



PVA | PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS MAGNET PROGRAMS

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: DANCE

The PVA Magnet program is a education choice for arts students who demonstrate artistic ability, interest and potential wishing to continue building their artistic skills and gaining real-world experience in the arts. A comprehensive curriculum designed to engage students in intense instruction that emphasizes the creative process through collaborative opportunities by qualified teachers, professional artists and teaching artists. Students are able to focus their study in one of the arts majors: Creative Writing, Dance, Film & New Media, Music (guitar, instrumental, piano, or vocal), Theatre Design & Production, Theatre or Visual Arts. Upon graduation, students will be prepared to pursue a career in an arts field, or attend an arts school, conservatory or a four-year institution of higher learning.

PVA courses are only available to students enrolled in the PVA magnet programs

PV05 | Honors PVA Ballet 1 0.5/sem

The course will familiarize students with the history, vocabulary, concepts and techniques of ballet. Students will learn posture, alignment, barre and centre techniques in increasingly difficult levels of ballet as they progress through the levels of PVA dance. The course involves creative and critical thinking to make effective decisions to achieve technical goals. The classroom atmosphere will be comfortable yet challenging as students refine the craft of ballet technique. This course is available only at Annapolis High School.

PV06 | Honors PVA Ballet 2 0.5/sem

This course will further develop the PVA Dance Major students' stamina and physical abilities at an advanced level with challenges of more complex combinations at the barre and in the center. This course is available only at Annapolis High School.

PV07 | Honors PVA Ballet 3 0.5/sem

This course will place emphasis on greater technical proficiency. The student will work on fluidity of movement, balance, and combinations with adagio, petit allegro and grand allegro. This course is available only at Annapolis High School.

PV | Honors PVA Ballet 4

In this advanced level ballet course students focus on integrating energy and strength to artistic movements. The level of difficulty is increased while students exhibit higher degree of proper line and placement as they move throughout the class. Students take on the role as choreographer creating and producing original compositions. This course is available only at Annapolis High School.

PV01 | Honors PVA Modern Dance 1 0.5/sem

This course will provide Performing & Visual Arts Magnet Program Dance Major students, with and without extensive training, the first year of modern dance instruction that is dedicated to a fundamental understanding of anatomically sound placement and movement. This course will establish the habits that will serve students throughout a long career in the field. The contrasting and specific schools of technique, such as Graham, Humphrey-Limon, Horton and Hawkins, simultaneously broaden each student's level of technique while deepening their connection with the beginnings and style of the art form. This course is available only at Annapolis High School.

PV02 | Honors PVA Modern Dance 2 0.5/sem

This course emphasizes choreography and performance based on modern dance forms. Students experience dance as a performing art and as a means of expression and communication. Designed to teach intermediate dancers the style and technique based on the principles of Cunningham, Nikolais, Humphrey-Weidman and other pioneers of American modern and post-modern dance. This course is available only at Annapolis High School.

PV03 | Honors PVA Modern Dance 3 0.5/sem

In this course, increased emphasis is placed on greater technical proficiency in modern dance. The advanced level challenges the student with more complex combinations. This course will explore the principles of “fall and recovery,” symmetry/asymmetry, stage space, and ensemble work. This course is available only at Annapolis High School.

PV | Honors PVA Modern Dance 4

This course emphasizes proficiency in high level techniques in modern dance. The advanced level challenges the student with refining complex combinations. This course will focus on original composition in choreography. This course is available only at Annapolis High School.

PVA Honors Senior Capstone Collaborative Exhibition/Performance:

This required course provides the PVA senior with the support to conceive, create and produce an original collaborative performance, artwork or exhibition (Production, art exhibit, ensemble musical or dance performance, recitation, design exhibit, film screening). Students’ work review occurs throughout the course, followed by a final review prior to the presentation of the senior capstone project collaborative exhibition/performance. The capstone must contain work done predominantly during the senior year. The performance, exhibition is selected, designed and constructed by the student in collaboration with other student artists and/or professional artists or art companies. Assessment is based on the development of an artistic process portfolio. This course is available only at Studio 39.

Prerequisite: *Limited to seniors in the PVA Magnet Program only. Students must also register for PVA Senior Solo Capstone Seminar.*

PVA Honors Senior Capstone Solo Exhibition/Performance:

This required course provides the PVA senior with the support to conceive, create and produce an original individual artwork (Production, art exhibit, musical or dance performance, recitation, design exhibit, film screening). Students’ work is reviewed prior to the presentation of the senior capstone project, a solo exhibition. It must contain work done predominantly during the senior year. The performance, exhibition is selected, designed and constructed by the student. Assessment is based on the development of an artistic process portfolio. This course is available only at Studio 39.

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