



THE ARTS

Discover just how creative you can be.

No matter where your academic interests lie, the arts will increase your ability to think creatively and communicate well. Plus, they bring a whole lot of joy and fun into our lives. For these and many other reasons, we value and celebrate the creative arts at HPA. All students participate in the arts program at the introductory level, and many continue on to hone their skills. Surrounded by the beauty of Hawai'i Island, an array of island cultures, and a campus full of 400 friends, you'll always find inspiration nearby.



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ART HISTORY

Art History is taught by the director of Isaacs Art Center, a working gallery on the HPA Village Campus that is devoted to both modern Hawaiian art and the traditional arts of Hawaiian antiquity. It contains a large permanent collection of paintings, furniture, rare books, and Hawaiiana, along with works for sale. The center is also dedicated to arts education within the local community. This course offers art history students the chance to study with an experienced curator and to prepare for the AP Art History exam.

PERFORMING ARTS

The Performing Arts (Drama, Technical Theater, and Music) at HPA welcomes students at any level of artistic skill or experience and strives to cultivate the artist in every one. We believe in the power and passion of the artist to reveal new truths, remind us of our past, and help to transform our future. Our Drama Program offers opportunities in larger-scale performance (plays and musical theater), as well as more intensive academic courses in playwriting, acting styles, comedy, improv, public speaking, and devising. Behind the scenes, technical theater students learn to take an entire production from conceptual designs to opening night in their Stagecraft course. Academic musical offerings include Musicianship, Recording & Producing, Composing & Arranging, Vocal Performance and Instrumental Ensemble. Students also have additional opportunities for sharing their talents with the community in a non-credit, casual setting: Jazz Combo, A-Capella, Music Monday assemblies, and Lava Lounge open mics, as well as other performance events.

VISUAL ARTS

You'll discover a rich variety of mediums to explore, including drawing, painting, mixed media, ceramics, photography, and film-making. Our talented faculty are practicing artists; they can guide you however far your aspirations go. The 2-D and 3-D art tracks will build your mastery of drawing, painting, and sculpture skills toward a yearlong independent art Capstone project. In our digital media art track, we have Digital Cinema where you can explore everything from flying drones to streaming events to digital filmmaking, and Digital Photography where students can explore photojournalism and fine art portrait photography. A team of student photographers supports the school's marketing efforts and help produce a stunning yearbook each year.



Learn more at hpa.edu/arts

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