CS 70.1B Course Outline as of Fall 2025

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: CS 70.1B Title: ADOBE PHOTOSHOP 2

Full Title: Adobe Photoshop 2 Last Reviewed: 4/27/2020

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	6	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00 Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: CS 70.11B

Catalog Description:

Adobe Photoshop topics covered in this class include: layers, channels and editing masks; image repair and adjustment; vector graphics; type; actions; and filters.

Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Course Completion of CS 70.11A

Recommended Preparation:

Limits on Enrollment:

Schedule of Classes Information:

Description: Adobe Photoshop topics covered in this class include: layers, channels and editing masks; image repair and adjustment; vector graphics; type; actions; and filters. (Grade or P/NP)

Prerequisites/Corequisites: Course Completion of CS 70.11A

Recommended:

Limits on Enrollment: Transfer Credit: CSU;

Repeatability: Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree: Area Effective: Inactive: CSU GE: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

IGETC: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

CSU Transfer: Transferable Effective: Spring 2006 Inactive:

UC Transfer: Effective: Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Certificate Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1. Outline the differences between masks, channels, and layers.
- 2. Apply image correction techniques to improve images.
- 3. Compare vector-based and pixel-based images, tools, and techniques.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1. Differentiate among the various masks in Photoshop: quick mask, alpha channels, layer masks, and clipping masks.
- 2. Compare and contrast color channels, alpha channels, layers and masks.
- 3. Create at least two images containing a layer mask, an alpha channel, and a clipping mask.
- 4. Assess image tonality and improve image appearance by using the Shadow/Highlight, Exposure, Replace Color, and Match Color commands.
- 5. Compare the Healing Brush and Patch tools with the Spot Healing and Clone Stamp tools, and use all of them to repair image defects.
- 6. Examine the uses and limitations of the toning and focus tools, and use them to improve image focus and tone.
- 7. Differentiate between pixel-based and vector-based images, and create a document using only vector elements.
- 8. Create, format, and edit text using the Type Tool and Character and Paragraph panels.
- 9. Experiment with at least five Filter Gallery filters to create special effects in an image.
- 10. Choose which of the default Photoshop actions will provide a given desired result, and apply that action to an image.
- 11. Examine at least two techniques for colorizing grayscale images, and use these techniques to colorize a grayscale image.
- 12. Create a complex Photoshop document that includes vector elements, adjustment layers, type, filters, and at least three different types of masks.

Topics and Scope:

I. Selection Refinements and Masking

- A. Quick Mask mode
- B. Color Range command
- C. The Channels panel
- D. Alpha channels
- E. Layer masks
- F. Clipping masks
- II. Image Adjustments Continued
 - A. Shadow/Highlight and Exposure commands
 - B. Replace Color and Match Color commands
 - C. Lens Correction filter
 - D. Noise Reduction filter
 - E. Smart Sharpen filter
- III. Touch-ups
 - A. Healing brush, Patch tool
 - B. Toning tools
 - C. Focus tools
 - D. History brush
- IV. Vector Theory and Shapes
 - A. Vectors vs. pixels
 - B. Fill layers
 - C. Shape layers
 - D. Shape tools and options
 - E. Layer styles
 - F. Guides and grids
 - G. Alignment
- V. Web Graphics
 - A. Web file formats: Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG) and GIF
 - B. Indexed color
 - C. Save for Web command
- VI. Filters
 - A. Filter gallery
 - B. Vanishing point filter
 - C. Rasterizing vectors and type before applying filters
- VII. Actions and Automation
 - A. Action sources
 - B. Running actions
 - C. Saving and loading actions
 - D. Default action libraries
 - E. Batch processing
- VIII. Color and Shades of Gray
 - A. Colors Modes vs. Grayscale Modes
 - B. Desaturate command
 - C. Grayscale mode and Channels
 - D. Converting gray to color
 - E. Color replacement
 - F. Match Color command
 - G. Photo filter command
- IX. Complex Photoshop Documents
 - A. Layers panel revisited
 - B. When and how to merge layers or flatten documents
 - C. Creating a composite layer
 - D. Print file formats that preserve document capabilities

- 1. PSD (Photoshop document)
- 2. EPS (Encapsulated PostScript)
- 3. TIFF (Tag Image File Format)
- 4. PDF (Portable Document Format)

X. Type

- A. Entering and editing
- B. Formatting point and paragraph type
- C. Warping type
- D. Creating special effects

Assignment:

- 1. Demonstrate the proper usage of masks by utilizing the correct mask type in each image produced.
- 2. Use the Histogram and Info panels to evaluate the overall tonality and exposure of an image and apply the appropriate adjustment command(s) to repair any problems found.
- 3. Make modifications to image tonality and exposure via the use of adjustment layers and appropriate adjustment commands.
- 4. Create at least two images containing both pixel-based and vector-based elements, including one that contains only scalable vector elements.
- 5. Explore the proper usage of filters, including those used for special effects and image retouching, via use of the Filter Gallery.
- 6. Explore the libraries of default Photoshop actions to determine which will produce a given desired result, and run that action on at least two images.
- 7. Convert a color image into grayscale, using at least two different conversion methods.
- 8. Colorize a grayscale image, using at least two different colorization methods.
- 9. Create a complex document as a project that contains both pixel and vector elements, adjustment layers, at least two filters, formatted type, and at least three different types of masks.
- 10. Take objective examinations, including at least two quizzes, a midterm, and a final examination. Each image produced will be accompanied by a written procedural documentation form and evaluation.
- 11. Reading approximately 20 pages per week

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Written procedural documentation

Writing 5 - 10%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Creation, manipulation, repair and analysis of images

Problem solving

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Assignments and projects		Skill Demonstrations 30 - 50%			
Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.					
Quizzes, a midterm and a final examination		Exams 25 - 45%			
Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.					
Participation		Other Category 0 - 10%			

Representative Textbooks and Materials:Practical Photoshop CC 2018 Level 2. Laird, Donald. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform. 2018