

Digital Photography II: Course Syllabus

Digital Photography II: Discovering Your Creative Potential

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In today's world, photographs are all around us, including in advertisements, on websites, and hung on our walls as art. Many of the images that we see have been created by professional photographers. In this course, we will examine various aspects of professional photography, including the ethics of the profession, and examine some of the areas that professional photographers may choose to specialize in, such as wedding photography and product photography. We will also learn more about some of the most respected professional photographers in history and we will learn how to critique photographs in order to better understand what creates an eye catching photograph.

Unit 1: Photography as a Career

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Discuss professional photography and what this career is like.**
- * **Discuss the different types of professional photography.**
- * **Examine some of the steps to becoming a professional photographer.**
- * **Investigate the job outlook for professional photographers.**
- * **Understand what professional photographers do as part of their jobs.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

Photography as a Career: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Photography as a Career: Online Digital Photography II Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points

Photography as a Career: Photography Assignment	<i>Homework</i>	15 points
Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 1 Quiz – Photography as a Career	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 2: Legal and Ethical Concerns

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Discuss the rights that photographers have to take photographs, including how this is impacted by the First Amendment in the United States.**
- * **Understand copyright and how it can affect professional photographers.**
- * **Examine the differences between personal, editorial, and commercial uses of a photograph.**
- * **Discuss several different types of photograph licenses for commercial use.**
- * **Understand model releases and why they are used.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

Legal and Ethical Concerns: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Legal and Ethical Concerns: Online Digital Photography II Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Legal and Ethical Concerns: Photography Assignment	<i>Homework</i>	15 points

Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 2 Quiz – Legal and Ethical Concerns	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 3: Photographers and Critiques

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Talk about some of the most well-known professional photographers.**
- * **Discuss the influence of these photographers on the practice and field of photography.**
- * **Discuss how to critique photographs.**
- * **Realize the benefits of photograph critiques.**
- * **Understand why photography critiques are subjective in nature.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

Photographers and Critiques: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Photographers and Critiques: Online Digital Photography II Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Photographers and Critiques: Photography Assignment	<i>Homework</i>	15 points
Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

Unit 3 Quiz – Photographers and Critiques	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points
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Unit 4: Photography Software

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Discuss some of the common photo imaging software choices available today.**
- * **Understand the basic guidelines for using photo imaging software.**
- * **Talk about some of the advantages and disadvantages to using photography software.**
- * **Discuss the common features and tools in image editing software.**
- * **Show an understanding of the modern digital darkroom.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

Photography Software: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Photography Software: Online Digital Photography II Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Photography Software: Photography Assignment	<i>Homework</i>	15 points
Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 4 Quiz – Photography Software	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Digital Photography II Midterm Exam

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.**
- * **Take a course exam based on material from the first five units in this course**
(Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

ASSIGNMENT:

Digital Photography II Midterm Exam	<i>Exam</i>	50 points
Midterm Discussion Assignment	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

Unit 5: The Darkroom

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Discuss the use of darkrooms and their advantages for photographers.**
- * **Talk about the history of film and film development.**
- * **Describe how film is developed into negatives.**
- * **Understand how a negative is used to create an image print.**
- * **Discuss darkroom safety and potential risks.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

The Darkroom: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
The Darkroom: Online Digital Photography II Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
The Darkroom: Photography Assignment	<i>Homework</i>	15 points

Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 5 Quiz – The Darkroom	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 6: Art, Product, and Stock Photography

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Discuss fine art photography and its connections to both fine art and other types of photography.**
- * **Describe some of the techniques used to present and display photographs.**
- * **Discuss the area of product photography.**
- * **Understand more about the area of stock photography and microstock photography.**
- * **Discuss the tips and techniques for stock and microstock photography.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

Art, Product, and Stock Photography: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Art, Product, and Stock Photography: Online Digital Photography II Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Art, Product, and Stock Photography: Photography Assignment	<i>Homework</i>	15 points
Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 6 Quiz – Art, Product, and Stock Photography	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 7: Photojournalism

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Describe photojournalism and how it relates to journalism.**
- * **Discuss why individuals become photojournalists.**
- * **Describe the common types of photographic shots that photojournalists use.**
- * **Understand how to catch the perfect candid shot of news stories.**
- * **Discuss the responsibilities of photojournalists.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

Photojournalism: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Photojournalism: Online Digital Photography II Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Photojournalism: Photography Assignment	<i>Homework</i>	15 points
Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 7 Quiz – Photojournalism	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 8: Wedding Photography

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Discuss the business aspect of wedding photography.**
- * **Describe what it takes to be a good wedding photographer.**
- * **Understand the two types of wedding photography.**
- * **Talk about some of the actions needed to prepare to photograph a wedding.**
- * **Discuss some aspects of photographing the wedding and reception.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

Wedding Photography: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Wedding Photography: Online Digital Photography II Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Wedding Photography: Photography Assignment	<i>Homework</i>	15 points
Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 8 Quiz – Wedding Photography	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Digital Photography II Final Exam

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- * Take a course exam based on material from units six to ten in this course – the last five units. (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

ASSIGNMENT:

Digital Photography II Final Exam	<i>Exam</i>	50 points
Class Reflection Discussion Assignment	<i>Discussion</i>	10 points