

# ARTS & CULTURE (VISUAL ART & DESIGN FOCUS)

Iroquois Ridge  
High School

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The arts and culture sector offers opportunities for students to get inspired and use their unique skills and abilities to explore visual arts, visual culture, traditional and/or digital art, graphic design, media arts and technology, and many other creative areas. Students who are interested in exploring their options related to art and design can take the Specialist High Skills Major program to engage in authentic learning and experiences that will be an asset for a future in the arts.

### Experiential Learning Opportunities

- Explore and analyze professional works
- Participate in workshops with industry professionals
- Develop studio skills in a variety of traditional and emerging media
- Incorporate digital technologies into the creative process
- Develop transferable skills compatible with multiple pathways to all postsecondary destinations

### Related Careers

- Animator, Character Designer, Storyboard Artist
- Graphic Artist, Designer, or Illustrator
- Industrial Designer, Product Designer, UX or UI Designer
- Interior Designer or Decorator, Architect
- Film Audio & Video Recording Technician
- Painters, Sculptors, & Other Visual Artists
- Producer, Director, & Related Occupations
- Announcer, Broadcasters or Broadcast Technician
- Professional Occupations in Public Relations and Communications
- Film, Fashion, Exhibit, Game, and Other Creative Designers
- ... and more

### Certifications & Training

- CPR Level C / AED Training, Standard First Aid / WHMIS
- Portfolio Development
- Life / Figure Drawing
- Technical Drawing
- Composition
- Graphic Arts Software
- ...and more

# CREDITS

## Course Package

Each SHSM program offers students a bundle of 8 - 10 credits. These courses are regular Ontario secondary school courses that allow students to work towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, but have been bundled as the most relevant courses to prepare students for a future in the arts and culture sector.

### The Bundle Includes:

- **4 “major” credits** in visual arts and technological design in grade 11 and 12
- **Supporting credits**, which include Contextualized Learning Activities (opportunities for students to learn the subject in the context of the arts and culture sector):
  - > Grade 11 and/or 12 English credit
  - > Business Studies or Canadian and World Studies
  - > 2 Cooperative Education credits to experience life in the arts and culture sector

### Applying to the Arts & Culture SHSM:

All students in Halton are able to attend the Art & Design SHSM at Iroquois Ridge in grade 11 and grade 12. Each student’s goals will be assessed and course selection will be determined based on individual needs.

### If you want to learn more about this program:

- Check out the Arts & Culture SHSM at **haltonpathways.ca**
- Express interest on **myblueprint.ca/halton**
- Speak with your guidance counsellor in student services
- Come to a Pathways Planning Information Evening (see haltonpathways.ca for dates and times)

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