

# VISUAL ARTS

## Visual Arts Exploration

*Wednesday Evenings. One Semester.* Explore creating sculpture, photography, jewelry, painting and more at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. Work alongside practicing professional artists as they share their knowledge and expertise in art making.

## Advanced Visual Arts Studio

*School Day. Full-year.*

Deepen your creativity and visual arts skills at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. Take advantage of the professional facilities, equipment, and master guest artists. This studio class offers advanced study in sculpture, oil painting, jewelry, photography, welding, printmaking, ceramics, and more. Develop a Visual Arts Portfolio and learn presentation skills to apply for college scholarships and student art shows.



*“Attending EFA was the best decision I made in high school.”*

— Chelsea Graham  
Communications Officer,  
UN World Food Program,  
Rome, Italy



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# HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

High-quality arts education for all Kalamazoo County students.



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# PERFORMING ARTS

## **Beginning Dance & Intermediate Dance**

*Beginning: 1 trimester/semester*

*Intermediate: Full year*

Explore a variety of dance styles and techniques, including Modern, Jazz, and Hip Hop. Learn to choreograph and perform your own dances and experience guest dance teachers/choreographers. See live professional dance performances. EFA Dance fulfills graduation requirements for Visual, Performing & Applied Arts and Physical Education.

## **Advanced Musical Theater**

Sing, dance and act! Participate in duet, small and large ensemble performances. Create harmony, choreography and work with professional artists.

## **Hip-Hop 180**

Activate your voice and amplify your vision through the power of performance rap and poetry, music and movement. Dig into the history of hip-hop culture and social justice leadership to build skills, decipher contexts and determine truths. Merge your artistic and activist knowledge and techniques to enact meaningful, positive social change in our community.

## **Theater Improv & Scriptwriting**

Create your own unique theater experience. Study different forms of playwriting, including performance poetry, hip-hop theater and theater graffiti. Work with professional artists to find and develop your voice as an artist. Expand your knowledge and learn the basic techniques of acting, playwriting and directing.

## **Music Studio** NEW COURSE!

Learn to create and record your own music from the first beat to the last chord. Students will develop deep listening skills to break down the elements of music composition: rhythm, tempo, melody, harmonics, and lyrics. With these musical tools, students will compose new music, mash-up music genres, and re-envision and create cover songs. Students will learn the basic techniques of studio recording and post-production.



# MEDIA ARTS

## **Film & Video Arts**

Discover your filmmaking talents while learning to use professional editing programs. Study and practice narrative, documentary and experimental film. Enter film festivals and build a strong portfolio.

## **KVCC Media Arts**

Learn about digital media, computer animation and more. Explore design, photography, photo manipulation and composition. Experiment with a wide range of techniques while building a strong portfolio in this dually enrolled or Early/Middle College eligible course.

## **Digital Studio Art**

Utilize design software to create and enhance illustrations. Learn the fundamentals of creating art with technology and use these skills to produce your own comics, cartoons and digital works of art.

## **Digital Photo Art**

Enhance your photography skills through projects in framing, composition and the use of communication through images. Explore the functions of professional-grade digital cameras, learn the art of lighting and create dynamic portraits.

## **3D Computer Animation and Game Design**

Introduction to the technical and creative fundamentals of 3D software. Learn core concepts and create original computer animation and game design.

***“EFA was a huge part for me in high school. It helped me be more social and it helped better my skills.”***

**— David Kuras,**  
Massage Therapist, Portage, MI

# LITERARY ARTS

## **Creative Writing**

Read and write pieces from multiple genres of creative writing. Publish online and develop a digital portfolio of the work you create.

## **Comics, Manga and Graphic Novel Arts**

Write and produce compelling, artistic and inventive comics, Manga and graphic novels. Research the history of comics, study the elements of story, plot and character development, as well as the productive use of imagery, layout and composition. Develop projects through manipulation and editing of media and open-source graphics.



**Enhancing arts education for all Kalamazoo County students.**

Education for the Arts strives to enhance arts education for all students in Kalamazoo County, making dance, music, theater, literary, media and visual arts an essential part of a comprehensive education.

