

Saint Mary's College High School

Introduction to Multimedia

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Description:

This course is an introduction to multimedia. We will be using various software programs beginning with Illustrator CS4 then Photoshop CS4 and finally Flash CS4. The course covers vector graphic image techniques, bit map manipulation to create images for print, multimedia or web design as well a beginning multimedia animation. Students will generate graphics, typography, be introduced to basic drawing tools, develop their own unique patterns and utilize a variety of color palettes and libraries to achieve a variety of special effects with the computer. Students will also experiment with the transformation of objects to manipulating perspective, use of blends and gradients to produce other special effects. Creative computer generated work is supported by traditional art and design principles as well as some simple traditional art experiences. Assignments are critiqued and self evaluated. There is some critique of mass media and brief historic studies of contemporary multimedia artists and designers.

Course Objectives

Distinguish between bitmap and vector graphic
Create vector art and bitmap art
Using the computer as a tool for creative self-expression and visual communication
Become acquainted with the principles of animation
Create a simple animation
Explore multimedia possibilities

Materials

Pencil
Flash/jump USB Drive (at least 1 gig)

Lab Fee

There may be a small lab fee associated with this course.

Learning Outcomes

To make digital drawings, graphic designs and simple animation
Combine drawing and photography in a composite or montage
Edit photography
Collaboration with other classmates
Personal Expression
Problem solving and problem finding

Big Ideas

Personal Identity
Community
Communication
Social Justice
Valuing/Problem solving

Class Expectations

All students are expected to have read and signed the school *acceptable use policy* for computers. Students will be held accountable to the school's computer use policy. No food or drinks while working on the computer. No browsing on the Internet during any class discussions or presentations. Academic Integrity is important in this class as in all classes at Saint Mary's College High School. Plagiarizing written work or projects is strictly prohibited. Written assignments should be entirely the students' own work. Original multimedia artworks are expected to demonstrate the students' own thinking and skill and are expected to be the students' own work. Simply taking images/artwork from the Internet or other sources constitutes plagiarism. Work taken from other sources must be changed 60% or more to be considered to demonstrate the students' own thinking.

All work created for this class must be your own work. Playing computer games or other games, checking personal e-mail and participating in chat rooms etc. are strictly prohibited. No application of make up, grooming or dressing in class.

Saving your work:

All of your work should be saved on to your **flash drive** as well as to the computer. Other students have access to the computer so there is no guaranteed that your work is safe if left on the computer. If there is school-wide network access available or Google-docs then it should be saved there as well. Remember to **Save often!**

Due Dates

Projects are to be completed by the due date unless otherwise specified. Work is due at the beginning of the class.

Format:

There will be lecture/demos, reading and writing in and outside of class as well as classroom discussions and critiques.

The process of solving a problem is just as important as the solution. In addition to the final artwork, you may be required to demonstrate the phases or steps you took to complete the work in the design process. This process folio can be turned in with your name on an envelope that is 10 x 13, if it is required.

A label with your name, date, project title

Research evidence as used and notes (stuff from library museums, books)

Thumbnail sketches, idea notes, rough sketches and comprehensives

Print of finished project

A written description supporting your visual solution that includes: a description of the assignment, your design goals and communication objectives.

Grading and Evaluation

Grading will be broken down into a number of different categories. These categories will emphasize expressive and technical skills but will also include knowledge of facts, reasoning, writing and speaking.

Class projects 65%
Class Participation 15%
Quizzes /Writing 10%
Final Exam 10% of overall grade

Parents can check up on student's progress in class in through PowerSchool, telephone, and/or email. Parents may contact me at my email address, njaeger@stmchs.org. I check my e-mail daily and I will respond promptly. Parents may also check the website to see what students are working on in class.

Methods of Assessment:

Students will be assessed in a variety of ways, including peer/teacher/student self-assessment on artworks. There will be multiple choice and free-response quizzes and exams, visual recognition of master artworks, in class discussion and critiques on student work and master artworks, there are some short paragraph-length essays, formal critical writing as well as group and individual oral presentations.

Additional Time for Work

Extra computer art time is available after school and lunchtime to continue working on multimedia pieces as needed by students. The school library also has these programs on the computers.

As a studio multimedia art class the expectation is that students will actively participate in class creating their own individual artwork.

Absences

If a student is absent because of athletics or different pre-arranged reason, work that was missed for that absence is due on the date of your return. If you are absent because of illness, work is due within two of your scheduled class periods.

Please check the website for the content of the day's lesson and get notes and or information from your classmates. Find a "study buddy" in class.

Use of Electronic Media

No cell phone/blackberries/I-Phone use in class. (Unless prior permission is given by the teacher and it is used solely for class art purposes) This includes using the cell phone to take photos in class unless otherwise instructed. Computers in the classroom are for art classroom work only. They are not to be used to check personal e-mail accounts during class time. Proper netiquette is expected from students as outlined in the student handbook.

Grading Guidelines

A- Student has demonstrated **mastery above and beyond** assigned tasks

B- Student has demonstrated an **excellent grasp** of concepts and materials

C- Student has demonstrates a **good fundamental** understanding of materials

D- Student shows **limited understanding** or motivation in work

F- Student is non-productive in completion of tasks and expectations

Extra Credit

There is no extra credit per say in this class but work that receives a grade that is unsatisfactory to the student may be resubmitted after further work has been done to develop the piece and the work demonstrates a higher level of skill. Resubmission should occur within one week after the piece has been graded and returned to the student either as a hard copy or an electronic submission. No reworked pieces will be accepted the 2 weeks before the end of the semester.

Proposed Project Ideas

Symbol/Logo development-Letter only, symbol only, letter and symbol

Business card

Pop art image manipulation

Image editing/montage-Self-Portrait

Combining Word/image (photo adjusting)

Fantasy vacation story or the Grand Tour

Animation Cell

Flash Animation with sound/music/voice over

Software Piracy

Law strictly prohibits unauthorized copying of software that is used at school.

Suggested Reference Books (not required)

Visual Quick Start Guide Photoshop CS4

Visual Quick Start Guide Illustrator CS4

Visual Quick Start for Flash CS4

The Non-Designer's Design Book by Robin Williams

Class Outline (Change programs every 6 weeks)

Illustrator Program (August-End of September)

Logo design

Business Card

Poster Design

Photoshop Program (September-Begin of November)

Pop Art

Grand Tour

Self Portrait

Flash (November-December)

Holiday Greeting Card: Animation and sound

Behavioral Expectations for the Classroom

Students are expected to treat each other with tact and respect at all times. They will exhibit

personal and academic integrity. Attendance and punctuality in class are important.

1. Bring your materials/books/project/Flash drive and/or materials and to class as required.

2. Be ready to work when the bell rings or the beginning of class

Be seated and ready to listen to directions

Do not touch materials that may be out in the classroom until directions are given.

Respect other people, their property and community property

Raise your hand if you have a question or comment

Treat your classmates and teacher with kindness and respect

Do not write on, mark or damage the room furniture

Do not write on, handle or destroy other people's work

Use of art materials

Materials stay in the classroom

Materials in the room are for the class assignment. Do not ask for materials for your other classes.

Do not waste the materials. If you make a mistake turn it into an opportunity for creativity!

Recycle!

Expected classroom behavior

No gum, computer games, card games, cell phone use, cell phone photography, dice during class time

Not eating in the art classroom

Do not wear hats or sunglasses in the classroom

The classroom is not a place to do your personal grooming. Do not put on your makeup, brush your hair put on perfume or hairspray in class. Please use the bathroom for these activities.

Do not dress or undress in the classroom

No swearing or teasing in class. Use appropriate school language.

Keep your hands, feet and objects to yourself.

Use your five-minute passing period to use the bathroom. This is not the bathroom class!

The computers are only for multimedia art work/research. Not for checking your 3-mail, games, myspace or other activities.

End of Class behavior

Everyone helps to clean the classroom. No exceptions. Make this a nice place to work.

Please sit down in your seat at the end of class for final directions and end of class wrap up.

Please wait to be excused. I check the classroom at the end of each class.

Homework/in class work

If you are absent, you are responsible for the information/assignment that you have missed.

Check the website or call a "study buddy" for the days work!

Multimedia Class Character Rules/Ethics

Be trustworthy

Be truthful

Be a good listener

Be respectful

Be kind and caring

Be your best

Consequences:

1st offense-Warning

2nd offense-Classroom detention

3rd offense-Assistant Vice Principal/detention/phone call home

Severe disruptions will result in immediate referral to Assistant Vice Principal!

Tear off here

Multimedia classroom Student Behavioral Expectations/Rules and Ethics

Dear Parent and students,

I look forward to working with your teenager this year in art class. Thank you for reading the art classroom student expectations/rules with your teen. Please sign the contract below and return this to me within five days or sooner.

Sincerely,

Numo Jaeger

Fine Arts Teacher

I have read the art room student expectations and rules and will follow them.

Student printed name _____

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____