

VAPA DEPARTMENT ADVANCED PLACEMENT  
& INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE COURSES

*(A Minimum student enrollment is required to support these offerings)*

**Advanced Placement Drawing**

<http://www.collegeboard.com>

Grade: 11-12

Course: One Year

It is recommended that students take this course in their Junior or Senior year.

Recommended Prerequisites:

Student has taken two or more of the following Classes:\* Drawing A/B, Painting A/B, Digital, Imaging A/B, Ceramics A/B, Cartoon Animation A/B, New Media A/B, AP Art Studio. Student must pass AP Portfolio Review based on Visual Rubric Standards provided by the instructor. Student must be recommended by a previous teacher at Granada.

Information:

Each student will create a portfolio of 24 finished artworks that will be submitted to the AP Board for grading. This course is designed for students seriously interested in art. As such, it enables students to refine their skills in drawing and design. The course typically emphasizes developing strong drawing skills, developing quality of work and exploration of various directions in drawing. It likewise focuses on breadth of experience in the formal, technical, and expressive aspects of drawing. The course explores representation, semi - abstraction, and experimentation with a variety of drawing materials. Because of the demanding nature of the class, student need to have develop basic drawing skills by taking the beginning drawing courser or have received other outside drawing instruction.. **All students applying to take AP Drawing must take the test before being recommended for the class. Students may use previously completed artwork to submit for the drawing test.** The test is used to assess student's ability and preparedness for the class. The drawing test can be obtained from the AP Drawing instructor Students must also be recommended by a previous teacher at Granada to verify their strong work habits. Students enrolled in the class will be asked to complete three summer assignments to be turned in the beginning of the fall semester.

**Advanced Placement Two Dimensional Design**

<http://www.collegeboard.com>

Grade: 11-12

Course: One Year

It is recommended that students take AP 2D Design after taking Advanced Placement Drawing.

Recommended Prerequisites:

One year of Advance Placement Drawing

Information:

Each student will create a portfolio of 24 finished artworks that will be submitted to the AP Board for grading. AP 2D Design is focused on developing design and composition skills. Variations of technique and approaches to creating art will be explored. Emphasis in the course is placed on understanding composition and design utilizing the basic elements of art and principles of art. Strong drawing skills are required for the course. These drawing skills are covered in the Advanced Placement Drawing course. AP TWO DIMENSIONAL DESIGN SHOULD BE TAKEN AS A SECOND YEAR AP STUDIO ART CLASS. Students should take AP Drawing as their first AP Studio Art class.

## **Advanced Placement Art History**      <http://www.collegeboard.com>

Grade: 9-12                      Course: One Year

Students at any grade level may take the course.

There are no recommended prerequisites.

### Information:

This course deals with the history, analysis, and assessment of art from Pre-historic times to the present. Students will be exposed to art from both western and non-western sources, and learn the skills necessary to evaluate the quality and historical context of art. A limited number of broad educational goals to be addressed by this course: (i) engage in discussions about art that involve critical thinking and evaluation skills and the correct use of applied vocabulary (ii) recognize and analyze the progression of one artist's work over a span of time and (iii) recognize and analyze the architectural movements, and aesthetic changes in buildings, furniture, and other applied arts.

## **Advanced Placement Music Theory**      <http://www.collegeboard.com>

Grade: 11-12                      Course: One Year

It is recommended that students take this course in their Junior or Senior year.

### Recommended Prerequisites:

Students must either be enrolled in a musical ensemble at Granada or taking formal music lessons (private or class) outside of school. Students must submit a letter from their ensemble director or private music teacher recommending them for the course. An audition may be required.

### Information:

This course is designed to be the equivalent of a first-year music theory college course. The course develops students' understanding of musical structures and compositional procedures. Usually intended for students possessing performance-level skills, this course extends and builds on the students' knowledge of intervals, scales, chords, metric/rhythmic patterns, and their interaction in composition, and aural skills are important components of the course. The students will take the AP exam in the spring.

## **International Baccalaureate Dance**

Grade: 10-12                      Course: One Year

It is recommended that students take this course in their Junior or Senior year.

### Recommended Prerequisites:

Intermediate or Advanced Dance experience. Dance teacher recommendation. Audition may be required.

### Information:

This course focuses on the composition, performance and analysis of dance, or "expressive movement," which is practiced amongst peoples of various backgrounds, and for a variety of purposes, throughout the world. Each student will have the opportunity to create an original piece of work. They will also have opportunities to perform different styles of dance throughout the year.