

Arts Initiative RLC: Creative Art!

Overview

By creating a Living/Learning program devoted to the idea of Creative Art, we want to construct a space that offers its residents a palette of possibilities not limited to a certain dimension or medium, which will allow for the collaboration and integration of a wide range of artistic concepts and endeavors.

Students who wish to practice their various forms of art in an encouraging space outside of a school curriculum will be able to use the program's resources and fellow members to help them pursue their art. By working together with like-minded individuals, members will be able to grow and progress artistically and socially throughout the year, while giving back to the community.

All students in the Arts Initiative will enroll in a self-paced, one-credit course designed to help them get the most out of their experiences residing in the Arts building of L/L and the wider Arts community.

Learning Objectives

Over the year, members will create a portfolio that will showcase the individual's talent and multi-faceted approach to artistic expression.

Action Steps

- The students will have weekly goals that will give them a short-term sense of progress, and will be able to show other members their progress every week.
- At the end of every month, members will come together to show each other their most recent work and accept thoughts and criticisms.

By the end of the year, all members of the suite will have worked extensively with outsiders to help realize the artistic beauty of all life

Action Steps

- Monthly work with children in the preschool will help the young ones get excited about making art, and remind suitemates of the ability everyone has to make something beautiful.
- Creative Art will work with other suites in the L/L community (such as the World Culture suites, music suites, and other art medium suites) to broaden their horizons and create cross-cultural works.

- We will work with the Burlington-based Tick Tick to get artists to come to the city, and create posters and wearable art.

The residents will, on a regular basis, teach and be taught about new artistic ideas as well as historical and prominent members of their respective fields.

Action Steps

- We will get guest lecturers, local artists, and touring performers to come talk and work with the suitemates.
- We will plan a trip to the Boston Museum of Art for the springtime

Community Service

The Creative Art suite will work to raise money that benefits the community in a way conducive to the program. Sometime in the second semester, after working on many art projects, the suite will have a gallery showing, with available things for purchase. There will be music, food, and art for sale, and members from outside the UVM community would also be encouraged to attend. All money from the sales during this event would go to a charity that works to get art education in underprivileged schools. As a suite, we would research and decide together what the best charity would be.

About the Arts Initiative RLC

This program is a part of the Arts Initiative Residential Learning Community. The Arts Initiative RLC was formed, in part, due to ongoing feedback and requests from students within the arts-related programs in L/L for more interaction and enhanced opportunities for cross-programming efforts between the arts. The Arts Initiative enhances the ability for students and staff members involved in the RLC to create opportunities for exploration and outreach involving the arts across disciplines.

The primary goals for the Arts Initiative are:

1. To develop cross-program involvement. Allowing students in one branch of the arts to interact with, learn from and engage with students in another Arts area. The “Artist to Artist: Expanding Your Medium” program is one opportunity for students to pair with each other in order to facilitate strong community connections. This is designed to facilitate students’ involvement in the Arts through one-on-one interactions with a member from a different program.
2. To enhance access to and interaction with arts-related communities within L/L, at UVM, in Burlington and in Vermont in order to support our creative and conceptual practices.
3. To support the creative growth of all members through informal and formal discussions, community events, performances and program designed activities.

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Examples of course requirements include attending arts-related events at UVM and in the Burlington area, interactions with other student artists and reflective writing based on your overall experience. Students are expected to enroll in the self-paced, one-credit course in the fall semester.

More information about the Arts Initiative RLC can be found at <http://www.uvm.edu/rlc>