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Interdisciplinary Curriculum of Music, Art and Literature

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Abstract

This project is designed to provide students an interdisciplinary curriculum to enhance understanding of basic elements of music with interdisciplinary approach of music, art and literature. It is to offer students with an interdisciplinary approach to understanding the various art disciplines for a creative and insightful mind to become a creative individual as well as a problem-solver. Today, we are facing many crises such as inequality, racism, violence, and discrimination in the society and the world thus we have to be a creative thinker to be a great problem-solver. In order to be creative and insightful, we need to know how to integrate diverse views or subjects to create a practical solution. Therefore, we have to implement a transdisciplinary curriculum for students to approach the issues and the world in a holistic way. Hence, this project is to offer students a foundational creative mind and understanding with core subjects of music, art and literature to build a mature and insightful mind to acquire great thinking and problem-solving skills. The motivation for such project is drawn based on a personal teaching experience with interdisciplinary approach of music and art and its effective and positive outcome. The targeted group for such approach was students with minimal or no background knowledge of music. It was very difficult for students to even grasp the concept of basic elements of music therefore my primary challenge was to offer a practical approach to understanding. Hence, as I was focusing on the basic elements of music, I used visual arts as an aid which synchronized well with the music examples to create an awakening moment of understanding and appreciation. As a result, an interdisciplinary approach of music and art as well as poetry not only enhanced the understanding, it stimulated an imagination which led to a creative expression. Thus, I am confident that an interdisciplinary curriculum will greatly contribute to arts education and it will be one of key approaches to enhance the creativity as well as cognizance. I am ambitious to expand interdisciplinary curriculum to other disciplines particularly humanity subjects with arts subjects as core foundational subjects. I strongly believe that the power of music and integrating it with other disciplines will offer a promising path of music education as well as general education for all learners.