

Summer Academy 2026

Course: Art I

Age: Rising 9th-12th graders.

Format: In-person

Description: Through studio projects, discussions, readings and assignments students will gain an understanding of the value of Art in their daily lives. Specifically, students will acquire the visual and verbal vocabularies of Art by developing knowledge of the Elements of Art and the Principles of Design. In addition, students will learn how to clearly express their own views about art through analysis and interpretation. Students will be given fundamental instruction on how to create art with a variety of media emphasizing not only basic skills but creative problem solving. Students will also be able to assess their own work and that of others based upon sound criteria. This course satisfies half of the Fine Arts graduation requirement and provides a foundation for further specialized study in art. This class is a prerequisite for all other art courses.

Prerequisite: Maryvale students must be a rising 9th-12th grader, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above, and approval from the Upper School Head.

Upon successful completion, Maryvale students will satisfy their 0.5 Visual Arts credit towards graduation.

Students not enrolled at Maryvale for the 2026-2027 school year must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above, be a rising 9th-12th grader, and have written permission form their respective Academic Dean sent to Maryvale's Director of Academic and Innovative Programming. These students will need to contact their school's Academic Dean to determine how credit will be awarded from their institution.