



ARTS-2356-138CL Spring 2023

PHOTOGRAPHY I

TTH 9:30-12:20, TVB 1139

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Student Hours:

In Office – MW 11:00-2:00p

Online – F 9:30a-11:00a

Communicating with your instructor: ALL electronic communication with the instructor must be through your COM email. Due to FERPA restrictions, faculty cannot share any information about performance in the class through other electronic means.

Recommended Textbook: Black & White Photography: A Basic Manual Third Edition by Henry Horenstein ISBN: 0-316-37305-2 (not required)

Course Description:

A studio art course that introduces the technical and conceptual basics of photography as a creative medium.

Student Learner Outcome	Maps to Core Objective	Assessed via this Assignment
1. Demonstrate knowledge of manual camera operation, including shutter speed, aperture, and ISO.	Critical thinking skills	All shooting assignments and camera controls quiz
2. Demonstrate the techniques of wet and/or dry photographic processes.	Critical thinking skills	All shooting assignments
3. Apply the elements of art and principles of design to photographic works.	Critical thinking skills	All shooting assignments
4. Analyze and critique printed photographic works verbally and/or in writing.	Critical thinking skills, Communication, Social responsibility, Teamwork	Critiques
5. Employ discipline-specific vocabulary in the evaluation	Critical thinking skills, Communication	Critiques

of traditional and contemporary photography.		
6. Relate photographs to historical and contemporary developments in the field.	Critical thinking skills	All shooting assignments
7. Demonstrate an appropriate level of professional practice, including safety, craft, and presentation.	Critical thinking skills	Student show

Determination of Grade:

Course Requirements and Grading Formula:

Assignment #1 – camera controls	15%
Assignment #2 – sense of place	15%
Assignment #3 – self portrait	15%
Midterm	10%
Research paper and Presentation	10%
Final Portfolio	20%
Quizzes	5%
Class Participation	10%

Grading Scale: 90-100 points is an A, 80-89 points is a B, 70-79 points is a C, 60-69 points is a D and below 60 points is a F

Materials:

- 35mm SLR camera that can be controlled completely manually (shutter speed, aperture, focus)
- DSLR
- 35mm black and white film (TMAX and HP5 are good ones, do NOT buy C41 film) (at least 7 rolls)
- Ilford RC paper 8x10 inches (at least 100 sheets) (DO NOT OPEN IN THE LIGHT)
- Epson Premium Luster inkjet paper (at least 25 sheets)
- Acid free mat board
- Dry mount tissue
- Folder to turn in work

Photo Suppliers: (for your convenience, feel free to buy your supplies anywhere you choose)

- B&H <http://www.bhphotovideo.com/> (for cameras, paper, film)
- Houston Camera Exchange 5902 Richmond, Houston, TX 713-789-6901
- Webster Camera 6211 FM 1462 Bld A, Rosharon, TX 77583
- Ebay and FB Marketplace for used cameras
- Texas Art Supply, Michaels, Hobby Lobby for mat board

Course Calendar:

Jan 17 T– introductions, go over syllabus and supplies, research photographers
Jan 19 Th – brief history of photography, darkroom safety, photograms
Jan 24 T - camera controls lecture, assign camera controls #1
Jan 26 Th – film processing demo
Jan 31 T – contact sheet and printing demo, lab
Feb 2 Th – **camera controls quiz**, lab
Feb 7 T - lab
Feb 9 Th – lab
Feb 14 T - lab
Feb 16 Th - **Assignment #1 due**, critique, assign sense of place assignment #2, composition lecture
Feb 21 T - lab
Feb 23 Th - lab
Feb 28 T - midterm review, lab
Mar 2 Th - **midterm**, lab
Mar 7 T - lab
Mar 9 Th – **Assignment #2 due**, critique
Mar 14, 16 – Spring Break
Mar 21 T - lighting demo, WB lecture, RAW lecture, assign portrait assignment #3, photographers for paper lecture
Mar 23 Th - Lightroom Library, **proposal for paper subject due**
Mar 28 T - Lightroom Develop and Print, assign student show
Mar 30 Th – lab
Apr 4 T – lab, **student show piece due**
Apr 6 Th - **assignment #3 due**, critique, introduce final portfolio
Apr 11 T - **papers due, presentations, final portfolio proposals due**
Apr 13 Th - lab
Apr 18 T – lab
Apr 20 Th - lab
Apr 25 T – **final portfolio in progress critique**
Apr 27 Th – lab
May 2 T – lab
May 4 Th - lab
May 9 T – lab, **Final portfolios due**
May 11 Th – clean up, final critique

Warning:

Nude figures and religious images are studied because both subjects inspire artists. If your core beliefs or religious views prohibit such subjects, reconsider your enrollment in this course.

Art Shows on campus:

TBD

Attendance and tardiness: Do not come to class if you are sick. Communication is key if you are unable to attend class. You are responsible for all material covered during class and completing all projects. Please do not come to class late as it is disruptive.

Late Work: Late work WILL NOT be accepted or graded. Work may be turned in early.

Academic Dishonesty: Written or visual plagiarism will result in a grade of zero for the assignment. Repeat offences will result in an F for the course.

Student Concerns: If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of this course, please contact me using the contact information previously provided. If, after discussing your concern with me, you continue to have questions, please contact Fine Arts dept chair, Paul Boyd at pboyd@com.edu or 409-933-8342

Institutional Policies and Guidelines

Grade Appeal Process: Concerns about the accuracy of grades should first be discussed with the instructor. A request for a change of grade is a formal request and must be made within six months of the grade assignment. Directions for filing an appeal can be found in the student handbook [Student Handbook 2022-2023 v4.pdf \(com.edu\)](#). *An appeal will not be considered because of general dissatisfaction with a grade, penalty, or outcome of a course. Disagreement with the instructor's professional judgment of the quality of the student's work and performance is also not an admissible basis for a grade appeal.*

Academic Success & Support Services: College of the Mainland is committed to providing students the necessary support and tools for success in their college careers. Support is offered through our Tutoring Services, Library, Counseling, and through Student Services. Please discuss any concerns with your faculty or an advisor.

ADA Statement: Any student with a documented disability needing academic accommodations is requested to contact Kimberly Lachney at 409-933-8919 or klachney@com.edu. The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities is located in the Student Success Center.

Textbook Purchasing Statement: A student attending College of the Mainland is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

Withdrawal Policy: Students may withdraw from this course for any reason prior to the last eligible day for a "W" grade. Before withdrawing students should speak with the instructor and consult an advisor. Students are permitted to withdraw only six times during their college career by state law. The last date to withdraw from the 1st 8-week session is March 1. The last date to withdraw from the 16-week session is April 24. The last date to withdraw for the 2nd 8-week session is May 3.

FN Grading: The FN grade is issued in cases of *failure due to a lack of attendance*, as determined by the instructor. The FN grade may be issued for cases in which the student ceases or fails to attend class, submit assignments, or participate in required capacities, and for which the student has failed to withdraw. The issuing of the FN grade is at the discretion of the instructor. The last date of attendance should be documented for submission of an FN grade.

Early Alert Program: The Student Success Center at College of the Mainland has implemented an Early Alert Program because student success and retention are very important to us. I have been asked to refer students to the program throughout the semester if they are having difficulty completing assignments or have poor attendance. If you are referred to the Early Alert Program you will be contacted by someone in the Student Success Center who will schedule a meeting with you to see what assistance they can offer in order for you to meet your academic goals.

Resources to Help with Stress:

If you are experiencing stress or anxiety about your daily living needs including food, housing or just feel you could benefit from free resources to help you through a difficult time, please click here <https://www.com.edu/community-resource-center/>. College of the Mainland has partnered with free community resources to help you stay on track with your schoolwork, by addressing life issues that get in the way of doing your best in school. All services are private and confidential. You may also contact the Dean of Students office at deanofstudents@com.edu or communityresources@com.edu.