Foundation: The Arts

Each course in the category is an introduction to an area of study in the visual and performing arts and includes direct exposure to works of art or live performances and preparation of written responses to the experiences. Students will realize that art functions as a major cultural force in the experiences of individuals and communities. An understanding of the arts helps people to define what is meaningful and significant in life.

Content Student Learning Outcomes
All courses in the Arts category include the following content:
1. An examination of the principles and questions that define the field and analysis of formal elements of works of art.
2. How meaning in the arts is created and interpreted.
3. An understanding of the historical and cultural contexts for artists and their works.

Skills Student Learning Outcome 1 (choose one of the following):
   a) Critical and creative thinking — uses systematic reasoning to examine and evaluate information and ideas and then innovatively synthesize their conclusions to propose new perspectives and solutions; or
   b) Written communication — the practice of creating and refining messages that educated readers will value.

Skills Student Learning Outcome 2 (choose one of the following):
   a) Collaboration — the process of working together and sharing the workload equitably to progress toward shared objectives, learned through structured activities that occur over a significant period of time; or
   b) Oral communication — the practice of effectively communicating verbally with a public audience across a variety of contexts.