

Autumn 2019 Adult Education Programme

Running from 22 September to 26 December, Sharjah Art Foundation's Autumn 2019 Adult Education Programme offers courses and workshops that focus on different aspects of contemporary art practices. The courses, workshops and talks, designed for youth and adults aged 15 or older, are conducted in English and/or Arabic, depending on the needs of the participants. This season's programme includes drawing, painting, calligraphy, ceramics, textiles, photography and film.

The courses, workshops and talks take place at Sharjah Art Foundation spaces in the city of Sharjah as well as six Art Centres across the emirate. Art Centres are located in Al Hamriyah, Al Dhaid, Al Madam, Dibba Al Hisn, Khorfakkan and Kalba. Except for courses at the Sharjah Art Institute, all sessions are free and open to the public. Materials used in courses and workshops are provided by the foundation.

Sharjah Art Foundation is committed to making its programmes as inclusive and accessible as possible. Disability access symbols are included in Education Programme descriptions to indicate the accessibility of individual sessions.

Key to symbols:



Blindness or low vision



Hearing impairment



Physical disabilities



Down syndrome



Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)

For further information, email Adult Education at education@sharjahart.org or call (06) 5685050.

Engraving and Printing (Beginners)

Adult Education Course

Sundays to Tuesdays, 22 September–22 October 2019

4:30 pm–6:30 pm

Al Madam Art Centre

Ages: 15+

Language: Arabic

This course offers a comprehensive introduction to engraving, printing and graphic design. Participants will learn to analyse and work with two-dimensional surfaces through symbols, lines, visual vocabulary and geometric shapes. These aesthetic values and graphic elements will be used to design surfaces in an artistic way. Participants will also learn about the multiple gradations of the colour grey from white to black and attempt to apply colour distribution methods to their artwork.

Painting and Drawing (Beginners)

Adult Education Course

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 25 September–15 October 2019

5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Al Hamriyah Art Centre and Kalba Art Centre

Ages: 15+

Language: Arabic

This course is an introduction to the world of art through drawing and painting. Participants will learn the basic elements of a work of art, including line, form, composition and the perception of shadow and light through tonalities of colour. They will also create artworks with themes from nature using a variety of materials (e.g. pencils, erasers and putty).

Principles of Arabic Calligraphy (Beginners)

Adult Education Course

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 25 September–24 October 2019

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Al Dhaid Art Centre, Al Madam Art Centre, Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Dibba Al Hisn Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre, Khorfakkan Art Centre

Ages: 15+

Language: Arabic

In this course, participants will be introduced to a simplified version of an Arabic calligraphic script as well as techniques and tools used in calligraphy (e.g. reed pens, metal pens, inks, silk threads and fused paper). They will also receive training in how to use these tools, particularly the way to sharpen reed pens and make them ready for writing. They will focus on *Ruqa'a* script since it is the basis of all other scripts.

Sculpture (Beginners)

Adult Education Course

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 25 September–31 October 2019

9:00 am–12:00 pm and 5:00 pm–7:00 pm (same session will be repeated twice)

Al Hamriyah Art Centre

Ages: 15+

Language: Arabic

This course is an introduction to sculpture in both two-dimensional and three-dimensional forms. Participants will learn the foundations of sculpture and gain an understanding of how to use and shape clay. They will also explore the sculptural uses of gypsum, its treatment and the relationship between mass and vacuum.

Ceramics (Beginners)

Adult Education Course

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 16 October–7 November 2019

5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Al Madam Art Centre, Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Dibba Al Hisn Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre, Khorfakkan Art Centre

Ages: 15+

Language: Arabic

This course will introduce participants to basic techniques for making ceramics. They will learn about slab making, hand and wheel throwing, and surface decoration so they can create their own ceramic artworks. They will also focus on understanding and implementing the processes, aesthetics, functions and forms of ceramic art.

Basics of Painting: Practical Colour Theory

Adult Education Workshop

Date: 19 October 2019

10:00 am–1:00 pm

Collections Building, Arts Square

Ages: 18+

Languages: English and Arabic

This workshop will provide participants with a solid foundation in colour theory so that they can address concerns about colour in their own painting. Participants will learn how to make secondary and complementary colours, why certain colours stand out while others recede, and how colours can be made to glow.

Camaieu Painting

Adult Education Workshop

Date: 26 October 2019

10:00 am–1:00 pm

Collections Building, Arts Square

Ages: 18+

Languages: English and Arabic

In this workshop, participants will be introduced to camaieu painting, a technique in which an image is created in shades or hues of a single colour, often one that is not commonly associated with the object, figure or scene represented. Guided by the instructor, participants will work on canvas to explore the camaieu painting technique through still life.

Sewing (Intermediate)

Adult Education Course

Sunday to Tuesday, 27 October–5 November 2019

4:30 pm–6:30 pm

Al Madam Art Centre

Ages: 15+

Language: English and Arabic

At the intermediate level, participants will apply the basics they learned in the beginners' course. To make a piece of clothing, they will start with a person's measurements and use them to create a pattern on fabric. Then they will cut out the pieces of the pattern and sew the garment.

Mentor Series: Developing an Artist's Portfolio

Adult Education Workshop

With Cristiana de Marchi (TBC)

Date: 2, 30 November 2019

Time TBC (i.e. 10:00 am–2:00 pm)

Collections Building, Arts Square

Ages: 18+

Language: English

In this workshop, participants will be introduced to the essential elements of an artist's portfolio and the process for developing a new one or strengthening an existing one. They will learn about different formats (digital and analogue), ways to present their work effectively, necessary components, and strategies for tailoring the portfolio to different markets and target audiences. This workshop is open to artists working in all disciplines.

Painting and Drawing (Intermediate)

Adult Education Course

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 6–28 November 2019

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Al Dhaid Art Centre, Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre

Ages: 15+

Language: Arabic

This course is the second course in a three-course series. Participants at this level will receive training in the proper use of different types of colours, from watercolours to oil pastels and acrylics. They will also examine the various colour theories in depth, including the colour circle, complementary colour concepts, warm and cold colours, basic and secondary colours, and harmony and contrast. Finally, they will study elements of perspective through landscapes and portrait paintings.

Sculpture (Intermediate)

Adult Education Course

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 6–28 November 2019

9:00 am–12:00 pm and 5:00 pm–7:00 pm (same session will be repeated twice)

Al Hamriyah Art Centre

Ages: 15+

Language: Arabic

In the intermediate level of the sculpture course, participants will learn the step-by-step process for forming a sculptural work, starting from constructing the metal structure that supports the work to building the sculpture and carving the details and texture.

Ceramics (Intermediate)

Adult Education Course

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 13–28 November 2019

5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Dibba Al Hisn Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre, Khorfakkan Art Centre

Ages: 15+

Language: Arabic

This course continues an examination of the basic techniques for making ceramic art. In addition to working with slab making as well as hand and wheel throwing, participants will study different techniques for decorating clay surfaces and learn casting.

Principles of Arabic Calligraphy (Intermediate)

Adult Education Course

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 6–28 November 2019

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Dibba Al Hisn Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre, Khorfakkan Art Centre

Ages: 15+

Language: Arabic

In this intermediate course, participants will learn how to connect the letters in the *Ruqa'a* script to form words. They will focus on using dots and the proper balance of letters to create the correct foundation for writing the words.

Revitalizing and Reusing Fabrics

Adult Education Workshop

Date: 13 November 2019

10:00 am–1:00 pm

Collections Building, Arts Square

Ages: 18+

Language: English

In this three-hour hands-on workshop, participants will learn sewing techniques to prolong the life of different types of fabrics in order to retain the value of their cloths. Participants will decide what they would like to make and start designing their own creative textile pieces.

Film Editing (Intermediate Level)

Adult Education Course
Date: 16, 23 November 2019
Time: TBD
Collections Building, Arts Square
Ages: 18+
Language: English

This course will present an overview of the various techniques used in film editing. Participants will become familiar with film editing software that can sequence and modify images in different ways. By the end of the course, they will be able to put a film together and make it flow.

Principles of Arabic Calligraphy (Advanced)

Adult Education Course
Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4–26 December 2019
5:00 pm–7:00 pm
Al Dhaid Art Centre, Al Madam Art Centre, Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Dibba Al Hisn Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre, Khorfakkan Art Centre
Ages: 15+
Language: Arabic

In this course, participants will learn how to write words and sentences in the *Ruqa'a* script. They will study the lines and the size of the white and black areas while following the rules for correctly writing in calligraphy.

Painting and Drawing (Advanced)

Adult Education Course
Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11–26 December 2019
10:00 am–1:00 pm
Al Dhaid Art Centre, Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre
Ages: 15+
Language: Arabic

At the advanced level of this course, participants will learn new painting techniques and ways to put final touches on a painting. They will use a variety of tools and materials (e.g., knife, paste) and employ different kinds of colours (e.g. oil paint and acrylics) to paint subjects like horses, human figures and still life. Please note that participants in this course would normally be expected to have completed the intermediate level course, but final enrolment decisions are at the discretion of the instructor.

Ceramics (Advanced)

Adult Education Course
Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11–26 December 2019
5:00 pm–7:00 pm
Al Hamriyah Art Centre, Dibba Al Hisn Art Centre, Kalba Art Centre, Khorfakkan Art Centre
Ages: 15+
Language: Arabic

In this advanced course, participants will learn about ceramic glazes and the correct methods for mixing them to produce colour gradations from darker to lighter. Participants will also learn about glazing techniques, the functioning of clay ovens (kilns) and the temperatures required to produce a final ceramic artwork.