



SCHOOL OF ARTS and HUMANITIES

OUR MISSION: Expose students to Arts and Humanity fields through curricular enhancement, mentoring relationships, and educational experiences - providing insight to His calling in their lives

THE PROGRAM

The School of Arts and Humanities (SOAH) is a two-year program oriented toward developing students' creative talents, rhetorical skills, and social awareness in both classroom-based and "real world" contexts. The curriculum, built around a cornerstone course entitled "Creativity and Reason," fosters students' gifts in Music, Visual Arts, Social Sciences, and Communication, and intentionally purposes these gifts toward vocational and socially conscious applications. Mentorships, independent projects, special events, speakers, and unique Jterm and Mterm offerings will afford SOAH students the opportunity to see their creative talents as part of God's unique plan for strengthening their communities, viewing work vocationally, and enriching the culture around them.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must apply for acceptance into the SOAH during the first semester of their sophomore year.

1. Submit a SOAH application with teacher references.
2. Interview with the SOAH Chairs.
3. Once accepted into the SOAH, schedule coursework with the Guidance Office based on chosen SOAH concentration.

REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete the following requisites (keeping a C or higher in the class) to achieve the SOAH distinction at graduation.

Creativity and Reason (0.5 credit)

This course explores how the Humanities and Fine Arts contribute to civilized societies, and maps out the applications of creative and critical thinking to individual and community-based problem solving.

SOAH Capstone

Following the completion of Creativity and Reason, all SOAH students will begin work on their Capstone. Originally the finishing touch on top of a building or wall, the term "capstone" now figuratively describes a concluding or crowning achievement to any great work. The SOAH Capstone describes a multifaceted independent study project that represents the culmination of knowledge and skills acquired in a student's course of study at CVCA. Each student will work to design and implement a project which explores an area of interest they have that will benefit a community outside of CVCA.

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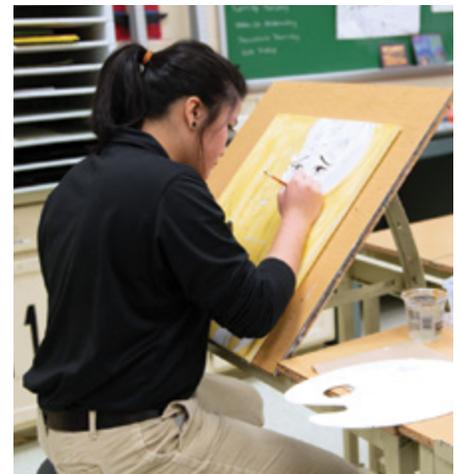
Schools of Distinction provide an innovative opportunity for CVCA students. **Designed for juniors and seniors**, the two-year curriculum exposes students to professional fields and potential majors. This program is in addition to CVCA's already rigorous college prep curriculum.

The School of Arts and Humanities fulfills its mission by helping students discover and explore their interests in the arts and humanities through:

- A flexible program of coursework
- Engaging mentorships
- A Capstone experience uniquely tailored to a student's concentration

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Electives (based on SOAH concentration)

Based on a student's interests, a series of electives and extracurricular opportunities at CVCA (carrying various weights) will be chosen by the student and approved by SOAH leadership. During their time in the program, the student must earn a minimum of 4.0 points of credit toward this requirement.

4 Points: Year-long AP or College-level course in: Visual Art; Music; Social Studies; or World Language

2 Points: Semester-long AP or College-level course in: Social Studies or select English electives, and year-long course in: Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Yearbook, World Language 3 or 4

1 Point: Semester-long course or membership in: Visual Arts; Social Studies Elective; Royal Theatre; Show Choir; Talking Royals

FEES

The cost for the SOAH is \$300 per year. Once accepted into the program, a student's position in the program is only confirmed with complete payment within three weeks. Unconfirmed positions may be offered to other candidates on the list.

DISTINCTIONS

Students who complete all SOAH requirements receive the following distinctions:

Arts and Letters Cord at Graduation: Students receive a traditional purple cord for graduation.

Transcript Designation: Students receive a special distinction on their transcript, and may potentially earn an Arts Honors diploma from the State of Ohio, given their academic record and completion of additional requisites specified by the State of Ohio.

JTERM/MTERM

During their time in SOAH, students must complete a Jterm/Mterm course or CEO that serves to advance their interest and experience with respect to the SOAH concentration they have chosen. Each year, students will be provided with a list of Jterm or Mterm classes which would satisfy this requirement.

MENTORSHIPS

Every student in the School of Arts and Humanities will have the valuable experience of being mentored by a professional with significant experience in the student's area of concentration.

- The mentorship will begin during a student's junior year and continue through graduation from the School of Arts and Humanities.
- Once a month, students will spend an hour with the mentor to share ideas related to practicing vocation in the Fine Arts or Humanities from a Biblical worldview.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

Students' activities and coursework toward achieving the School of Arts and Humanities distinction at CVCA will maintain a vocational focus – that is, a way of relating the students' interests in Fine Arts and Humanities concentrations to real world concerns and social problems that require creative solutions. Furthermore, a SOAH Symposium will showcase senior students' portfolio projects for an authentic audience of family, friends, and local community members.

