

**GRA 131 Digital Photography -- Syllabus CRN 30416**  
Three Rivers Community College, Fall Semester - 2019

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**Required Instructional Materials:**

- Textbook: The Beginner's Photography Guide 2nd Edition
- Handouts, information, lectures, videos and tutorials posted on Blackboard.
- A flash drive.
- Always bring your camera, memory card, tripod, transfer cable and camera manual to every class.

**Catalog Course Description:**

This course is an introduction to digital photography and basic photo-editing features of Adobe Photoshop. Students shoot digital images for specific assignments emphasizing exposure, depth-of-field, composition, and image quality. The introduction of digital photography techniques, editing, and creative approaches will be the focus. Students will read and report on famous photographers and photography literature.

**Each student is required to have a camera in which they can manually control the focus, shutter speed, aperture and ISO.**

**Learning Outcomes:** The course goal is for students to:

1. Learn the basics of camera operation, functionality and uses.
2. Import and export photos to iPhoto and Photoshop and a portable flash drive.
3. Understand depth of field, shutter speed, f/stop, ISO and aperture priority.
4. Edit photos in iPhoto and Photoshop to manipulate tone, color, size, cropping, adding texture and other dynamic effects.
5. Determine the memory and light requirements needed for a photo and demonstrate understanding of the color separation process for printed image.
6. Read and report (using original photography) on famous photographers.
7. Photograph different types of settings and photographic genres such as still life, portraits & candids, macro, nature, action cityscape and night photography.
8. Be able to critique a work of art using an informed visual vocabulary
9. Mastery of technical skills and creative approaches.
10. Understand the legal and ethical concerns when photographing in public or private places.

**Instructional Methods:** Readings, demonstrations and delivering of student projects. Students will observe, critique, and demonstrate learned material. Homework will occur in the context of course assignments, in preparation for classroom discussion and in support of projects. All research and assignments will require the use of personal time and the Mac lab.

## **Evaluation and Grading Policies:**

Late assignments or make-up work is not allowed.

There is NO extra-credit work.

Any course work which is emailed to the instructor will be deleted and given a zero.

### **1000 point grading system breakdown:**

**30% (30 points each) – 10 Photography Assignments**

**20% (100 points each- midterm and final exams)**

**20% (10 points each) – 20 Discussion Questions (DQs)**

**10% (100 points) – Channel the Photographer**

**20% (200 points) - Final Project**

### **Attendance Policy:**

Log onto Blackboard multiple times each week. Any course work presented during each week cannot be made up.

Incompletes: I do not give Incompletes. They are only assigned when there are extenuating circumstances such as a life-threatening illness that prevent the student from completing the coursework on time. Incompletes *must be approved by the Academic Dean*.

Withdrawal Policy: If you intend to withdraw, you must do so at the Registrar's Office by the college deadline, which is listed on the TRCC website.

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: Plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will result in an automatic failing (F) grade on the assignment for the first infraction and, should it occur a second time, an automatic failing (F) grade for the course.

### **Digication:**

All students are required to maintain an online learning portfolio in Digication that uses the college template. Through this electronic tool students will have the opportunity to monitor their own growth in college-wide learning. The student will keep his/her learning portfolio and may continue to use the Digication account after graduation. A Three Rivers General Education Assessment Team will select and review random works to improve the college experience for all. Student work reviewed for assessment purposes will not include names and all student work will remain private and anonymous for college improvement purposes. Students will have the ability to integrate learning from the classroom, college, and life in general, which will provide additional learning opportunities. If desired, students will have the option to create multiple portfolios.

ALL ASSIGNMENTS, DQS, AND WORK MUST BE UPLOADED  
BEFORE 9PM ON THE DUE DATE

ASSIGNMENT	DUE DATE
MODULE 1: DQ #1A & 1B Assn#1: Things you like	R 9/5
MODULE #2: DQ #2A & 2B	T 9/10
MODULE #2: Assn#2: Still life and food photography	R 9/12
MODULE#3: DQ# 3A & 3B	T 9/17
MODULE#3: Assn#3: Angles, lines, patterns and textures	R 9/19
MODULE #4: DQ #4A & 4B	T 9/24
MODULE #4: Assn #4: B&W, one color, filters on camera or Photoshop	R 9/26
MODULE #5: DQ # 5A & 5B	T 10/1
MODULE #5: Assn #5: Portraits and Candid	R 10/3
MODULE #6: DQ #6A & 6B	T 10/8
MODULE #6: Assn #6: Macro vs. telephoto photography	R 10/10
MIDTERM EXAM IN CLASS OPEN NOTES	T 10/15
MODULE #7: DQ #7A & 7B	R 10/17
MODULE #7: Assn #7: Rural and urban landscape	T 10/22
MODULE #8: DQ # 8A & 8B	R 10/24
MODULE #8: Assn #8: Action photography	T 10/29
MODULE # 9: DQ #9A & 9B	R 10/31
MODULE # 9: Assn #9: Architecture and reflections	T 11/5
MODULE #10: DQ # 10A & 10B	R 11/7
MODULE # 10: Assn # 10: Night/long exposure/light painting	T 11/12
Channel The Photographer – Report and photos	11/19,21,26
FINAL PROJECT FINAL EXAM OPEN NOTES	Portions due 11/20,24,29/19 11/14

## Statement of Policy for Public Act No. 14-11: An Act Concerning Sexual Assault, Stalking and Intimate Partner Violence on Campus

### *BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES POLICY REGARDING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT REPORTING, SUPPORT SERVICES AND PROCESSES POLICY*

“The Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) in conjunction with the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) is committed to insuring that each member of every BOR governed college and university community has the opportunity to participate fully in the process of education free from acts of sexual misconduct, intimate partner violence and stalking. It is the intent of the BOR and each of its colleges or universities to provide safety, privacy and support to victims of sexual misconduct and intimate partner violence.”

## Statement of Policy: United States Department of Education and Office of Civil Rights

### **Title IX**

“Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) prohibits discrimination based on sex in education programs and activities in federally funded schools at all levels. If any part of a school district or college receives any Federal funds for any purpose, all of the operations of the district or college are covered by Title IX.

Title IX protects students, employees, applicants for admission and employment, and other persons from all forms of sex discrimination, including discrimination based on gender identity or failure to conform to stereotypical notions of masculinity or femininity. All students (as well as other persons) at recipient institutions are protected by Title IX – regardless of their sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, part-or full-time status, disability, race, or national origin-in all aspects of a recipient’s educational programs and activities.”

If any student experiences sexual misconduct or harassment, and/or racial or ethnic discrimination on Three Rivers Community College Campus, or fears for their safety from a threat while on campus, please contact Maria Krug, the Diversity Officer and Title IX Coordinator. Her office is in C-131.

Students with Disabilities: If you have a disability that may affect your progress in this course, please meet with a TRCC Disability Service Provider (DSP) in Room A-119 as soon as possible. Please note that accommodations cannot be provided until you provide written authorization from a DSP.

Matt Liscum, Counselor Room A113 (860) 215-9265	Learning Disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ADD/ADHD</li><li>• Autism Spectrum</li><li>• Mental Health Disabilities</li></ul>
Elizabeth Willcox, Advisor Room A113 (860) 215-9289	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medical Disabilities</li><li>• Mobility Disabilities</li><li>• Sensory Disability</li></ul>

Use of Support Services: The Writing Center/TASC is located in Room C117 (next to the Library). TRWritingcenter@trcc.commnet.edu. Online tutoring: <http://www.etutoring.org/>