

ART OF DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE SYLLABUS

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Welcome to Digital Photography

Course Description:

This is a UC-approved Career Technical Education (CTE)* / Fine Arts course that provides an introduction to the art and appreciation of digital photography. Combining training in camera operation and image editing with artistic theory, students will learn to visually communicate their ideas and creativity. Students will learn how to use the digital camera and its advanced features. Students will learn image editing and printing using Adobe Photoshop software. Students will learn to successfully use the Elements of Art and Principles of Design to create award-winning images.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

- Understand technical and aesthetic differences between traditional and digital photography.
- Make informed choices about composition when photographing and editing digital images.
- Make informed choices about appropriate technologies for use in a variety of photographic assignments
- Analyze and discuss complex ideas in works of art and photography.
- Create original works of art of increasing complexity and skill that reflect their feelings and point of view.
- Demonstrate proficiency in photo manipulation using Adobe Photoshop.
- Demonstrate proper camera and digital processing techniques in production of a work of art
- Understand and utilize the steps in the creative process including production of images for presentation and display.
- Realize the vast number of career choices in the visual arts.
- Produce an accomplished portfolio of work and an applicable resume

Learning Process:

Classes will consist of lectures, demonstrations, studio time, projects, and critiques. Peer evaluation is critical to exploring your success with digital photography. Constructive criticism is emphasized during critiques. Students will complete photo projects.

Assignments/Grading:

Assignments are modeled as a tool for exploring different techniques that have specific guidelines. Students are strongly encouraged to utilize design principles and elements to enhance work in the class. Grading outlines/rubrics will be given for assignments. Many assignments are project oriented, but short competency exercises are given to show understanding of information or software. Vocabulary quizzes will also be given to enforce understanding of photo industry related terminology. Daily composition book for warm up exercises, vocabulary, and notes should be maintained and will be periodically checked.

Grading Scale:

A=90-100% B=80-89% C=70-79% D=60-69% F=0-59%

Grade Weight:

Projects	65%
Composition Book/Participation	15%
Quizzes	10%
Final Exam	10%
Total	100%

I want to see every student be successful in this class. Being on time, working hard in class and completing assignments on time will contribute to your success. Grades will consist of a combination of projects, quizzes, competency exercises, and participation (what is done in class each day).

This is a CTE (Career, Technical Education) class; students are expected to conduct themselves in professional manner. Behavior in class is expected to be the same as if students were working in a professional environment.

Inappropriate language, not being on time, playing games, or anything not related to the assignment will not be tolerated. Participation is designed to reward the effort a student puts forth everyday regardless of skill level. Samples and rubrics are used to assess projects. Criteria for each project will be clearly stated so that the student will know what is expected.

Teacher/Student Responsibilities and Class Expectations:

1. Be productive during the entire class and turn in assignments on time.
2. Meet all deadlines. Deadlines are a major part of a graphic designer's job.
3. Participate in class discussions.
4. Produce high quality, presentable pieces.
5. Keep the classroom clean and orderly. No food or drink in class.
6. We have a limited amount of studio time, please take care of restroom/drinks BEFORE you come to class.

Class Rules:

Students may not access sites that are not related to classroom instructions.

No violence, blood, weapons, sexual content, vulgarity, drugs/alcohol references, gang related content. If in doubt...ASK!!

All work needs to be saved to the student's folder. Use Google drive. Work saved to the computer will not be saved.

No changes or modifications may be made to computer system settings

No DRINKS and NO FOOD

Cell phones should not be used in class.

I have read and understand the policies and expectations for my son/daughter in the Art of Digital Photography course.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____