

**ART DEPARTMENT
INTRO TO PAINTING
GRADE LEVEL: 10 – 12**

**COURSE NO.: 07200 LENGTH: 40 WKS.
CREDIT: 1**

PREREQUISITES: Studio Art with an average of 85% or above and/or permission from instructor.

COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES:

This advanced level elective concentrates on developing painting skills through the exploration of a variety of media. Students are provided with opportunities to use a wide selection of materials and tools, and at the same time, develop a personal approach to the application of learned skills and techniques.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROCESSES & MATERIALS:

Through demonstrations, discussions and the use of visuals, students will have the opportunity to explore and render compositions using a variety of media. We will focus on learning about the preparation of painting surfaces, specific techniques for each of the media and the opportunity to explore their unique characteristics. Emphasis is on strengthening composition and observational skills while learning about the dynamics of color. Materials include watercolors, gouache and acrylics. Students are encouraged to explore the exciting results of mixing media.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS & EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- Students need to provide their own sketchbook and make or purchase a portfolio to store their finished pieces in.
- Sketchbook assignments are to be completed and handed in every week.
- Painting assignments should be rendered to the best of their ability and presented in a clean and professional format.
- Students will experiment and develop a mastery of certain skills and techniques.
- Artwork produced should demonstrate a knowledge of design, use of color and the characteristics of the painting media used.
- Each student should develop confidence and pride in the way they uniquely express themselves in the visual arts.