



Fall 2021 Class Catalog

First Hour - 10:00-10:55

Karate

This class is designed to teach self-defense, improve self-confidence, teach non-violent problem solving, and be a physical workout that engages all of the major muscle groups. This form of martial arts is unique in the sense that it uses basic principles from biomechanics, sports medicine, and kinesiology. These sciences are applied to make sure that students are learning effective techniques that are not telegraphed, and regardless of how often or long an individual is practicing, it won't cause joint damage (which is commonly associated with traditional styles of martial arts).

Belt advancements are offered at the Black Belt Academy (in Dexter or Ypsilanti). The exam fee for belt testing is \$50 (Keep in mind this is a fee that students that train once per week will only incur once within 2 semesters). Students must have an all white uniform, this can be purchased independently or through Master Brandon Lockman – New uniforms are \$25. Once a student achieves the White Belt Senior (the 2nd belt), they must obtain sparring gloves (used pairs are readily available or a new pair from the Instructor for \$30. The same applies for yellow belt, students must obtain foot pads or order them from the instructor (also \$30).

Instructor: Brandon Lockman

Grade: K-5

Min/Max/ 4/20

Tuition: \$169

Movement Games

Moving is one of the best things we can do for our bodies. In this class, we will almost always be moving! We will do hiding and guessing games, games with props, concentration and puzzle games, cooperation games, music and movement games, and more! We will use the outside as our classroom, so be ready to enjoy some fresh air and fun!

Instructor: Alexandra Moore

Grade: K-2

Min/Max: 5/12

Tuition: \$94

Comic Book/Manga Drawing

Are you interested in learning the fundamentals of cartooning and comic/manga books? Local comic book artist Kamron Reynolds will introduce you to the world of comics. Learn how to draw your own characters, faces, backgrounds, lettering, and much more. The key to creating is getting started. Students may take this course multiple times. Please bring paper and pencil to class.



Instructor: Kamron Reynolds

Grade: 6-12

Min/Max: 5/15

Tuition: \$69

Second Hour - 11:00-11:55

Crafts for Kids

Let's have fun honing our fine motor skills by making fun stuff! In this class students will learn to hold scissors properly, gain confidence with writing tools and wield a stick of glue like a pro! This class was offered last semester but there is so much more out there for us to do and discover. New projects have been selected and more messy fun will be had by all.

Instructor: Melodee Bourdeau

Grade: K-2

Min/Max: 4/12

Tuition: \$125

Shakespeare in the Park

"All the world's a stage," and that includes ULA! This semester, we take Shakespeare outside to put on an abridged and modernized version of one of Shakespeare's plays (to be determined based on class size). No matter which play is chosen, the version we present will be a funny one. The play is written with kids in mind, so the lines are easy and fun. Memorization is not required, but it is encouraged. Students who don't want to perform or may prefer only a small part can work as set designers and stage hands, helping to paint scenery, find/create props, work as stage managers, and help make the performance a success! Each class will always begin with some warm-up theater games; basic stage skills will also be taught. This is a fun way to gain confidence in public speaking and performance!

Instructor: Alexandra Moore

Grade: 4th+

Min/Max: 6/16

Tuition: \$100

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Instructor: Kamron Reynolds

Grade: 1st-5th

Min/Max: 5/15

Tuition: \$69

ArtWorks

This class is designed for students with some drawing background that wish to build on their techniques and skills. Over the course of 14 weeks we will work on still life drawings and drawings from reference photos. Students will learn the grid technique to sketch complicated subjects and self-portraits more accurately. Students will become more confident to draw freehand from life after practicing this technique. We will focus on shading and values, lighting, shapes, and composition. As we move through the course, we will use different mediums to work with and will explore the challenges of each medium.

Instructor: Kaili Dence

Grade: 8-12

Min/Max: 6/12

Tuition: \$175

LUNCH CLUBS - 12:00-12:25

Student Government

The Student Government meets at lunch time! Classmates will work together to manage a range of events, activities, programs, policies and initiatives around school. It's a great opportunity to work on leadership skills while encouraging student, faculty, and community relations.

Instructor: Patricia King

Grade: 6-12

Third Hour - 12:30-1:25

Magic School Bus Science Laboratory

Come join us as we explore the sciences with Ms. Frizzle and her class. We'll read some books, watch some episodes, and do some experimenting! Lots of fun chemistry, a bit of physics, and who knows what else....

Instructor: Brain Monkeys - Melodee Bourdeau

Grade: K-2

Min/Max: 6/12

Tuition: \$125



Great Artists and Art Movements

In this class students will explore the artworks of some of the most famous artists and art movements throughout history. We will begin with a discussion of 15th century Italian artist Fra Angelico, and his frescoes with gold leaf embellishment, and make our way to the 20th century Andy Warhol, and the Pop Art Movement. Each week, students will enjoy experimenting with different mediums to create an artwork in the style of the artist highlighted. Step by step guidance will assist students as they draw, paint and collage, but they may also interpret the creative process in their own way. Students might wish to have a folder to keep weekly handouts. The class fee includes all materials.

Instructor: Kaili Dence

Grade: 3-6

Min/Max: 6/12

Tuition: \$175

Bones and Stones

What was it like to live in the Stone Age? Now you can find out! In this simulation, students will get the chance to not just read about the lives of prehistoric people, but to live like them. Students will be given tasks like: inventing your own language out of grunts, body language, and gestures (and some of your own invented words); creating and using a spear thrower; painting your own cave art; transporting heavy materials without modern technology; eating a Stone Age-type diet; and more! Can you survive? Come and find out!

Instructor: Alexandra Moore

Grade: 5-8

Min/Max: 5/16

Tuition: \$100

Amazing Animals of the World

This class is an exploration of some of the incredible animals that live all over the globe. Learn about various different adaptations that animals have (in both normal and extreme habitats), including how animals move, how they hunt, and other defensive things like venom and poison. Other topics would include taxonomy (animal classification), and other stuff like how islands have some of the most unique species in the world. We'd watch videos, play games, have group discussions, and more.

Instructor: Connor Enke

Grade: 3-8

Min/Max: 4/12

Tuition: \$125



Fourth Hour - 1:30-2:25

Breakdance

Join Maurice Archer as he teaches America's popular and now Olympic event Break Dance! Students build self confidence, listening skills and self awareness. They express themselves through movement in a safe, fun, disciplined and friendly environment. Students also learn about hip hop culture and what it means to be a Bboy or Bgirl.

Instructor: Maurice Archer

Grade: K-12

Min/Max: 6/15

Tuition: \$188

History Mind Missions

Investigate. Problem-solve. Create. This class is hands-on and minds-on! Would you like to learn a little bit of history and practice teamwork while letting loose that creative side? In this class, students read a short history story about an event or idea, then work in teams to brainstorm and create a hands-on solution. Examples: After reading about the Sons of Liberty and how they raised a liberty pole to signal a town meeting, students create their own liberty pole out of craft sticks, rubber bands, straws, and mailing labels; or, after reading about the Statue of Liberty, students create a living statue that represents their school. Lots of fun AND learning in this class!

Instructor: Alexandra Moore

Grade: 3-5

Min/Max: 5/15

Tuition: \$100

An Artist's Toolbox

This class is designed for both beginner artists and those that wish to improve their techniques and skills. Over the course of 14 weeks we will explore the techniques of drawing and painting and experiment with different mediums: charcoal, colored pencils, pastels, graphite pencils, pen, acrylic and watercolor paint. Drawing techniques will include perspective, proportion, shapes, shading and values. Painting will cover the basics of application and different methods to apply the medium. Each week we will use the skills learned to complete simple compositions. In the final weeks, we will put all the skills together and create a unique still life and an acrylic painting on a canvas. Students might wish to have a folder to keep weekly handouts. The class and lab fee includes all materials.

Instructor: Kaili Dence

Grade: 7-12

Min/Max: 6/15

Tuition: \$179



Fifth Hour - 2:30-3:25

The Dramatic Lives of Greek Heroes and Heroines

We will learn all about different heroes and heroines in Greek mythology, then create our own mini-plays about them! We will take a handful of characters from mythology – such as Odysseus, Atalanta, Perseus, Hercules, Persephone – and read their stories, then work together to create a very short play about each one, which the students will act out for an audience at the end of the semester. Class will also include warm-up drama games and activities and learning basic theater skills. Students may be asked to spend some time at home learning lines and helping to create a performance.

Instructor: Alexandra Moore

Grade: K-2

Min/Max: 5/12

Tuition: \$100

Unexplained Mysteries and Unbelievable Facts

Our world is full of weird, wonderful, and sometimes unusual things. In this class, we'll dive and dig into many of these, including weird mysteries like creatures in cryptozoology, lost continents, the supernatural, and more. We will also discuss weird concepts and facts that are actually true, such as an island where it's illegal to die, the few groups of humans who are still completely cut off from the rest of the world, and some of the shortest-lived countries in our history. There's so much for students to learn about and discuss, and who knows, maybe we'll even solve a mystery that's been left unexplained for years!

Instructor: Connor Enke

Grade: 3rd+

Min/Max: 4/12

Tuition: \$125

Sumo Battle Bots

3-2-1 Sumo! That is the traditional starting announcement to a Sumo Battle Robotics Competition. Sumo Battle is when two robots battle each other in a Sumo Ring and the last robot in the ring is declared the winner.

Lots of skill goes into building and programming a successful Sumo Battle Robot and in this class we will get students ready to battle their classmates in the Sumo Ring! Both building and programming will be learned and all experience levels are welcome. We will be using the Lego Mindstorms EV3 Robotics Education kits during this class which allow students the freedom to build and program their robot to do almost anything they can imagine!

Instructor: Brain Monkeys



Grade: 5-12
Min/Max: 6/12
Tuition: \$125

Machine Sewing

Learn to sew using a sewing machine. No prior knowledge is necessary. We will learn the parts of the sewing machine and how to thread it and wind a bobbin. Then move into inserting a needle and threading the machine. We will learn the two basic stitches, the straight stitch and the zig zag. We will learn how to cut out a pattern and sew it together. Fabric and simple supplies (tool box, scissors, pins, thread, etc) are supplied by the student. A sewing machine is recommended but not required.

Instructor: Melodee Bourdeau
Min/Max 4/12
Tuition: \$150

Group Care

We are offering drop in care for hours 1-5. This is an opportunity for students that have a gap in their schedule and want to participate in open play/ peer led group activities. Students can come up with fun activity options or just show up and hang out. Feel free to bring games to play!

Instructor: Patricia King
Grade: K-12
Min/Max: 1/20
Tuition: \$100 / \$20 per hour drop in