme, message, and the relationship between form and content across a variety of art forms. Appreciation and practice and study skills for the beginning artist are included. This is an entry-level course for the InterArts Department.

- INDEPENDENT STUDY I and II– Full-year course

*Prerequisites: Junior and Senior level.*

This class for the advanced InterArts student provides individual mentorship along with some group instruction. The class supports students in realizing their own interdisciplinary projects and culminates in a Junior and then a Senior Show.

- SENIOR SEMINAR – One-semester course

*Prerequisites: none*

Senior Seminar is required of all Idyllwild Arts seniors. The class is divided into two parts: common sessions where all seniors participate under the direction of the college counselor and address such topics as college applications, essays, and standardized testing; and breakout sessions that

address department/discipline-specific needs such as audition preparation, audition travel, and portfolio development. This requirement may be fulfilled through other arts departments.

**OTHER COURSES:** Because the needs of the department and the availability of guest artists and lecturers change, classes or workshops may be offered as the need or opportunity arises. Courses offered in other departments that are available to Interdisciplinary Arts majors are: Fiction Workshop, Literature and the Writer, Playwriting Workshop, Poetry Workshop, Multi-Genres, Yoga, Anatomy and Kinesiology, Ballet, Intro to Dance, Dance History, Jazz Dance, Tap Dance, Improvisation, Acting, Acting for the Camera, Stage Diction, Film History, Production Workshop, Screenwriting, Choir, Classical Piano/Voice, Jazz Improvisation, Musical Theatre Repertory, Music Theory, Intro to Film, Technique and Analysis, Theatre History, Intro to Theatrical Design, Art History, Ceramics, Computer Graphics, Yearbook, Digital Photography, Drawing, New Genres, Painting, Photography, Screen Printing, and Sculpture.

## **MUSIC**

### **STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

The Music Department prepares talented musicians for successful professional music careers. The faculty auditions serious and talented young musicians from around the United States and the world. Southern California's finest teachers and performers offer private instruction. Performance at the highest level is expected. Music Department graduates have a high acceptance rate by the leading colleges, universities, and conservatories across the nation.

Instrumentalists rehearse several hours a week in orchestra and small ensembles. Pianists study piano literature, keyboard skills, collaboration, and ensemble playing. Jazz students learn the importance of improvising and "playing off" other students. Work with combos is stressed and students create and become comfortable with their own styles. Guitarists can participate in classical and jazz ensembles. Vocalists study diction, ensemble singing, and the history of the art song and opera. All students have opportunities to take part in ensembles. They are placed in these ensembles by faculty at the beginning of the year. Music majors benefit from small classes and personalized attention. Students meet and hear guest artists perform and participate in master classes.

Idyllwild's Southern California location provides easy access to many high-quality performances. Concert trips enable students to attend performances of renowned organizations such as the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra. These excursions may also include special chamber music and jazz performances and solo recitals by artists of international stature.

### **DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS**

The following courses or series of courses are required for all Music majors to complete before graduation. Some courses, such as Music History, last for a semester or year and are then complete. Others, like Orchestra, Chamber Ensemble, or Jazz Ensemble, may repeat throughout the student's Idyllwild Arts education.

#### **CORE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL MUSIC MAJORS:**

Computer Music Applications (for Jazz Instrumentalists)

Music History (sub-major specific; required for an Arts certificate)

Music Theory and Musicianship I-III (or demonstrated proficiency); Jazz majors must complete Jazz Theory I and II in lieu of Music Theory and Musicianship II-III

Private Lessons (required for every semester of attendance at IAA; Songwriters must choose either guitar or piano lessons, though have the option of adding a private voice lesson for an extra fee)  
Music Department Practicum  
Music Department Seminar  
Senior Seminar

The following requirements also apply:

**FOR STRINGS, WINDS, BRASS, AND PERCUSSION:**

Orchestra (placement by audition)  
Chamber Ensemble  
Performance Class  
Class Piano (or demonstrated proficiency)

**FOR PIANISTS:**

Piano Performance Class  
Collaborative Piano  
Chamber Ensemble

**FOR CLASSICAL GUITARISTS:**

Chamber Ensemble  
Class Piano (or demonstrated proficiency)

**FOR VOCALISTS:**

Physical Storytelling (partnership with Theatre Dept)  
Vocal Repertoire Performance Class  
Chamber Choir  
Opera Scenes  
Jazz Voice  
Jazz History (recommended but not required)  
Jazz Theory (recommended after completing Theory and Musicianship 3, not required)  
Class Piano (or demonstrated proficiency)

**FOR JAZZ INSTRUMENTALISTS:**

Jazz Combo  
Jazz Ensemble  
Jazz Theory Sequence  
Jazz Improvisation  
Rhythm Section (for piano, guitar, bass, and drums)  
Class Piano (or demonstrated proficiency)  
Computer Music Applications  
Jazz History

**FOR SONGWRITERS**

Creative Writing (Creative Writing Dept)  
Popular Music Seminar  
Songwriting Workshop  
Songwriting Topline

Songwriting Vocal and Performance Techniques  
Music Business and Marketing  
History of Rock  
Recording and Production I and II  
Computer Music Applications (Strongly recommended, though not required)

## ELECTIVES

Recording and Production I and II (elective for non-songwriting majors)  
Sound Synthesis and MIDI  
Composition Seminar  
Film Scoring

To receive an Arts Certificate upon graduation, Music majors must complete the coursework outlined above. Additionally, junior Music majors must perform a half solo recital (at least 20 minutes of music) and senior Music majors must perform a full solo recital (at least 30 minutes of music). Each student performing a recital must successfully pass a recital preview graded by the Music faculty. Previews ensure that the performance repertoire is appropriate and prepared for public performance in accordance with Academy standards. If a student does not pass the recital preview, the recital might be rescheduled and a second preview arranged. A student who fails the second recital preview is not allowed to perform a solo recital.

All students perform jury examinations on their major instrument every semester. The exception to this is when a student has performed their junior or senior recital in that same semester, or has participated in our Academy concerto competition, they are not required to also play a jury. Voice students will perform with their pianist for their juries, but Classical instrumentalists will not.

## CURRICULUM

### ● **CLASS PIANO – One-semester courses**

*Prerequisites: Music Theory and Musicianship I or proficiency; permission of instructor by exam*  
Class Piano courses meet for one hour once a week and are designed to develop functional keyboard skills in musicians who do not play the piano as a primary instrument. Skills acquired in this class help develop the student's musicality and support and enhance the study of music theory, music history, composition, conducting, and other areas. Keyboard knowledge is essential for any musician and provides an invaluable tool for the study of harmony. Technical skills include scales, fingering, dexterity, sight reading, and keyboard theory. These courses are required for all instrumentalists, vocalists, and jazz instrumentalists whose skills are insufficient to pass the piano proficiency test, or who are not already enrolled in a private piano or guitar lesson. Placement into these sections is determined by audition when a student enters the ACADEMY.

### **CHAMBER CHOIR**

*Prerequisite - None*

Chamber Choir offers a traditional experience in choral singing and is open to all Academy students by audition.

### ● **CHAMBER ENSEMBLE – One-semester course**

*Prerequisite—approval of instructor by audition*

Chamber Ensemble focuses on the skills needed for playing in a small group as an essential part of a serious musician's training. Playing with a small group of musicians trains the ear to "get away from the instrument" and into the performance space, thereby improving all aspects of musicianship.

For classical musicians, this is one of the richest bodies of music for exploration. Although all music students are expected to participate in small ensemble playing every semester, final assignments are determined by the music faculty. Examples of typical ensemble combinations include string quartets and quintets, piano quartets and trios, wind quintets, mixed groups, and percussion ensembles.

- **COLLABORATIVE PIANO – Full-year course**

*Prerequisite - None*

Collaborative Piano Class teaches pianists how to play in ensemble with a partner. Available opportunities include working with fellow classical pianists, instrumentalists, vocalists, and musical theatre majors. There may also be training in playing with choir and/or orchestra. Both the piano students and their partners learn how to work together effectively and prepare repertoire.

Assignments are made with consideration of students' schedules, abilities, and experience. Piano faculty coach repertoire and facilitate preparation. Piano majors are expected to take this course each semester they are enrolled at IAA.

- **COMPOSITION SEMINAR - Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Placement by instructor and Chair*

This seminar-style class enables students to study music composition in a group setting, where they share performances and learn to critique and analyze one another's work.

- **COMPUTER MUSIC APPLICATIONS – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Computer Music Applications explores the use of programs such as Sibelius and Finale and their use in Music Composition and arranging.

- **FILM SCORING – Full-year course, offered jointly by the Film and Digital Media Department**

*Prerequisites: C or better in Music Theory II and permission of Music Department Chair*

Film Scoring explores the art and craft of creating music for film. Special emphasis is placed on collaboration between the composer and the director as we study how music works in a visual medium and how it is created, both traditionally and electronically. Students learn how computers and musical software have become essential to composers who work in this exciting field.

- **JAZZ COMBO – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: approval by instructor by audition*

Jazz Combo addresses the paramount skill for every jazz student, the process of "group play." In this environment, the student puts together all their individual abilities in interaction with the individual abilities of other group members. The purpose of this combo will be to transcend the details of what has been learned about the material, devoting all energy and attention to group interaction for the purpose of public performance. Jazz Majors are expected to take this course each semester they are enrolled at the Academy.

- **JAZZ IMPROVISATION SKILLS – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: approval by instructor by audition*

Jazz Improvisation develops one of the key skills for every jazz student, improvisation. This course teaches and strengthens students' abilities to compose in real time on their respective instruments, which they will use in their Jazz solos, combos, and ensemble performances. Jazz Majors are expected to take this course each semester they are enrolled at the Academy.

- **JAZZ ENSEMBLE – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: approval by instructor by audition*

Jazz Ensemble implements the art of improvisation, using standards by Rodgers and Hart, George Gershwin, and many others. There are also lectures on the different cultures that have contributed to the evolution of American jazz in the last sixty years. Students learn the importance of preserving this musical form as part of the American heritage created by African-Americans.

- **JAZZ HISTORY – Full-year course, successful completion is an Arts Certificate requirement for Jazz Instrumentalists**

*Prerequisites: none*

Jazz History traces the evolution of jazz from its beginnings in the late 1800's to the present. The emphasis is on listening to and recognizing the major trends in jazz, rather than memorizing "names and dates." Attention is also given to social and political trends that have influenced the development of jazz. Confidence gained by understanding music structurally, socially, and historically will enhance your artistry and your ability to relay your music to others. Public speaking will be practiced, and guidance offered on relating to and communicating with a variety of audiences. Entrepreneurial skills and strategies will be explored to help build your musical identity for tomorrow's world. Development of your personal artistic vision and self-awareness will result.

- **JAZZ THEORY I – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Music Theory and Musicianship I or proficiency*

Jazz Theory I is the study of harmony as it pertains to the history of jazz from its beginning through the early 1950s. Emphasis is on the understanding of major-scale harmony, its corresponding chord/scale theory, and analysis of significant jazz-song forms.

- **JAZZ THEORY II – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Completion of Jazz Theory or successful completion of equivalency test*

Jazz Theory II is the study of harmony as it pertains to the history of jazz from the early 1950's to the present. Emphasis is on the understanding of melodic minor harmony, its corresponding chord/scale theory, and analysis of significant jazz-song forms.

- **JAZZ VOICE – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

The Jazz Voice Class includes a combination of jazz singing technique, an overview of jazz singing history, the study and practice of improvisation, and experience singing jazz with musicians. The technique side of the class involves the physiology and technical information associated with singing, and the theory and practice required to read, write and transpose a lead sheet (jazz chart). This work will enhance what the students learn in private lessons. The history and improvisation work involves listening to and analyzing professional singers' performances and applying those observations while singing in class. This includes listening to and communicating with those around you while singing, learning to count tunes off and conduct them out, following a song form, and creating a musical conversation with fellow singers or musicians with whom you are singing. Voice Majors are expected to take this course each semester they are enrolled at the Academy.

- **JAZZ RHYTHM SECTION – Full year course**

*Prerequisites: must major in Jazz piano, guitar, bass, or drums*

Jazz Rhythm Section teaches the students the techniques of playing and working together in the fundamental core of a jazz group, the Rhythm Section. Students will learn through playing, critique, and improvisation.

- **MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRACTICUM – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Practicum is required of all Music majors every year. Students must complete a 6 hours of work per year, which is approximately 2-3 concerts. Department assignments may include setup, tear-down, stage management, performance ushering, and/or other service opportunities. Attendance is mandatory for all music students each semester they are enrolled at the Academy. (Prefects are exempt.)

- **MUSIC DEPARTMENT SEMINAR - Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Music Department Seminar is a general course that meets weekly. Special topics that are useful to music students department-wide are covered. Attendance is mandatory for all music students each semester they are enrolled at the Academy.

- **MUSIC THEORY AND MUSICIANSHIP I – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Students gain beginning knowledge of musical terminology, symbols, and harmony, leading to more advanced structural and harmonic analysis in Theory and Musicianship II and III. This course deepens your understanding of your musical studies through a beginning theoretical perspective. By learning to approach your music “from the inside out,” you can draw more meaning and progress into your practice and performance. Music’s basic elements (pitch, rhythm, articulation, dynamics, Texture, form, and aesthetics) are incorporated into both written work and ear training. Special focus is on constructing basic major and minor scales, rhythmic elements, intervals and triads, key signatures, and the circle of fifths. Aural skills training, crucial to any musician, is studied through basic rhythmic and melodic dictation.

- **MUSIC THEORY AND MUSICIANSHIP II – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Completion of Theory and Musicianship or successful placement test*

In Theory and Musicianship II, the elements of music are studied through the skills of analysis and part-writing. The basics of rhythmic and harmonic concepts, scales, keys, circle of fifths, intervals, and other aspects of diatonic harmony are reviewed before moving on to using these concepts in more advanced applications. New concepts such as alto and tenor clefs are introduced to bolster note reading and awareness. Roman numeral analysis is introduced and a broader palette of harmony, inversions, and seventh chords is explored. Common classical and popular chord progressions are studied. Aural skills are further developed through dictation and sight-singing. Both classical and popular musical styles are surveyed.

- **MUSIC THEORY AND MUSICIANSHIP III (Honors) – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Completion of Theory and Musicianship II or successful placement test. Must be at least a junior or senior, with the exception of Composition majors.*

Theory and Musicianship III moves the elements of music into more advanced harmonic and rhythmic language. Harmony is studied through counterpoint and Roman numeral analysis. Secondary and chromatic harmonies are introduced along with some 20<sup>th</sup>-century compositional techniques. Aural melodic, harmonic, and rhythmic dictation training parallel the written work.

- **OPERA SCENES – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

This class surveys operatic literature from 1600 to the present. Students are assigned a repertoire to learn, working with a student pianist to study this music. The work culminates in a public

performance of the repertoire covered in the class. Voice students are required to take this class. Other students may enroll in the class for credit at the voice faculty's discretion.

- **ORCHESTRA – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: discretion of IAAO Music Director*

The Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra (IAAO) is one of the finest ensembles of its kind. Every effort is made to help students rise to the level needed to perform with the orchestra, but it is ultimately up to the individual. Participation, regardless of the student's age, level of instrumental mastery, or prior orchestral experience (including prior participation in IAAO), must be earned, not only for each concert, but at each rehearsal. The IAAO repertoire is identical to that of a professional orchestra and is intended to prepare the individual for collegiate and professional orchestral worlds.

- **PIANO PERFORMANCE – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Must be a Piano major*

Piano Performance provides a friendly, safe place for piano students to try out new repertoire, test their memories, and hone their skills in communicating to an audience. Piano majors are expected to participate in the class each semester of their enrollment at the Academy.

- **PRIVATE LESSONS – Full-year course, required for every Music major each semester they are enrolled at IAA**

*Prerequisites: approval of instructor by audition; C or better in Music Theory II for Composition Lessons; enrollment by non-majors subject to availability of instructor and approval by both department chairs.*

*Fees: \$3,000 per year for 24, 1-hour lessons. Songwriters are required to take either piano or guitar lessons. (Optional for Songwriters: \$4,500 per year for 24, 45-minute lessons each on both their instrument and voice.) Additional fees for other students seeking additional, secondary lessons may be discussed with Dept. Chair.*

Private Lessons are for serious students of music performance and are the most crucial part of their musical education. They enable musicians to learn their instrument in the most "hands on" way possible, directly from professionals who have walked the path before them. One hour private instruction is available for violin, viola, cello, double bass (classical and jazz), flute, clarinet, drum set, oboe, bassoon, French horn, trombone, trumpet, percussion, harp, saxophone, guitar (classical and jazz), piano (classical and jazz), composition, and voice (classical and jazz). Lessons are given twelve per semester (approximately once a week) and required of all music majors. Intensive practice on major instruments is required. Academy students study with teachers assigned to them by the Music Department Chair. In extremely unusual circumstances and after careful consideration, the Music faculty and the Music Department Chair may choose to change a student's private instructor. Any change in private instruction must be approved by the Music Department Chair and both private instructors.

- **RECORDING AND PRODUCTION I – One semester course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Recording and Production I introduces students to the fundamentals of audio engineering. Students will learn the physical behavior of sound, audio signal flow, microphone placement, as well as other recording techniques. In addition to lecture, students will work as a class and in small groups to record various instruments and ensembles, applying and experimenting with the techniques that they have learned. Recording and Production I and II are required for Songwriting majors.

- **RECORDING AND PRODUCTION II – One semester course**

*Prerequisites: Recording and Production I*

Recording and Production II expands on material taught in the prerequisite course. The mixing and mastering processes in varying genres, mix organization and signal flow, and different audio effects and their uses will all be discussed throughout this course. Students will complete various mixing projects throughout the semester, culminating in students working together to record and mix tracks of their own. Recording and Production I and II are required for Songwriting majors.

- **SOUND SYNTHESIS AND MIDI – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Sound Synthesis & MIDI introduces students to the fundamentals of synthesis and electronic music production. Topics of discussion will include: the parts of a synthesizer, different types of synthesis (both analog and digital), writing with synthesizers in mind, as well as working with synthesizers within a Digital Audio Workstation (Ableton Live). Students will work to create their own pieces of electronic music utilizing the skills they have developed during this course.

- **SENIOR SEMINAR – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: none*

All seniors must take Senior Seminar. The class is divided into two parts: common sessions where all seniors participate under the college counselor's direction, addressing such topics as college applications, essays, and standardized testing; and breakout sessions on department/discipline-specific needs (audition preparation, audition travel, portfolio development).

- **POPULAR MUSIC HISTORY – Full-year course, successful completion is an Arts Certificate requirement for Songwriting Majors**

*Prerequisites: recommended for freshmen and sophomore Songwriting majors; open to other students with instructor permission*

History of Rock is a two-semester class covering the History of Popular Rock Music and how it relates to Songwriting and more. Class is for all Songwriting majors. Topics covered: Historical analysis of past and present rock music and a study in how rock music reflects society and the effects of rock music on society, beginning with the roots and continuing through the present day. We will also cover the influences of European American, African American, and Latin American musical traditions. Lastly we will cover the role of rock and popular music as a symbol of identity (race, class, gender, generation).

- **SONGWRITING: APPLIED PERFORMANCE – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Applied Performance is a hands-on performance class where students perform their original compositions and are critiqued by students and teachers. Goal of this class is to make a better performer and songwriter of the students by instruction, critique and beyond. Songwriting majors are expected to take this course each semester they are enrolled at IAA.

- **SONGWRITING: INTRODUCTION TO SONGWRITING – Full year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Introduction to Songwriting covers all of the foundational elements of Songwriting studies at Idyllwild Arts. Students will be immersed in understanding the basic knowledge of writing songs, sound equipment, and collaboration with fellow musicians, and the general world of Songwriting. Topics may vary according to the needs of the class. First-year Songwriting Majors are required to take this course.

- **SONGWRITING: MUSIC BUSINESS AND MARKETING – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: must be a junior or senior*

Music Business and Marketing is a one-semester class covering all aspects of the Music Business & Marketing and how it relates to the artist. Class is for all Songwriting majors. Topics covered: copyrighting, PROs, monetization, contracts and negotiation, recording studios, artist management, promotion, producing, legal counsel, music marketing through social Media and other venues. Creation of hands-on projects to utilize techniques taught.

- **SONGWRITING: TOPLINE I - LYRICS AND MELODY FOR POPULAR MUSIC – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

This course covers techniques used to craft powerful, memorable lyrics and melodies. Students learn to identify techniques through listening and composition exercises. They practice song structure, story development, metaphor, rhyme, patterning, hooks, and payoffs. Students apply techniques to various musical genres and write songs for themselves and other artists. Students learn practical applications of topline skills for careers as professional songwriters.

- **SONGWRITING: TOPLINE II - LYRICS AND MELODY FOR POPULAR MUSIC – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Topline I*

This course covers techniques used to craft powerful, memorable lyrics and melodies. Students learn to identify techniques through listening and composition exercises. They practice song structure, story development, metaphor, rhyme, patterning, hooks, and payoffs. Students apply techniques to various musical genres and write songs for themselves and other artists. Students learn practical applications of topline skills for careers as professional songwriters.

- **SONGWRITING: VOCAL AND PERFORMANCE TECHNIQUES – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Every week, students are challenged to develop their individual onstage artistic expression through classroom performances of cover tunes and the students' own song material. We focus on lyrical and emotional song content as a means to communicate with an audience. Other topics include examination of artists in action, finding and perfecting your own musical style, on- and offstage musical leadership skills, vocal skills, and finally, melodic, harmonic, and rhythmic ear-training skills needed to write lead sheets.

- **SONGWRITING: WORKSHOP – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Students engage in hands-on songwriting with assistance from the instructor in preparation for several small concerts and two full songwriting concerts on campus and one held off campus during the school year. Topics include co-writing/collaboration, working with collaborators, music with a purpose, socially relevant songwriting, and writing for film and TV. Songwriting Majors are expected to take this course each semester while enrolled at IAA.

- **STRING PERFORMANCE – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Must be a String major*

String Performance class provides a friendly, safe place for wind students to try out new solo and recital repertoire, test their memories, and hone their skills in communicating to an audience. String majors are expected to participate in this class every semester they are enrolled at the Academy.

- **VIOLIN PERFORMANCE – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Must be a Violin major*

Violin Performance class provides a friendly, safe place for violin students to try out new solo and recital repertoire, test their memories, and hone their skills in communicating to an audience. Violin majors are expected to participate in this class every semester they are enrolled at the Academy.

- **VOCAL REPERTOIRE PERFORMANCE – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Must be a Voice major*

Vocal Repertoire Performance is required of all Voice majors. Voice majors are paired with piano majors and are expected to perform on a weekly basis. Constructive criticism specific to vocal repertoire, technique, interpretation, and the vocalist/pianist collaboration is given in a supportive environment. Voice majors are expected to participate in this class each semester of their enrollment at the Academy.

- **WESTERN ART MUSIC – Full-year course, successful completion is an Arts Certificate requirement for Classical Instrumentalists, Pianists, and Voice Majors**

*Prerequisites: Music Theory and Musicianship II or consent of the instructor*

This class is divided into two topics, starting with a basic survey of Western Art 'Classical' Music. We will survey historical eras from the Baroque age through modern musical styles. Historical events and social perspectives will be discussed to reflect what was being composed and performed during each era. The second topic will delve into issues of where Classical music is destined. We will examine current and future issues as audience engagement and interest, the importance of music education, funding and patronage, and the health of today's orchestras and other performing institutions. We will also explore the reasons why we chose to be artists in today's turbulent world. Classes will consist of discussions, listening, films, reading, and literature projects. Confidence gained through understanding music through a historical and social context will enhance your artistry and ability to relay your music to others. An emphasis on public speaking will be practiced, as well as guidance on learning how to relate and communicate with a variety of audiences.

- **WIND PERFORMANCE – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Must be a Wind major*

Wind Performance class provides a friendly, safe place for wind students to try out new solo and recital repertoire, test their memories, and hone their skills in communicating to an audience. Wind majors are expected to participate in this class every semester they are enrolled at the Academy.

## **THEATRE**

### **STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

The Theatre Department offers concentrated, pre-professional training in acting, musical theatre, and theatrical design/production. Actor training is predominantly Stanislavski-based and incorporates techniques to guide students toward greater self-awareness and knowledge of their own potential. The program is geared toward the serious student of theatre. It offers disciplined training comparable to that offered by conservatory theatre programs at the college level. Students receive individualized college/conservatory counseling and exposure to the Unified College Auditions to help them make decisions about advanced training.

Students are asked to declare an area of concentration at the time of admission. Programs of study created for each student are geared toward personal interests and previous experience, as assessed by the faculty based on auditions at the beginning of each year. Classes do not necessarily follow a sequential order and students may be placed in a particular course several

times as deemed necessary by the faculty. Students may have enrollment opportunities in related arts disciplines (e.g. visual arts and music) to enhance their area of concentration.

## DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Theatre faculty believe that academic pursuit is essential to artistic training. Thus, Theatre students are encouraged to reach high levels of academic achievement, maintain good grades, and be motivated both academically and artistically.

- All Theatre majors must enroll in Practicum each year.
- All Theatre majors with a performance concentration must enroll in Performance Practices each year
- All Theatre majors with a musical theatre concentration must enroll in Dance for Theatre: TAP and Musical Theatre Repertory. Students must attend 75% of Saturday classes to maintain the Musical Theatre emphasis.
- All junior and senior Theatre majors with a musical theatre concentration must enroll in private voice lessons. Freshman and sophomore Theatre majors with a musical theatre concentration are encouraged to enroll in private voice lessons. There is an additional fee for private lessons. Please contact the Admissions office if you are interested in these lessons.
- All juniors must enroll in Theatre History.
- All seniors must enroll in Independent Study (Audition / Portfolio) and Senior Seminar.

Enrollment and placement in all classes are at the discretion of the Theatre Department faculty.

## CURRICULUM

- **ACTING FOR THE CAMERA – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Acting for the Camera examines the technique of acting as applied specifically to film. It is offered for the advanced acting student. Students develop on-camera skills to move effectively between plays, commercials, soap operas, television, and film. Placement is at the discretion of the faculty.

- **ACTING IMPROVISATION – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Acting Improvisation teaches the improvisational techniques needed to inspire spontaneity and creativity. Non-majors may enroll with the instructor's permission. This course focuses on long-form improvisational acting techniques, with emphasis on skills needed to create characters, relationships, scenes, and performance pieces based on the truth of the moment.

- **ACTING LABORATORY – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Acting Laboratory gives acting students the chance to explore personalized curricula in the area of performance. Classwork may result in juried performance opportunities viewed by department faculty, the school community, and the public.

- **ACTING SEMINAR (HONORS) – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Acting Seminar (Honors) continues training and develops craft and technique by re-emphasizing the fundamentals of listening, inner truth, action, obstacle, etc. This course also introduces different techniques to give bold, believable awareness and acceptance, and understanding of the body and voice as tools for creative expression. This class addresses the discovery and use of a personal

working process and challenges the student to overcome acting blocks and habitual limitations. Advanced scene work is undertaken through relaxation, concentration, objectives, conflict and moment-to-moment living, requiring greater specificity, personalization, and commitment. The students' intellectual and emotional resources are tested. Students are expected to research their characters and the social, political, and physical worlds in which their characters exist.

- **ALEXANDER TECHNIQUE – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Alexander Technique develops the student's awareness of the body as an expressive instrument of alignment, relaxation, flexibility, strength, and stamina in order to stimulate correct and creative use of the whole body. Offered when enrollment permits.

- **COMPANY ACTING/TECHNICAL – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

In Company Acting/Technical students are placed in Company-Acting or Company-Technical Theatre and participate in main stage performances. Students are shifted within Company-Tech and Company-Acting according to production needs, casting, etc. Placement in Company is by audition only and is based on achievement, skill, maturity, and readiness to handle the work. In this course the student learns various aspects of technical production for performance. Students are assigned to a variety of crews, including but not limited to: scene shop/lighting crew, properties, costume construction crew, running crew, etc. Students are assigned on an as-needed basis for each production and placement is at the faculty's discretion.

- **DANCE FOR THEATRE (BALLET, JAZZ, STYLES, TAP) – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Dance for Theatre introduces various styles of musical theatre dance. This course is required of Musical Theatre concentration students. Each variation is offered when staffing allows. This course may be considered for PE credit.

- **DESIGN ELECTIVE – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Design Elective provides specific instruction in the varying disciplines of technical theatre. Topics vary from year to year and may include studies in advanced theatrical design, make-up design, computer aided design, scene painting, film and television production technique, history of costume or decor, etc. Offered when enrollment permits.

- **DESIGN/TECH LAB – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Design/Tech Lab offers design and technical production students the opportunity to explore individualized curricula in the area of design and technical theatre. This course may include but is not limited to modeling and rendering skills, painting techniques, new technologies, and sound and light operations and design.

- **DESIGN FOR THEATRE – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Design for Theatre teaches the design process for all elements of theatre. It begins with script analysis and includes collaboration, concepts, design styles, and the responsibilities of the designer. Students produce sketches, color renderings, drafting and scale models, light plots, and any associated paperwork that may eventually be used in their portfolios. Because the emphasis changes every year, students may repeat this course for credit.

- **DIRECTING – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Directing examines the application of directing and staging techniques. Included are the fundamentals of blocking, script analysis, achievement of emphasis, and the development of aesthetic values. The class teaches the principles of directing, staging, analysis, director/actor communication, the balance between truth and technique, and the performance process itself. Open to returning seniors only.

- **DRAFTING FOR THEATRE I-IV – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Drafting for Theatre teaches the fundamentals of drafting, including basic drafting equipment, development of proper technique, and use of scale and industry standards. Because the emphasis changes every year, students may repeat this course for credit.

- **INDEPENDENT STUDY (AUDITION/PORTFOLIO) – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: all audition costs are the responsibility of the student (airfare, hotel, food, audition fees, etc.)*

Independent Study (Audition/Portfolio) helps the student prepare for the rigors of college auditions. This self-motivated class provides the tools needed for successful presentation through the art of the monologue. Students may opt to attend the Unified Auditions, held in Chicago in February. The Unified Auditions are conducted by about 35 college/conservatory theatre programs. Theatre faculty accompany students to the auditions. Successful completion of preparatory work is required and attendance at the Unified Auditions is at the discretion of the faculty. Independent Study (Audition/Portfolio) is required of all Theatre seniors.

- **INTRODUCTION TO DESIGN – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Introduction to Design teaches the basic principles and methodology of theatrical design. This survey course includes studies in developing concepts and approach statements, usage of materials, and production research.

- **MASK CHARACTERIZATION – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Mask Characterization teaches a step-by-step acting process designed to stimulate and free the imagination. The class uses character (expressive) masks to explore character development through the technique devised by Libby Appel. The course describes, defines, and discusses the mask characterization process, providing the theory behind organic development of the character from the mask. The class adds a new dimension to actor training and learning, supplying new and diverse tools to create honest dramatic characterizations. This process-driven class develops the student's ability to focus fully on the physical world of the character, allowing greater "head/body" connection.

- **MUSICAL THEATRE REPERTORY – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Musical Theatre Repertory examines the development of musical theatre from the English Music Hall to the contemporary musical through academic study. The styles and periods of musical theatre development are also examined through listening and singing as well as presentation of the material. The class teaches the skills needed to prepare and present songs from the repertory.

Audition material and ensemble singing are incorporated into the course. Depending on enrollment, beginning and advanced levels of this class may be offered and placement in levels is at the discretion of the faculty. Students may repeat this course with consent of the instructor. Each student is required to perform regularly in Musical Theatre Repertory Class.

- **PERFORMANCE PRACTICES – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Performance Practices is an ongoing intensive course of study in the acting craft. It includes the study of stage deportment and usage, script/character analysis, improvisation, ensemble, and monologue work. The work concentrates on self-awareness/acceptance and the understanding of the body and voice as tools for creative expression. The course also addresses the discovery and use of a personal working process. Multiple sections are offered. Students are placed in class at the discretion of the faculty.

- **PERFORMING SHAKESPEARE – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Performing Shakespeare introduces qualified actors to the work of the great playwright. Through readings, lectures, exercises, and scene-work, actors learn to play verse with clarity and energy. They learn to understand Shakespeare's language and to cull the imaginations of his characters while animating and expressing his ideas and objectives. Offered when enrollment permits.

- **PHYSICAL STORYTELLING – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Physical Storytelling helps develop physical movement skills for theatrical performance. The class teaches clear expression of character through movement and physicality and explores the body's range of movement and its potential to communicate. Theories of movement studied include the Meyerhold, Alexander, Grotowski, Laban, and Margolis techniques. Exercises address free-form movement, ritual movement, head-body connection, character building, and storytelling through movement, supplying a wealth of tools for fully-realized character work..

- **PRACTICUM – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Practicum is required of all Theatre majors every year. Every Theatre major is enrolled in Practicum each semester. Students must complete fifteen hours of work per semester. Department assignments may include stage management, performance ushering, and/or other service opportunities. Attendance at all department strikes is mandatory and hours are recorded to fulfill part of the Practicum requirement.

- **PRIVATE VOICE LESSONS – Full-year course**

*Fees: \$2,200 per year*

Private Voice Lessons develop free and healthy vocal production, skilled breath management, resonance, and projection. Students expand their knowledge of vocal literature, traditions, and informed diction usage. The goals are development of productive practice routine and memorization skills, growth in musicianship, confidence, and truthful delivery of text, resulting in complete and communicative performances. Teacher assignment is made by the Music Department faculty. Private lessons are required of all junior and senior Theatre majors with Musical Theatre concentration. Non-Musical Theatre majors may request private voice lessons with consent of Theatre faculty.

- **PRODUCTION DESIGN – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Production Design, offered jointly by the Theatre and Moving Pictures Departments, explores the role of the production designer in the art of the motion picture. Both aesthetic and technical considerations are considered, as well as how a production designer works with the director. Topics include set design, set construction, and scenic painting.

- **PRODUCTION SEMINAR – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Production Seminar explores the process of mounting a production, beginning with selecting an appropriate script and continuing through actual performance. Students fill all positions required for the performances.

- **PRODUCTION SKILLS – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Production Skills is a hands-on class devoted to procedures in production and support of the performing arts departments across the campus. Students may assist all special events that require technical support. All work is done in on- and off-campus performance venues. Students also support campus audio/visual set-ups and presentations. Students learn basic stage management, lighting design and practices, and audio engineering.

- **SENIOR SEMINAR – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Senior Seminar is required of all Idyllwild Arts seniors. The class is divided into two parts: common sessions where all seniors participate under the direction of the college counselor, addressing such topics as college applications, essays, and standardized testing; and breakout sessions that address department/discipline-specific needs such as audition preparation, audition travel, and portfolio development.

- **STAGE COMBAT – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Stage Combat introduces the techniques of hand-to-hand, rapier, and broadsword, emphasizing safety, notation, choreography, masking, and performance. Offered when enrollment permits. May be considered for PE credit.

- **STAGE DICTION – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Stage Diction provides students with a practical approach to improving the speaking voice through practices in breath support, vocal variety, and articulation. Principles of mature and effective use of the voice and speech mechanism, with individual instruction and practice in voice and speech improvement, teach greater ease in voice and speech performance. Students also become more skilled in critical listening and analysis of others' voices. Emphasis is placed on articulation: speaking clearly and intelligibly; eliminating such defects as breathiness, nasality, harshness or stridency; building adequate support; achieving effective vocal variation, pitch, and speaking rate; correcting pronunciation; and modifying regional or foreign dialects.

- **STAGE MANAGEMENT – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Stage Management explores the stage manager's vital role in production. It includes text study and practical experience, giving students an understanding of production's many technical components. Standard organizational procedures, scheduling, budgeting, production, safety, the supervision of crews, and the running of rehearsals and performances are the course's fundamentals.

- **SPECIAL TOPICS – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Special Topics provides specific instruction in an area of specialization related to theatre performance. Topics vary from year to year and may include topics such as: radio drama, voice over techniques, or artist as entrepreneur. Offered when enrollment permits.

- **TECHNIQUE AND ANALYSIS – One-semester course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Technique and Analysis develops the skills used to perform modern realistic plays. Various acting techniques teach the tools and skills for honest characterization and truthful moment-to-moment life on stage. Students experience the art of ensemble, scene, and monologue work, text analysis, and performance preparation techniques, and do theoretical reading and written work.

- **TECHNICAL THEATRE – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Technical Theatre offers an orientation to technical theatre procedures and a general overview of technical theatre production.

- **TECHNICAL THEATRE SEMINAR (HONORS) – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Technical Theatre and permission of technical director*

Honors Technical Theatre Seminar, an advanced course for Theatre majors only, is an in-depth study of trends and standard practices in technical theatre. Students create and develop a play's complete design package. They produce renderings, models, and paperwork for the project. The materials they generate are included in their portfolios. Independent thinking and self-motivation are crucial.

- **THEATRE HISTORY – Full-year course, successful completion is an Arts Certificate requirement.**

*Prerequisites: none*

Theatre History surveys the history of theatrical productions and their cultural contexts, covering Greek and Roman theatre as well as Medieval, Elizabethan, Restoration, and Modern drama, and incorporating study of the art, architecture, and dress of each period. Theatre History is required of all juniors and newly admitted seniors. Successful completion is required for a Theatre certificate.

- **VOCAL CLARITY – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Vocal Clarity explores the theory and practice of vocal production and speech. It incorporates Fitzmaurice and Linklater voice work, techniques, exploring body and breath awareness, vibrations, amplification, jaw tongue, soft palate, resonators, breath capacity, and articulation. Students become fluent in the American sounds of the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA), applying IPA to learning a standard American dialect and other dialects, as well. The class focuses on the voice and its connection to the mind (impulse), emotions, and body.

## MASTER CLASSES

Master classes, workshops, and lecture demonstrations by artists in the following fields may be given:

Acting  
Agents

Audition  
Casting  
Design  
Directing/Producing  
Fencing  
Make-up  
Meeting the Industry  
Mime  
Photography

## **VISUAL ART**

### **STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

The Visual Arts Department's wide range of courses offer a hands-on, experiential approach that develops a sensitivity and familiarity with a variety of materials and methods. Students receive both the formal and conceptual training needed to develop visual literacy. Students engage in critical analysis of ideas and practices integral to the practice of contemporary studio art. Our Visual Arts program supports this process by cultivating a dynamic and meaningful relationship between art and life. The studio is a place where the confluence of ideas and methods helps students develop a personal vision. In all courses, studio practice is augmented by the study of relevant historical, cultural, and philosophical perspectives. Personal attention from a diverse and professional faculty enables students to gain greater confidence in their work and ideas.

The general curriculum is supplemented by visiting artist shows, lectures, and master classes. Issues relevant to contemporary artistic practice are explored through discussion, critiques, readings, written work, slide/digital presentations, videos, student exhibitions, and field trips.

Students learn to think critically and creatively beyond the studio walls, resulting in portfolios commensurate with the requirements of undergraduate studio art programs.

### **DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS**

All Visual Arts majors must take a minimum of twelve studio hours a week (or four studio courses) of Department courses. They must complete three years of drawing classes, including Drawing III. Juniors must participate in the annual junior group show. Seniors are required to take a year of Senior Seminar/Portfolio, and exhibit their work at the end of year show

To earn an Arts Certificate in Visual Arts a student must take a year in each of the following disciplines: Art Fundamentals, Art History, Computer Graphics, Painting, Photography, a three-dimensional class (Ceramics, Architecture, or Sculpture), and at least three electives from the list of other courses, along with three years of Drawing. Students must also complement their schedule with elective upper- and/or advanced-level studio courses. Students interested in a design emphasis may substitute some of these requirements with courses such as Graphic Novel, Fashion Design, Fashion Illustration, etc., with approval by the department chair.

Materials are generally provided in all courses. Students must supplement this with their own basic materials as outlined in the Materials/Supplies List found on the Idyllwild Arts website.

### **CURRICULUM**

**ART HISTORY – Full-year course, successful completion is an Arts Certificate requirement (Suggested Junior Year)**

*Prerequisites: none*

Art History surveys Western, Indigenous and World Art from ancient to modern eras. Students learn to look critically at art and understand the historical and cultural contexts of each period. This course does not count as a studio class.

**ART FUNDAMENTALS – Full-year course, required of all new incoming 9<sup>th</sup> and most 10<sup>th</sup> grade students**

*Prerequisites: none*

This introductory course covers the fundamentals of perception, composition, and other basic formal methods involved in art-making. This includes an introduction to the philosophy and history of these principles. Emphasis is placed on becoming familiar and then experimenting with the tools and methods of two-dimensional art, with an introduction to three-dimensional art. The course also includes an understanding of the vocabulary integral to the process and analysis of both traditional and non-traditional art-making. Projects balance personal growth with formal understanding.

**CERAMICS – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: None*

This course introduces the fundamentals of forming clay. The basic technique for hand building (pinch pot, slab construction, and coil construction) are demonstrated. Special emphasis is placed on the development of basic technique for throwing pots on the potter's wheel. Craftsmanship, creativity, and appreciation for the elements inherent in well-made functional pottery are emphasized. Students learn how to finish their pieces with various types of glaze and firing techniques. The terminology of materials and ceramic processes is taught, along with ceramic art history. There are also field trips to museums and ceramic shows.

**CERAMICS II – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Ceramics or consent of the instructor*

This intermediate course explores new and various techniques for wheel-throwing, enabling students to make larger and more complex pieces. Hand-building techniques (the use of slabs and coils) are also reviewed and students are encouraged to incorporate them in their wheel-thrown pieces. Students also refine the techniques learned in the beginner's class, resulting in more consistent and aesthetically pleasing work. Decorating with underglazes and more sophisticated glazing techniques are introduced. Students acquire greater understanding of the nature of clay, glazes, and ceramic processes and equipment.

**CERAMICS III– Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Ceramics II or consent of the instructor*

This advanced course builds on the techniques learned in the previous two courses. Students are expected to introduce motifs and conceptual elements into their work and to develop groups of pieces that express these. Students are also encouraged to integrate into ceramics the skills learned in classes such as drawing and painting. Both functional and sculptural works are produced. A variety of slips, underglazes, and glazes using more sophisticated application techniques are introduced. Students also learn about the many ways of firing ceramics and become closely involved in the firing process. Ceramic art history and the definitions of techniques and materials are taught.

**CERAMICS IV-V– Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Ceramics III or consent of the instructor*  
Advanced individual study in ceramics.

### **COMPUTER GRAPHICS – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Beginning Computer Graphics students learn the basics of graphic design, the elements of art and composition, and the tools of Adobe Photoshop. Using Photoshop as their design tool, they proceed through a series of exercises, creating designs based on the tools and fundamentals learned. Projects alternate between technical and conceptual design.

### **COMPUTER GRAPHICS II – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Computer Graphics*

This intermediate course is designed for both the future graphic designer and the fine artist who wants to use the computer as a design medium. Through various design exercises and projects, students gain a deeper understanding of the basics of graphic design and benefit from deep exploration of the vast array of Photoshop's design capabilities. Technical projects may include advertisement design or business brochures, while other projects require less structure. Experimenting with mixing other media with 2D computer design is introduced. Adobe Photoshop is the key software program, with the introduction of Adobe Illustrator or Adobe In-Design a possibility.

### **COMPUTER GRAPHICS III– Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Computer Graphics II*

This advanced Computer Graphics course prepares students to represent themselves as artist/designers. They build their personal business logos and design printed collateral to support their missions. These visuals will help represent them professionally to colleges and possible future clients. Projects teach students the ins and outs of working with a client and meeting a client's needs and deadlines. Students receive detailed technical training and the chance for deep introspection through conceptual projects. Further exploration in mixed-media design, using computer graphics as one element, is also a part of the class. While students work mainly in Adobe Photoshop, some Adobe In-Design and/or Adobe Illustrator is taught.

### **COMPUTER GRAPHICS IV-V– Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Computer Graphics III or consent of the instructor*

Advanced individual study in computer graphics.

### **DRAWING 1 – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

This course introduces students to basic drawing materials, techniques, and skills. Exercises and assignments develop the ability "to see," focusing on observation of three-dimensional forms and translating this to the two-dimensional picture plane. Basic approaches include mark-making, line quality, value, volume, toning, texture, linear perspective, and other methods emphasizing spatial qualities, and compositional strategies are also covered. Students explore the use of drawing media such as charcoal, pencil, pen, brush/ink, pastel, and color.

### **DRAWING II– Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Drawing or consent of the instructor*

This intermediate course gives students access to a wide range of technical and conceptual tools that expand on the foundation laid in Drawing. There is further exploration of the individual physical characteristics of various media, including graphite, charcoal, and pen, to focus on the immediacy of mark-making and the potential of line quality. Much of the work is done in the context of figure

drawing\* to reinforce observational skills. Students are also introduced to the fundamentals of abstraction and to projects that develop a conceptual language.

\*Access to the undraped model is only allowed with a parent-signed permission slip.

### **DRAWING III – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Drawing II or consent of the instructor*

Advanced Drawing emphasizes portfolio development for college applications and is specifically focused on the human figure\* as a basis for exploring different media, mark-making, layering, texture, spatial dynamics, fragmentation, and abstraction. The second semester continues the work with the human form, integrating this work with projects that are more conceptually based. The course's structural framework is based around the sketchbook and critiques, both of which emphasize the process of art-making and the development of a strong visual language.

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### **DRAWING IV-V– Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Drawing III or consent of the instructor*

Advanced individual study in drawing.

### **PAINTING – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

This course focuses on introduction and exploration of various painting methods and materials. This includes emphasis on color theory, value, and composition. Work from still-lives and the human figure helps students explore objective, observational, expressive, and abstract methods. Students use basic painting materials such as acrylic, watercolor, colored pencils, and oil pastels.

### **PAINTING II – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Painting or consent of the instructor*

This intermediate course further develops painting skills and methods, coinciding with the development of content and concepts. Students expand their knowledge of color theory and of techniques incorporating different media and tools that further develop observational and compositional skills. Students also learn how to make stretcher bars and explore painting on paper, canvas, and wood, using different media such as watercolor, acrylic, oil, and collage. Students are expected to have a basic understanding of the historical movements essential to the art of the past century. Introduction of art movements and issues is presented through videos, projects, readings, and discussion, developing the students' critical and analytical skills.

### **PAINTING III – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Painting II or consent of the instructor*

Advanced students complete various projects throughout the semester that promote personal and creative growth and enhance portfolio development. Projects include observational painting (specifically with the figure) as the foundation for more experimental work with an emphasis on process and conceptual/philosophical ideas. Students take part in group critiques of classmates' work and discussions of readings and/or exhibitions. Presentations and videos address contemporary issues in painting, and mixed-media approaches expand students' visual vocabulary. A strong emphasis is placed on studio practice which includes making stretcher bars, keeping the studio organized and clean, and generally developing a collaborative environment.

### **PAINTING IV-V – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Painting III or consent of the instructor*  
Advanced individual study in painting.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY, DARKROOM – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

This introductory course teaches the fundamentals of black and white photography, both technically and expressively. Composition, film development, darkroom printing techniques, and presentation teach understanding of the medium. Lectures, assignments, discussions, critiques, and extensive studio work help students thoroughly explore the medium.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY, DARKROOM II – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Darkroom Photography or consent of the instructor*

Using the basic skills developed in Darkroom Photography, this intermediate course gives students room for more individualized expression, as conceptual and thematic involvement become central to their work. Lectures, assignments, discussions, critiques, and extensive studio work are employed. Students begin to research specific styles, artists, and ideas through books, articles, and Internet sources, and start developing cohesive portfolios for review by faculty and college representatives.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY, DARKROOM III – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Darkroom Photography II or consent of the instructor*

Advanced students combine photography with mixed media (painting, drawing, three-dimensional, and alternate processes) to expand their ideas. Lectures, assignments, discussions, critiques, and extensive studio work are employed. Students continue researching specific styles, artists, and ideas through books, articles, and Internet sources, and continue to build portfolios for review by faculty and college representatives.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY, DARKROOM IV-V – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Darkroom Photography III or consent of the instructor*

Advanced individual study in darkroom photography.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY, DIGITAL – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

This course introduces the practical experience of art photography. New photographers, digital artists and photographic techniques become the points of departure for work reflecting the individual student's spirit and vision. Students do research, keep art journals, and take part in class critiques, individual critiques, and artistic dialogues to inspire them as they create.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY, DIGITAL II – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Digital Photography or consent of instructor*

This class builds on the themes and technical aspects introduced in Digital Photography and continues to emphasize both the technical and expressive aspects of digital photographic processes. Students begin to research specific styles, artists, and ideas through books, articles, and Internet sources, and start developing cohesive portfolios for review by faculty and college representatives.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY, DIGITAL III-V – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Digital Photography II or consent of the instructor*

Advanced individual study in digital photography.

## **PRINTMAKING - FULL-YEAR COURSE**

*Prerequisites: Art Fundamentals*

This course introduces printmaking's history, concepts and techniques, focusing on printing ink on paper and teaching a wide range of technical and conceptual tools. Demonstrations, critiques, and discussions emphasize printmaking's natural properties of layered image making, serial imagery, facile dissemination, collaboration, and technically alluring processes. Processes covered include linoleum and woodblock printing, multi-color relief, drypoint, and copper plate etching.

## **PRINTMAKING II - FULL-YEAR COURSE**

*Prerequisites: Printmaking*

This intermediate course builds on the basic skills developed in Printmaking to introduce more advanced techniques, allowing for more individualized expression. Processes covered include aluminum plate lithography, chine collé, and combination of printmaking processes.

## **PRINTMAKING III-IV-V – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Printmaking II or consent of the instructor*

Advanced individual study in printmaking.

## **SCULPTURE – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

This course introduces the materials and methods involved in work with three-dimensional form, giving an historical overview of sculpture and covering various aspects of three-dimensional work, including the production of simple and complex forms, additive and subtractive processes, contextual considerations, and found objects. Students are introduced to hand and power tools and safe shop practices. Media and methods include wire, plaster, wood, casting techniques, and assemblage. Regular assessment promotes solid theoretical and practical/technical understanding of the making of sculptural forms.

## **SCULPTURE II – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Sculpture or consent of the instructor*

This class builds on the themes and technical aspects of the media introduced in the beginning sculpture course and continues to emphasize safe shop practices. Additional exploration of materials such as stone and steel and an introduction to the medium's conceptual aspects are included. There is further emphasis on metal fabrication, including casting and welding.

## **SCULPTURE III – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Sculpture II or consent of the instructor*

This advanced sculpture course further develops skills in spatial relationships, using different materials and safe shop practices. Application of these ideas is emphasized through the formal/conceptual aspects of scale and space. Site-specific works are introduced and are related to contemporary sculpture practice. Individual investigation into the students' preferred sculpture media is encouraged during the second semester.

## **SCULPTURE IV-V– Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: Sculpture III or consent of the instructor*

Advanced individual study in sculpture.

## **Other Courses:**

## **SENIOR SEMINAR – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: senior year only*

Senior Seminar is required of all Visual Arts seniors. The class is divided into parts: first quarter focuses on portfolio presentations, college applications, and presentations from most of the top colleges in the World. Second quarter and semester focus on preparing for Senior Shows, including a proposal, an artist statement, and completing work for the exhibition. Students also learn how to display work in a way that is both professional and aesthetic. There is a strong emphasis on collaboration during the preparation and presentation of senior shows.

### **PRACTICUM – Full-year course**

*Prerequisites: none*

Practicum is required of all Visual Arts majors every year. Students must complete six hours of practicum per semester. Department assignments may include gallery duty, studio maintenance, and/or other service opportunities. Attendance will be taken at all department events, including lectures, gallery openings, meetings and are recorded to fulfill part of the Practicum requirement. Practicum gives a strong emphasis on service both in and out of the school community.

This is not a studio course and does not count toward the requirement to be enrolled in four studio classes per semester.

### **OPEN STUDIO - Full-Year Course**

*Prerequisites: none*

This course is required every year for all Visual Arts students. Open Studio's three hours are set aside for completion of work from other arts classes, experimenting with different mediums and modalities, master classes, and/or visiting artist lectures. This is not a studio course and does not count toward the requirement to be enrolled in four studio classes per semester.

### **ARCHITECTURE-Full-year course.**

In this class students will learn the basic principles of Architecture: design, scale, function and place. These principles will be contextualized within the broader concepts of sustainability, and best practices. As a rubric sustainability includes an understanding of how architecture impacts the environment, it's topography, and it's history, especially in relation to how indigenous peoples interacted with the land.

Students will be required to select a site on campus and do a thorough study of the topography, flora, fauna and cultural history of the site and then create a scale drawing which will form the basis for a sustainable, site appropriate and functional building.