



## PVA | PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS MAGNET PROGRAMS

### HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: CREATIVE WRITING

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

#### **P05 | Honors PVA Creative/Dramatic Writing 1 0.5/sem**

Students will explore various writing techniques to shape their identity as writers. Using literature as a model, students will write imaginatively while incorporating multiple writing traits to a variety of literary genres (poetry, non-fiction, fiction, and drama). By engaging in personal creativity and opportunities for self-expression, students will learn to provide feedback in a writer's workshop, publish work in an electronic portfolio and submit to the school literary magazine as well as local, regional, and national literary competitions. Guest authors and poets will be used to enhance the working classroom. This course is available only at Annapolis High School.

#### **P06 | Honors PVA Creative/Dramatic Writing 2 0.5/sem**

This course will enable students to continue their development of a personal writing style building upon the principles and experiences of PVA Creative and Dynamic Writing 1. Utilizing a variety of literature models, students will expand their capabilities for imaginative writing and deepen their understanding of successful creative writing traits. Students will explore literary genres in a more in-depth way to develop products, critique peer and professional writing and publish work in external publications. This course is available only at Annapolis High School.

#### **PV79 | Honors PVA Creative Writing: Genre Studies 0.5/sem**

Genre Studies designed for students in the third year of the PVA Magnet Program on the Creative Writing major. This course provides intensive study of four specific styles of creative writing: short stories and novels, poetry and lyrics, playwriting and screenwriting, and creative non-fiction. In depth analysis of classic and contemporary works from each genre leads to extensive research and development results in the production of original works to be published. Works written in this course will be further developed and produced in the Media Writers Workshop Level 3 course in which students are concurrently enrolled. This course is available only at Annapolis High School.

#### **P10 | Honors PVA Media/Writers Workshop 1 0.5/sem**

Students will explore various forms of technology to infuse elements of that technology into original forms of creative and dramatic writing. Since this course is taught simultaneously with Creative Writing & Dramatic Writing 1, the same goals will be reflected while teaching how to create/draw/construct through various applications. This course is available only at Annapolis High School.

**P11 | Honors PVA Media/Writers Workshop 2 0.5/sem**

Course introduces additional technologies through which professionals participate in creative expression. The emphasis will be placed on the production of a publicly shared finished product. Students will also explore historical works and suggest/plan how technology infusion could enhance them. Since this course is taught simultaneously with Creative Writing/Dramatic Writing 2, the same goals will be reflected while teaching how to create/draw/construct through various technological applications. This course is available only at Annapolis High School.

**P12 | Honors PVA Media/Writers Workshop 3 0.5/sem**

Students use technology in order to create and publish original pieces using blogs, zines, digital portfolios, and social media sites. During this course, students will further develop, refine, and publish pieces begun in the Genre Studies course in which students are concurrently enrolled. This course is designed for students in the third year of the PVA Magnet Program in the Creative Writing major. This course is available only at Annapolis High School.

**P31 | PVA Honors Senior Capstone Solo Exhibition/Performance 1.0/sem**

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.

**Prerequisite:** *Limited to seniors in the PVA Magnet Program only. Students must also register for PVA Honors Senior Capstone: Collaborative Exhibition/Performance*

**P32 | PVA Honors Senior Capstone Collaborative Exhibition/Performance 1.0/sem**

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.*