[ Intro to Digital Photography Course Syllabus ]

Quest for Education and Arts

2016 – 2017

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Wednesdays 12:20-1:20pm

**Course Description and Skills Learned in Intro to Digital Photography**

This class provides students with an introduction to basic photographic principles using their DSLR cameras. Students will implement techniques of composition and lighting, combined with an understanding of the “photographic triangle” (aperture, ISO, and shutter speed), to create striking images with correct exposure. In the second semester, students will get their cameras off auto mode and learn how to shoot in manual mode, with creative control over their images and exposures.

**Course Content**

* Camera Settings
* Lighting
* Composition
* Famous Photographers and Their Impact on Photography
* Color Theory
* Layout and Design
* The Photographic Triangle
* ISO
* Aperture
* Shutter Speed
* Basic Digital Editing

**Required Materials**

* Camera (DSLR)
* Camera manual
* Notebook and pencil or laptop for notetaking
* USB cable or other method of transferring your digital images to a computer
* Class textbook Better Photo Basics, by Jim Miotke
* Access to a laptop or home computer to download and edit digital images
* OPTIONAL: a laptop to bring to class for a few specific dates, to work on in-class image editing

**Class Guidelines and Expectations**

* Always bring your camera **and manual**, and a notebook and pencil or laptop for taking notes.
* Contribute to class discussions.
* When equipment (camera, laptop) is out, food and drinks must be put away.
* Photographing in or near other classes is prohibited unless you have been given advance permission from Mrs. Osterberg (due to privacy laws, as well as class disruption).
* Each student is responsible for checking the class Yellow Box (found on the Quest website, under Student Zone, Wednesday classes) *each week* for weekly assignments, due dates, and other important information.
* If you will be tardy or absent, please text Mrs. Osterberg before class to let her know. (520-609-0899)
* Each student will be responsible for photographing at least one Quest event. Students will sign up for an event that works best with their schedules, and will be expected to photograph the event using skills and techniques learned in class, AND to upload their best images to the Quest Dropbox. Details and instructions will be provided.
* Each student will participate in the Quest Fine Arts Festival during the week of May 8-13, 2017. This is MANDATORY for all students in the Quest Arts Department, so please set these dates aside now. Details on location and exact times will be given in advance. This event is the culmination of our year’s work, and each student’s best project(s) will be displayed for all to enjoy and admire.
* General rules and expectations for all Quest students and families, as outlined in the orientation power point posted on the Quest website and presented by Dr. Thai at the Back to School Night, will be observed at all times.

**Grading Policies**

Attendance and Participation – 10 points possible per class

Homework Assignments – 10 points possible per assignment, unless otherwise noted.

Extra Credit – Opportunities to replace the points on a previous assignment will be given periodically throughout the year. Extra credit assignments will be posted on the Quest website, on our class webpage. These assignments are optional, and may include service opportunities, on-location shoots, and/or participation in science fair.

*Photography assignments will be graded on their: quality, creativity, relevance to the assignment, and ability to communicate an idea or message.*

Any assignment not turned in on time on the date due receives a score of zero unless **prior** arrangements have been made with Mrs. Osterberg, in which case the assignment is due at the time arranged with Mrs. Osterberg.

Attendance and assignments are recorded and accessible to each student through Engrade Pro, as outlined in the Quest Orientation slideshow.

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I have read and understand the class goals, expectations, material requirements, and grading policies for Quest for Education and Arts, Intro to Digital Photography class 2016-17.

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