

Course Syllabus

Department : Photography
Course Title : Photography I
Section Name : ARTS_2356_WB
Start Date : 8/22/11
End Date : 12/19/11
Modality : Web-Based
Credits : 3.0

Instructor Information

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Course Description

Introduction to the basics of photography. Includes camera operation, techniques, knowledge of digital photography, and presentation skills. Emphasis is on design, history, and contemporary trends as a means of developing an understanding of photographic aesthetics. The student will assess and select equipment, supplies and techniques to incorporate basic theories of composition, exposure, image editing, simplistic computer applications and printing. Students will use efficient learning techniques to acquire and apply creative knowledge and to communicate with others.

Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

[Scans](#)

Scans 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9 & 10

Course Objectives

ANY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS OR INFORMATION GOES HERE

Required Readings/Materials

a) You must purchase the following *required* readings/materials:

A Short Course in Digital Photography, Barbara London & Jim Stone
Prentice Hall, 2009, 1st Edition, ISBN-13: 978- 0205645923

Students will need to have access to a digital camera, point and shoot style or DSLR. No cell phone cameras for this course.

Students need some type of simple software to import and edit images in the computer such as MSpaint, Photoshop Elements or Photoshop.

b) You are encouraged to buy the following *optional* books/materials

Course Requirements (Lectures, Assignments and Assessments)

You will need to own or have access to a digital camera, point and shoot style or DSLR. No cell phone cameras for this course.

Students need some type of simple software to import and edit images in the computer such as MSpaint, Photoshop Elements or Photoshop. You will be given eight to ten shooting assignments during the semester. These images will be uploaded or emailed for group critique and discussion. Students are required to participate in photo related topics within our discussion room. There will be study guide questions and tests from a majority of the chapters in the text.

Summary of Assignments & Activities

Item(Name)	Type	Description	Due
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<i>Read Preface and Chapter 1</i>	<i>Reading Assignment</i>		
Review camera manual	Reading Assignment	If you don't have the manual to your digital camera, please check online by doing a search. Most manuals are free. A download version is fine. You do not have to print it	
Interest in Photography	written assignment	In simply 3-4 sentences, please tell me about interest in photography. How you became interested? How long you have been doing photography? What camera(s) do you presently own? What is your favorite subject matter?	8/26/11
<i>Study Guide: The Camera</i>	<i>written assignment</i>	<i>Please go to the content column on the left of our course page and click on Study Guides. I have posted the first study guide (non-test) questions I</i>	9/1/11

Grading Policy

Each week, I will provide grades or scores and comments on assignments within 6 days of when they were submitted. After I send feedback each week, I will post a notification in the **Main** forum.

Late assignments receive a 10% deduction for each day they are late if assignments are not posted by 11:59 p.m. central on the day they are due. Assignments more than 5 days late will not be accepted. Technological issues will not be considered as valid grounds for late assignment submission. In the event of a server outage, students should submit assignments to the instructor.

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Learning Resource Center (Library)

The Library, known as the Learning Resources Center, provides research assistance via the LRC's catalog (print books, videos, e-books) and databases (journal and magazine articles). Research guides covering specific subject areas, tutorials, and the "Ask a Librarian " service provide additional help.

Student E-mail

Please access your Odessa College Student E-mail, by following the link to either set up or update your account: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>. All assignments or correspondence will be submitted using your Odessa College email.

Student Portal

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Technical Support For Blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability and student email account contact the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm.

Important School Policies For information regarding student support services, academic dishonesty, disciplinary actions, special accommodations, or student's and instructors' right to academic freedom can be found in the Odessa College Student Handbook.