

Inquiry into Art as Process
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What is art? Why and how do artists work? Why is art relevant to my studies here in the university, and why is art relevant in life beyond the university?

In this course we will work to demystify the art-making process. We will watch documentaries and film clips of artists at work. We will also study a broad range of art across the centuries to understand, historically, how the art process has changed over time. We will take several approaches to this inquiry including interviews with local artists, field trips to local art exhibits or public art works, historical research about an art period and artists of your choice, and a research paper that will connect the world of your discipline to the world of visual art. At the end of the semester, we will work on art projects of our own, applying what we have learned, to try our hands at the art-making process. Meanwhile, we will be developing our writing and research skills, connecting the art-making process to writing as process. What does it mean to create? Do we really start with a blank canvas or a blank page? Or has the process already started long before we sit down to create?