

# PHOTO 1 INTRODUCTION TO PHOTOGRAPHY - COURSE SYLLABUS

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## MATERIALS:

**Text:** A SHORT COURSE IN DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY or, if you choose, PHOTOGRAPHY both titles by Barbara London. Available in the bookstore, Amazon.com or other online book outlets and in limited quantities in the library, or, you may use any alternative book with my approval.

**Camera:** The course emphasizes both digital and film media. Any 35 mm film or digital camera will do; however a standard SLR or Range-finder design with adjustable focus and/or exposure capability in either media is recommended. A single camera can be shared by two or more students

**Film/ Digital:** This class uses any digital media or film. The minimum amount of film needed to complete the photo assignments is 3 rolls of 24 exposures each. Digital memory cards are reusable. Digital and film images are to be submitted for grading on CD's. This will be explained further in class.

## WELCOME TO CLASS

**Course Content:** This is a beginning course which addresses photographic theory, technical issues, applications, composition, practice, and history. This course provides the basis for advanced film photography, digital photography, video and film-making. The content offers you the opportunity to elevate the quality of your life by offering you a better understanding and use of these mediums.

**Method:** While this is technically a lecture course, the curriculum also employs demonstrations, exercises, videos, applications via photo assignments, and class critiques.

**Grading:** Photo assignments will determine approximately 55% of your grade. The remaining 45% will be determined by two written exams ( a Midterm of 50 points, and a Final of 100 points). Grading is done on a point system. Each of 10 assignments is worth a 20-point maximum. The total of assignments and exams equals 350 points. Your grade will be determined by the number of points you earn. A point total of 350 - 315 points will earn a grade of "A". A point total of 314 - 279 points will earn a grade of B. 278 - 243 = C, 242 - 207 = D.

**Assignment Grading:** Each assignment is worth 0 - 20 points. The point total you earn will depend on how well you satisfy the factors laid out for each assignment. Each assignment has a due date. All assignments turned in late will suffer an automatic loss of 2 points. Any assignment submitted on time (or early) that does not earn the point total that you had hoped for, may be re-shot and resubmitted to improve your grade.

**Attendance:** Each unexcused absence automatically deducts 10 points from your grade point total. Seven or more unexcused absences will earn a grade of "F". An excused absence is issued when I am informed in advance (via telephone, message, etc.) that you will miss class, and when you have completed the make-up assignment.

## REMEMBER, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, YOU MUST ASK THEM. IF YOU NEED HELP, ASK FOR IT AND YOU WILL RECEIVE HELP.

Students may be ejected from the classroom and/or dropped from the course for reasons of classroom discipline such as, but not limited to, excessive talking, noisemaking, inappropriate remarks, texting or cell phone use, or harassment of other students.