

NORTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL SYLLABUS

Digital Photography Class

Semester Course

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Conference Hours: TBD

Course Description:

This course will focus primarily on the use of digital cameras, as well as how to edit the images in the program Adobe Photoshop CS6. A large emphasis will be placed on the art of composition, basic photographing techniques, and conceptual ideas behind the art. Access to a digital camera is required for completion of projects as well as a computer and internet connection. This class will teach a variety of technical knowledge of manual camera functions and processes. Students will also create digital portfolios of their work using online Flickr accounts. (online learning: 30+ hours)

TEXTS:

Focus on Photography (Hermon Joyner, Kathleen Monaghan)

Digital Photography Website: The course website offers students a variety of services, such as links to all handouts, slides, film clips and audio clips, vocabulary practice, practice tests, model essays and short tutorials on assignments. More importantly, it summarizes what happens each day in class, allowing students the opportunity to stay caught up and on top of homework assignments. Absent students are expected to check the website to complete missed in-class assignments and stay up to date on homework. Students may email from the home page.

REQUIREMENTS:

Homework and Course Expectations: Homework in Photography is to be expected and be completed on time. Due to the nature of the class, students can expect to spend time taking pictures at home and outside of the classroom in addition to time in class. This way, time in class can be spent critiquing, editing, and submitting projects to online Flickr accounts. Access to a digital camera and the internet is important for these reasons.

Flickr Accounts: Students will be responsible for having an online Flickr Account to upload all of their images to as way to share their work with me as well as to maintain an online digital portfolio of their work.

GRADING POLICY:

Course Grade – 80% of Semester Grade

Practice Work (10%) (Formative Assessments)

- Formative *practice* is not graded heavily; the purpose is to practice skills and to prepare for the summative assessments without penalty.

Quizzes & Tests (30%) (Summative Assessments)

- A summative assessment is an evaluation during or at the end of a unit that covers the skills practiced in class along with new vocabulary and techniques.
- There will be weekly quizzes as well as unit tests to review new material as well as pre and post-tests to help demonstrate student understanding and growth.

Projects (60%) (Summative Assessments)

- A large portion of the course grade is based on project completion at the end of each unit. This includes demonstrating an understanding of the photography techniques being learned, uploading the evidence to an online flickr portfolio shared with the teacher as well as a written artist statement describing concepts used and applies to achieve final results and express personal insights.

Semester Exam – 20% of Semester Grade

- The semester exam is cumulative and will cover all units listed below.
- Seniors who meet the requirements may opt out of the final class exam.

ASSESSMENTS:

Practice Work (Formative Assessments)

- *Art Starts (Questions asked at the beginning of each class period to review or introduce new ideas)*
- *Reflections & Self-Evaluations*
- *Peer-Evaluations*

Graded Assignments (Summative Assessments)

- *Unit Projects*
- *Unit Quizzes & Tests*
- *Online Flickr Portfolio*

SCHEDULE:

Week 1: Unit 1: What is Photography?
Week 2: Unit 1: What is Photography?
Week 3: Unit 2: The Art of Photography
Week 4: Unit 2: The Art of Photography
Week 5: Unit 3: Black and White Photography & Art Prize Field Trip
Week 6: Unit 4: Digital Photography
Week 7: Unit 4: Digital Photography
Week 8: Unit 5: Action Photography
Week 9: Unit 5: Action Photography
Week 10: Unit 6: Architecture and Landscapes and P/T Conferences
Week 11: Unit 7: Portraits
Week 12: Unit 7: Portraits & Thanksgiving Break
Week 13: Unit 7: Portraits
Week 14: Unit 8: Still Life
Week 15: Unit 9: Photojournalism
Week 16: Unit 10: Animals
Week 17: Winter Break
Week 18: Winter Break
Week 19: Final Project and Exam Review
Week 20: Final Exam Week