

**Department:** Social Studies

**Name of Course:** History of Art and Architecture I

**General Description of the Course:**

This elective course is an introduction to the artistic and architectural achievements of humankind from the beginning of the human species up through the 1870's when the Modernist movement began. The course seeks to link historical and cultural ideas and changes with the art and buildings that accompanied them and to ask students to understand how art and architecture are cultural, religious, political and economic ideas made visible. An effort is made to link historical styles with more contemporary themes and concerns in art; to establish a vocabulary of art and architectural terms and ideas; to develop an understanding of the techniques of art and sculpture and engineering concerns in architecture; to help students develop a critical aesthetic eye.

This course is not a pre-requisite to History of Art and Architecture II

**Major Topics Covered:**

- Prehistoric Art
- Ancient Egypt
- Greek and Hellenistic Art
- Ancient Rome
- Early Christian and Gothic Art
- The Renaissance
- The Baroque
- Neo-Classicism, the Romantic Movement and Realism

**Textbooks**

*The Annotated Mona Lisa*

*The Annotated Arch*

Strickland

**Requirements**

Daily Class Discussion

**Grading Procedures**

Roslyn School District uses a numerical grading system. Exams and a class participation grade are used to determine grades. Several enrichment projects are also offered for additional grades.