

Expectations for an Introductory High School Photography Course

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About This Course

In this course you will learn about basic photographic principles and processes. You will then learn how to use 35mm camera equipment and the process of developing and printing black-and-white pictures. You may use your own camera or borrow one from the school.

In addition to learning basic skills, you will start to use photography as a tool for seeing and exploring the world in expressive and personal ways. You will have various shooting assignments to be completed both at home and in class. Projects emphasize image composition, camera technique, and the exploration of personal interests.

You will look at and discuss the work of important historical and contemporary photographers and have occasional written homework projects, self evaluations, tests, and show reviews.

Course Expectations

I expect you to be curious, experiment, take chances, fail and to 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.