



ARTS 2356 - Digital Photography I

Course Syllabus: Spring 2017

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The information contained in this syllabus is subject to change without notice. Students are expected to be aware of any additional course policies presented by the instructor during the course.

Catalog Course Description (include prerequisites): This is a foundation in both the technical and creative aspects of Digital Photography. Instruction in the operation of the camera, techniques, printing of photographs and class critique are part of the course. Design and creativity are addressed through analysis of the work of master photographers and practical problems.

Required Textbook(s):

Photography: The Essential Way, London, Stone and Upton

Publisher: Pearson Education

ISBN Number: ISBN-10: 0136142761

Recommended Reading(s):

- Better Photo Basics: The Absolute Beginner's Guide to Taking Photos Like a Pro

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Describe visual subjects through the use of accurate and sensitive observation.
2. Generate photographs that demonstrate descriptive, expressive, and conceptual approaches.
3. Utilize varied materials and techniques with informed aesthetic and conceptual strategies.
4. Demonstrate an appropriate level of professional practice, including safety, craft and presentation.
5. Analyze and critique photographs verbally and/or in writing.
6. Relate photography to design, art history and contemporary artistic production.

Lectures & Discussions:

Required readings are listed in both the course reading and assignment folder online and in the weekly modules.

Evaluation/Grading Policy:

All grades will be posted **after** the exercise/shooting assignment/quiz closes. **The Research Paper and Final Exam due dates are final - no late papers/exams are accepted!**

Points are as follows:

7 Exercises/Shooting Assignments/Quizzes - **75 points each/525 points total**

1 Research Paper - **200 points**

1 Comprehensive Final Exam - **275 points**

Total points possible: 1000

1000 - 900 = A

899 - 800 = B

799 - 700 = C

699 - 600 = D

599 - 0 = F

Extra Credit Opportunities: will be announced online as needed (worth total of 50 extra points)

Cheating will not be tolerated in this course. Plagiarism is a form of cheating. Plagiarism is copying another person's work and presenting it as yours. All papers are checked on a plagiarism site.

Tests/Exams:

Online exams are open for 4 days. Dates are listed in the class course reading and assignment folder and in weekly modules.

Other Course Requirements:

Although there are no regularly scheduled classes, students must fulfill the following requirements:

- 1. Students must have access to the Internet.**
- 2. Students must demonstrate significant online participation time with all course content materials, as indicated by the "Student Tracking" function, in order to academically succeed.**
- 3. Students must check the course website at least three times weekly to receive updated information regarding lecture notes, study-guides, image presentations, scheduled tests, calendar postings, etc.**
- 4. Students must submit all emails to dmales@ntcc.edu.**
- 5. Students must meet course requirements and submit assignments in a timely manner, consistent with the deadlines on the course schedule, as posted by the instructor.**

Failure to fulfill these expectations could result in a lower grade for the course.

Exercises/Shooting Assignments/Quizzes:

A. Due Date: All work is due on the date given by the instructor. **Any work that is late will be reduced by a letter grade for each class period it is late.** All work handed in after the due date will be considered late, including partially completed assignments. It is your responsibility to inform the instructor, well before the due date, of any problems that might make a project late.

B. Image Submission: **All work must be original and produced during the semester.** No images from previous classes can be submitted. Work must be submitted by the due date designated for that particular exercise/shooting assignment/quiz.

Note: An incomplete (I) grade may be granted if a student has some difficulty working on an assignment. The student must inform me of the difficulty before the due date of the assignment to discuss the problem. **I am here to help you.** Usually more than 50% of the assignment should be completed. You will have one week from the original due date to complete the assignment. If the work is not turned in by then, you will be given an "F". It is the student's responsibility to turn in the work.

C. Resubmission of Assignments: I encourage everyone to improve upon their work by re-shooting their assignments. Occasionally, I may insist upon redoing an assignment. This should not be seen as a negative experience as school is the ideal environment to learn from mistakes. Please note that resubmitting work may result in a better grade.

Guidelines for Resubmission:

- The project must have been originally turned in on time. Work handed in late or incomplete may not be resubmitted.
- Resubmitted assignments will be accepted at any time previous to finals week of the semester.
- The new work must comply with the original project guidelines.
- Make sure work is labeled with the assignment title.
- The original work that was submitted initially must be included.

Other Course Requirements:

Required Supplies:

1. a manual digital camera AND its instruction manual
2. flash drive for storage of photos
3. batteries/chargers appropriate for the camera
4. memory card appropriate for the camera
5. Tripod is optional.

We will be using Photoshop CS6/CC and Lightroom CC in this class, but you do not have to have these programs on your computer. Photoshop CS6 will be available to you in the computer labs on campus. Also, using the Adobe Creative Cloud to download these programs is strongly recommended. More information and tutorials about Photoshop CS6/CC and Lightroom CC are available in Shooting Assignments 1-3.

NTCC Academic Honesty Statement:

"Students are expected to complete course work in an honest manner, using their intellects and resources designated as allowable by the course instructor. Students are responsible for addressing questions about allowable resources with the course instructor. NTCC upholds the highest standards of academic integrity. This course will follow the NTCC Academic Honesty policy stated in the Student Handbook."

Academic Ethics

The college expects all students to engage in academic pursuits in a manner that is beyond reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuit. Academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, and collusion is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action. Refer to the student handbook for more information on this subject.

ADA Statement:

It is the policy of NTCC to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals who are students with disabilities. This College will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to arrange an appointment with a College counselor to obtain a Request for Accommodations form. For more information, please refer to the NTCC Catalog or Student Handbook.

Family Educational Rights And Privacy Act (Ferpa):

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's educational records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are considered "eligible students." In essence, a parent has no legal right to obtain information concerning the child's college records without the written consent of the student. In compliance with FERPA, information classified as "directory information" may be released to the general public without the written consent of the student unless the student makes a request in writing. Directory information is defined as: the student's name, permanent address and/or local address, telephone listing, dates of attendance, most recent previous education institution attended, other information including major, field of study, degrees, awards received, and participation in officially recognized activities/sports.