

## Expectations for an Advanced High School Photography Course

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### About This Course

This course is for students who have completed at least one semester of photography and/or can demonstrate a thorough knowledge of basic photographic techniques. In it you will explore techniques that are more advanced than the basics and work with various film and camera formats. You will work on individual projects to further your understanding of photography as an expressive medium. Subjects of study may include: alternative and historic processes, social documentary, landscape, portrait, photojournalism, and collage.

The course consists of photographic projects, technical demonstrations, a study of the history of photography, and regular class critiques and discussions. There will be occasional self-reflections and journal keeping. Most of the photography assignments consist of both homework and classroom projects.

### Course Expectations

I expect you to be curious, experiment, take chances, fail and learn from it, share your experiences during in-class critiques, respect the work and ideas of your classmates, develop a set of criteria for discussing and judging work, think, and finally, become familiar with artwork made by other people.

I also expect you to come to class on time and ready to work each day, follow art department safety rules, use safety equipment properly, help keep work spaces maintained and clean, turn in completed assignments and journals when they are due, be a good citizen, and lastly, enjoy the process of learning photography and making images.

### Requirements

All materials and equipment loaned to you must be returned in good condition.

Students are required to pay for the replacement of lost or damaged materials and equipment.

All students must wear splash goggles when working with chemicals in the darkroom.

To establish a working environment that is safe and encourages personal expression, no speech or actions that are sexist, racist, homophobic, or in any way demeaning to the human spirit will be tolerated. This is also useful as a model for how to live in the larger world.

Any unauthorized absence from class will exclude you from participating in cocurricular activities that school day

If I am absent, I expect you to conduct yourself in the manner I expect when I am here. Be good.

Please read the Art Department Course Assessment & Grading Sheet.