



Art Department

Mission Statement

The mission of the Art Department of Southwestern Illinois College is to introduce and reinforce both an understanding of visual literacy and/or a productive facility, through exposure to and the reflection and analysis of the visual arts. The program will provide expertise, resources, and guidance in preparing students for such challenges as lifelong learners. The making and presentation of artwork through the critique process, portfolio development, and competitive exhibitions will be utilized to evaluate levels of competency as a means to assess quality of student learning.

Educational Goals

Students completing Art Appreciation, Non-Western Art, Art History I & II, and Women in Art to satisfy the Fine Arts Humanities requirements at Southwestern Illinois College will be able to:

1. Define the elements of art pertinent to the course being taught.
2. Identify the various artists and artistic styles of eras pertinent to the course being taught.
3. Interpret works of art through visual analysis.

In addition, students completing the AFA or AA degree in art will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to utilize a variety of mediums.
2. Reason logically about visual concepts.
3. Apply aesthetic concepts to works of art.
4. Use current technologies to investigate artistic concepts.
5. Communicate artistically.
6. Self-assess through individual and group critiques.

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