## Arts

### Course Description:

The arts expand our capacity for imaginative, interpretive and empathetic engagement in society, and develops the innovative thinking essential for addressing the challenges of our time. Courses in this area provide students with intellectual, embodied and practical experiences that open new paths to understanding and interpreting themselves and the world they inhabit. Through engagement and immersion in the creative process, students learn how the arts historically represent, reinforce, and/or critique culture. Students also learn crucial interpersonal and organizational skills such as critical thinking, leadership, creative research and problem solving, strategies for collaboration, intercultural communication, attention to detail, discipline, and community engagement.

1. **Criteria:** Arts courses will
   1. Promote an understanding of the interaction among the arts, culture, society, artist and audience.
   2. Provide opportunity for students to engage in, and develop an understanding of, the creative process.
   3. Help students develop analytical, interpretive, or evaluative skills appropriate to the study, performance, and/or creation of at least one of the visual and performing arts.
2. **SLOs:** Arts students will
   1. Analyze enduring and contemporary questions or challenges through the lens of the arts.
   2. Create, perform, and communicate about the arts to an audience through written, spoken, and/or embodied creative expression.