Digital

Large Format Printing

Mondays, Jan. 6–March 2 (6 classes*)
*No Class Jan. 20, Jan. 27 and Feb. 17
Teaching Artist: Jill Wiggins
Everyone loves posters! Learn to use industry-standard image-editing software such as Adobe Photoshop to create fun collages, concert posters, and more. You’ll learn how to create cool, text-based compositions using a plug-in called Wordle. As part of this course, we’ll visit professional printers to learn more about the business.

Photo

Photographer Unknown

Mondays, Jan. 6–March 2 (6 classes*)
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Teaching Artist: Kelly Lanzendorfer
Explore the world of found photographs featuring everyday life captured by everyday people. This type of photography is collected and cherished by many for its mysterious nature and eclectic view of our history. Let curiosity guide you as you create your own collection by searching for, sequencing, and editing anonymous photos. This class will combine the art of photo analysis with the joy of collecting.

Build it Bigger 2: Bigger and with Animals

Mondays, Jan. 6–March 2 (6 classes*)
*No Class Jan. 20, Jan. 27, and Feb. 17
Teaching Artist: Bryce Hemington
Want to get the scale you can’t make in school? We have a class for you. Build it Bigger 2 is pulling out all the stops. The only limit on size is your imagination and the size of our kiln, which is huge. In this class, we’ll make a large-scale sculpture focusing on hand building and sculpting to create dynamic pieces with animal sculptures that interact with our geometric slab-built forms. Go big or go home!

Ceramic

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Design

The Art of Tattoo Design

Mondays, Jan. 6–March 2 (6 classes*)
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Teaching Artist: Claire Heitzenrater
Do you love tattoo-inspired artwork? From historical tattoo designs to American traditional, you’ll find or develop your favorite style! We’ll use drawing and illustration techniques similar to tattoo artists and make our own flash sheets. Tattoo artists from the Pittsburgh area will stop by to share their experiences.

Note: No actual tattooing will be taking place.

Fake News

Tuesdays, Jan. 7–March 3 (8 classes*)
*No Class Jan. 28
Teaching Artist: Jill Wiggins
Want to create your own fake news? Be a broadcaster in the newsroom, an interviewer in the field, or interview subject. Create your own fake news video broadcast. Share your creative storytelling, and then learn to use a video camera, capture and edit video, and export the final broadcast to share for serious commentary or a laugh.

Anime Appreciation

Wednesdays, Jan. 8–March 4 (9 classes*)
*No Class Oct. 9
Teaching Artist: Jeff Guerrero
We’ve got a brand-new class for fans of anime and manga! Learn how to take your drawings from the sketchpad to the digital realm using Adobe Photoshop. If you’re not the drawing type, you can still create awesome anime-themed projects like posters, buttons, keychains, and more. Interested in laser engraving? Wacom digital illustration tablets? We’ve got those, too.

Winter Wonderland

Wednesdays, Jan. 8–March 4 (9 classes*)
*No Class Oct. 9
Teaching Artist: Germaine Watkins
It’s winter, and photographers love taking pictures in new places. In this landscape photography class, you’ll learn how to operate the digital single lens camera, use various lenses, edit your images and print them on different papers. Trips will be during class and some weekends to cool scenic places. Lace up your boots, put on a sweater, and let’s photograph the winter wonderland!

Darkroom Mania

Tuesdays, Jan. 7–March 3 (8 classes*)
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Take this opportunity to focus and develop your photography skills. In this course you will be able to print from existing negatives in one of the biggest darkrooms in Pittsburgh. Print small 5x7 images and up to extra-large 20x24. Don’t worry if you don’t have negatives. You can still use found objects to make really cool looking photograph.

Myths, Magic, and Folklore

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Teaching Artist: Talon Smith
In this class, make fairy doors, gnome homes, create myths and stories with your own characters, and sew your own sketchbook of shadows. Drawing inspiration from nature and the folklore, this class is sure to awaken the magic within. Learn about the ancient civilizations including Mayan and Egyptian mythology, and even collaborate with the Design studio by sharing lessons taught by you.

Beginner Wheel Throwing

Wednesdays, Jan. 8–March 4 (9 classes*)
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Teaching Artist: Bryce Hemington
Have you seen the potter’s wheel and wanted to give it a try but are intimidated or haven’t had the opportunity? We are doing an introductory course on the potter’s wheel where you can dip your feet in and get messy. We will be focusing on how to center the clay and start to make mugs and bowls that you could use.

Advanced Wheel Throwing

Thursdays, Jan. 9–March 5 (9 classes)
Teaching Artist: Talon Smith
Have you been feeling stagnant on the wheel? Are you craving fresh techniques and more advanced forms? This class is designed with advanced wheel throwers in mind. We’ll work on consistent cylinders, yunomis, larger vessels, and much more. There will be challenges and prizes to keep you motivated in your ceramic adventures!

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Patch Me If You Can!

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Teaching Artist: Abi Beddall
Produce your own patches and learn some basic sewing skills to mend your clothing this winter. Have a denim jacket to upcycle? Got a rip in those favorite pants? Patch it if you can through exploring silk screening, embroidery, felting, and more in this practical sewing class. This class is for all skill levels.

Fiber to Fashion

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Earn Four Early College Credits

Intro to International Relations

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 7–March 3
Led by Westminster College Prof. Michael Aleprete
A study of politics among states and other actors who affect global relations. Students will analyze world politics and various international issues in the areas of security, economics, and the environment.

*Funding is available for students enrolled in PPS since the beginning of 9th grade.

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ENROLLMENT PIZZA & PRIZES

• Dec. 10 & 12, 3:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.: After-School Enrollment at MCG Youth & Arts
  • There will be a yellow school bus at most PPS high schools going to MCG Youth & Arts.
  • Public transit tickets will be provided to get home.
  • You will be introduced to MCG Youth & Arts, its teachers, and facilities.
  • Spaces fill quickly, so please come early.
  • Courses are offered at no cost to PPS students. Admission is on first-come, first-served basis. Waitlists will be maintained.
  • Pizza will be served on both days and prizes will be raffled only at in-facility enrollment.

• Dec. 11: In-School Enrollment (NEW!)
  • Can’t make it to MCG Youth & Arts to enroll? Catch us in your school on Dec. 11 and you can enroll!