

ART 240 A

Digital
Photo

SYLLABUS & WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Class Location	Thursday 2:25-5:30, Spellman Hall 115
Semester	Fall 2016
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"...in the vast disorder of objects--of all the objects in the world: why choose (or photography) this object, this moment, rather than some other?" Roland Barthes, *Camera Lucida*

Description

An introduction to digital photography that incorporates important aspects of traditional photography including camera use, framing, depth of field, light, and design, with the essential basics inherent in the transfer from film to digital technology. Students will execute a series of projects designed to enhance visual awareness and develop conceptual problem solving through photography. Adobe Photoshop program will be used to edit, color correct and alter photos. Prerequisites: none

Learning Outcomes

- » Demonstrate an understanding of photograph as a message making & design element
- » Express an understanding of narrative structures, rhythm, audience, and point of view through photography.
- » Apply principles of composition and design to a photographic image
- » Understand the technical fundamentals of photography, including lighting, exposure, contrast and color balance.
- » **Accurately interpret digital photo as a form of artistic expression.**
- » **Demonstrate the creative process leading to the use of digital photography to create art.**

Materials	Digital Camera Digital portfolios will be uploaded to Google Drive Flash drive (or similar), sketchbook,
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Evaluation	Research: Photo analysis, notes	25%
	Studio Work: Photos (images taken, edits, final prints), contact sheets, self-analysis	75%

No late work will be accepted. On-time work may be revised for possible grade improvement. More than 3 absences results in the failure of the course unless reinstatement is petitioned.

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Grade Scale

A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D									
100	95	94	90	89	87	86	83	82	80	79	77	76	73	72	70	69	65

Academic Integrity

Academic Integrity, a commitment to honesty, fairness, respect, and responsibility, is the foundation of the learning process. All members of the St. Thomas Aquinas College community are held to the highest standards of academic honesty. While we recognize the participatory nature of education, we take academic integrity very seriously, and the College policy on academic dishonesty details consequences that can include dismissal from the College. That policy can be found in both the Student Handbook and the College Catalog.

As a student in this class, you must demonstrate your commitment to academic integrity by submitting work which originates in your own imagination, analytical faculties, or your own knowledge, which you have done yourself, and which represents your very best efforts. When appropriate, your work should be supplemented and supported by other sources; however, you must always insure that these sources are properly cited using the recommended documentation system.

Accommodations Statement

Students requiring accommodations for a documented disability should notify the instructor before the end of the first week of class.

Electronic Device Policy

Faculty members at St. Thomas Aquinas College have the discretion to regulate the use of electronic devices in their classes, and students should not use such devices without the expressed consent of the professor. This policy covers cell phones, PDAs, laptop computers, or any other device the use of which might constitute a distraction to the professor or to the other students in the class, as determined by the professor. Students with documented disabilities should discuss the issue of laptop use with their professor at the beginning of the semester. For more extreme cases of classroom disruption, refer to the College's Disruptive Student Policy.

TITLE IX REPORTING

Students should be aware that faculty members are required to report certain information to the STAC's Title IX Officer. If you inform me or I witness sexual misconduct which includes: sexual harassment, sexual assault, or any gender – based discrimination, I will keep the information as private as I can, but I am required to bring it to the attention of STAC's Title IX Officer. Students should also be aware that disclosing such experiences in course assignments does NOT put the college on notice and will NOT begin the process of STAC providing assistance or response to those possible offenses.

If you would like to talk to the Title IX Officer directly, you can contact Pat Pacchiana at ppacchia@stac.edu or call 845-398-4044. Additionally, you can also report incidents or complaints to campus security 845-398-4080. You can also find more information at www.stac.edu/titleIX.

If you would like to report a concern confidentially to a confidential counseling resource, you may speak to the following people:

Ms. Eileen Mastrovito, RN
Director Health Services
845.398.4242

Dr. Lou Muggeo
Director Counseling & Psychological Services
845.398.4174

Rabbi Daniel Pernick
Campus Minister
845.398.4063

Center for Safety and Change
<http://centerforsafetyandchange.org>
845.634.3344
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