

## Grading

The Vancouver Island School of Art provides students in the Certificate of Visual Arts program with fair and responsible assessments and evaluation based on individual artistic development.

At the start of each course students will receive a course outline from the instructor stating weekly assignments, and related concepts and resources as necessary.

Grade	Percentage	Description
A+	95-100	Exceptional, outstanding and excellent performance. Normally achieved by a minority of students. These grades indicate a student who is self-initiating, exceeds expectation and has an insightful grasp of the subject matter.
A	90-94	
A-	85-89	
B+	80-84	Very good, good and solid performance. Normally achieved by the largest number of students. These grades indicate a good grasp of the subject matter or excellent grasp in one area balanced with satisfactory grasp in the other area.
B	75-75	
B-	70-74	
C+	65-69	Satisfactory, or minimally satisfactory. These grades indicate a satisfactory performance and knowledge of the subject matter.
C	60-64	
C-	55-59	
D	50-54	Marginal Performance. A student receiving this grade demonstrated a superficial grasp of the subject matter.
F	0-49	Unsatisfactory performance including poor attendance and participation; non-completion of course assignments.
W		Withdrawn

Grades consist of the following components (percentage of grade):

Projects*	80%
Participation (discussion, critiques)	15%
Attendance	5%

\*Projects can consist of class or homework studio assignments, sketchbook, written assignments and oral presentations. It is up to the individual instructor to decide how they will allocate the grades in this category. Information about the particular breakdown of the 'projects' component should be included on all course outlines.

Here is a sample breakdown of the Projects category (80% of total grade):

- 45% studio assignments
- 15% written assignment
- 10% sketchbook
- 10% oral presentation

Instructors will issue letter grades and provide a breakdown of the grade based on 80% for class assignments, 15% participation and 5% attendance.

As of September 1st, 2021, Individual Courses & Workshops will not be graded. Only 12 week (36 hr) courses taken while registered in the Certificate program will be graded.