

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: ART 82

Title: BEG DIGITAL PHOTO

Full Title: Beginning Digital Photography

Last Reviewed: 9/13/2021

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	2.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	35.00
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	4.00	6	Lab Scheduled	70.00
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	6.00		Contact Total	105.00
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 70.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 175.00

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: ART 390.72

Catalog Description:
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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended Preparation:

Limits on Enrollment:

Schedule of Classes Information:
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Recommended:

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Transfer Credit: CSU;

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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: Fall 1993	Inactive:
UC Transfer:		Effective:	Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Outcomes and Objectives:

Upon the completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Employ basic photographic techniques including camera operation.
2. Apply knowledge of reciprocity between aperture and shutter speed in order to control exposure.
3. Select and adjust aperture setting (F-stop) to control depth of field.
4. Selectively adjust shutter speed to capture action and motion.
5. Evaluate the quality and direction of a light source.
6. Create a vantage point in order to alter image composition.
7. Process photographic imagery in a laboratory situation and make proof prints.
8. Modify and print photographic images for optimal technical and aesthetic values.
9. Compile and present a portfolio of photographs.
10. Define health and safety issues relating to ergonomics working with digital processes.

Topics and Scope:

- I. Overview of the History of Photography
- II. The Camera and its Operation
 - a. Lenses
 - b. Shutters
 - c. Exposure controls
- III. Digital Capture, Exposure, and Processing
 - a. Sensor capture technologies
 - b. File types, image conversion and adjustment
 - c. Image resolution and compression
- IV. The Image

- a. Composition
 - b. Making a photogram using a scanner
 - c. Perspective and vantage point
 - d. Pattern
 - e. Texture
- V. Photographic Issues
- a. Selective focus and depth of field
 - b. Action and motion
 - c. Natural light
 - d. Analog and digital photography
- VI. Portfolios, Presentations, and Critiques
- a. Materials and methods
 - b. Portfolio content
 - c. Presenting work
 - d. Critiquing work
 - 1) Analytical examination
 - 2) Aesthetic judgments
 - 3) Composition
 - 4) Visual literacy
 - 5) Creative process
 - e. Discussing choices for presentation via CD, DVD, and Internet
- VII. Basic Modifying and Printing
- a. Theory and techniques
 - b. Practical color management
- VIII. Ergonomics
- a. Possible hazards
 - b. Safe usage and good habits

Assignment:

1. Read one chapter per week (approximately ten pages)
2. Photograph a series of digital images demonstrating techniques and situations presented in class.
3. Class critiques of assignments
4. Portfolio
5. Quizzes and exams (1 or 2)

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.

None, This is a degree applicable course but assessment tools based on writing are not included because problem solving assessments and skill demonstrations are more appropriate for this course.

Writing
0 - 0%

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

Homework: photography assignments

Problem solving
25 - 35%

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

Portfolio

Skill Demonstrations
40 - 50%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Objective examinations (multiple choice, true false, matching, completion, etc.) and quizzes

Exams
15 - 20%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Attendance and participation in class critiques; weekly participation in threaded discussions; regular accessing of the course website

Other Category
10 - 20%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Photography, 9th Edition. London, Barbara; Upton, John; and Stone, Jim. Prentice Hall: 2010.

A Short Course in Digital Photography: An Introduction to Photographic Techniques, by London, Barbara and Stone, Jim. Pearson Prentice Hall: 2009.

A Short Course in Photography: An Introduction to Photographic Technique, Seventh Edition. London, Barbara and Stone, Jim. Pearson Prentice Hall: 2008.