

**INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF FLORENCE**  
2014-2015 Syllabus

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GRADE LEVEL/COURSE: Art Grade 8

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ISF Art website and Homework Assignments: <http://bluelavaart.com/isf.html>

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***Course Description***

In this course you will develop visual and manipulative skills and continue to explore new media and forms of artistic expression. You will develop the skills involved in organizing a composition, shading to create illusion, and the use of one and two point perspective to create spatial depth. You will learn to look at negative space, proportion, balance, design, color and the use of imaginative, symbolic and decorative elements. You will learn to critique works of art both verbally and written. You will build on their understanding of art historical movements, techniques and history. Using our environment as a point of departure, you will explore the space around us: the school, the landscape and the city of Florence itself.

***Assessment***

Assessment is based on your quality of class participation, portfolio review, sketchbooks/homework assignments and in-class critiques. Detailed descriptors of the grading rubrics will be discussed and posted.

***Criteria for Assessment***

A: Application and Understanding 50%

B. Critical Analysis and Reflection 25%

C. Engagement 25%

Homework assignments are awarded single weight grades and most studio (in class projects) are awarded double weighted grades

***Homework***

Homework assignments will be explained in class the start of each week and they will be due at the start of the following week. List of all homework assignments and due dates can be found online at: <http://bluelavaart.com/isf.html> and on eportal Homework assignments 1 day later are 1 grade lower.

## **Materials**

There are several places you can buy supplies. **Lory** Near Ponte Trinità, Piazza Frescobaldi <http://bellearti.lory.net/> **Zecchi** Near the Dumo, Via dello Studio <http://www.zecchi.it/> Ask for a student discount.

**You need these supplies for class everyday.**

- **Drawing pencil**
- **White eraser**
- **Pencil sharpener**

***The following materials for home art assignments. Keep these supplies at home.***

- A4 spiral or hard covered sketchbook
- Drawing pencils (2b – 6b)
- Small glue stick
- Small white glue (liquid)
- Set of 12 Prismacolor colored pencils (good quality colored pencils)
- White eraser
- Black ultra fine Uni-ball pen (gel pen)
- Spray workable matte fixatif (used to spray on your drawings you complete at home to prevent smudging during transport)

### ***List in Italian:***

- Blocco A4 da disegno a spirale o con copertina rigida
- Matite da disegno (2b-6b)
- Piccola colla stick
- Vasetto colla liquida
- 12 matite colorate Prismacolor (o di buon qualità)
- Gomma da cancellare bianca
- Penna nera Uni-Ball ultra fine (gel pen)
- Spray fissante effetto opaco (da mettere sui disegni completati a casa per prevenire sbavature durante il trasporto)

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I have read the Art Syllabus

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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