

General Education Courses

Fine Arts (3 Crs.)

Overview

Students will have an "appreciation of and experience with ... the arts" (PASSHE BOG Policy 1993-01). Fine arts courses are those that present organized values, beliefs or emotions using the senses and physical expression as the creative vehicle, and include courses in art, dance, music and theater.

Educational Goals:

- To present, critique or analyze human values, beliefs and emotions as they are conceptualized, formulated and expressed through verbal, aural and physical action and artifacts and perceived through the senses; and
- To attend and react to a performance or exhibit related to the discipline studied.

Additionally, a fine arts course must demonstrate *at least one* of the following goals:

- To compare and contrast the artistic expression of different cultural groups (where culture is defined broadly to include issues such as gender, ethnicity, racial diversity, religious belief, lifespan, etc.); and/or
- To recognize how values, ethics or social norms impact artistic expression; and/or
- To apply the tools of critical thinking to the fine arts (for example, compare opposing critiques of a work of art and ask probing questions about the sources of any difference of opinion).