

Introduction to Photography Syllabus

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Course Description

This course exposes students to the technical and creative aspects of photography. Students will study the major components of what is involved in creating poignant and compelling images. Using these skills students will learn how to generate beautiful photography and become informed observers of the craft.

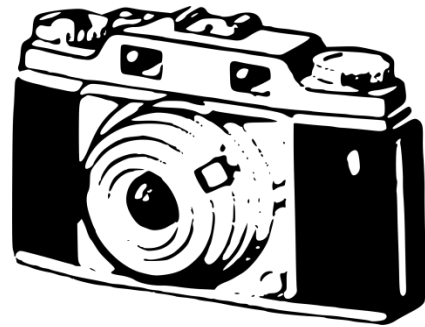
In addition, students will have an opportunity to learn about the field of photography and how they can use these skills to command a variety of different fields. At the end of the course students will have an understanding of the skills required to establish a fruitful career in the art.

Grading Policy

The nine weeks report card grade will be determined by an average of homework, classwork, participation, quizzes, exams, and project grades.

Grading Scale

90-100	3.5-4.0	Outstanding Progress
80-89	2.5-3.49	Good Progress
70-79	1.5-2.49	Average Progress
60-69	1.0-1.49	Lowest acceptable progress
F- 59-0	below 0.99	Failure



Z= "zero"- Not turned in/No credit/ Missing assignment

X= Student is excused from an assignment; this does not affect grade.

-Conduct Grade

A conduct grade will be given on the student's overall behavior.

- Effort Grade

An effort grade will be given based on the student completing all graded assignments.

Make-up work

Standard make up work is for excused absence(s) only. Your make up work must be requested immediately upon returning to school. It must be turned in by the second class session. I do not make a habit of hounding students to remind them of work they have missed. In this course, students must be self-sufficient and learn how to communicate with teachers and fellow peers.

***However, if the student is absent during a day when a very significant assignment is due, arrangements must be made so that a hard copy of the assignment is turned in on the day that it is due. NO student is exempt from this rule. Submissions may be turned in by the parent/guardian at the main office or with another student on the due date.**

Homework

Homework will be assigned at each class meeting. Homework is due as soon as you walk into class each day. No exceptions! **I WILL NOT allow students to print assignments in my class, let alone on its due date. Students must be prepared.**

Materials Checklist

___ 1 Photography Binder (1 inch)

___ 1 pack of at least 5 dividers

___ Loose leaf notebook paper

___ Black or blue pens (Students are prohibited to submit any written assignment in any color that is not one of the aforementioned)

___ Red pen (solely for grading)

___ Pack of colored pencils

___ Highlighter (multi-colored)

___ #2 pencils

___ Sharpener

___ USB drive- 32 GB or higher

___ **SD Card (and safe storage device for the SD Card)**- 32 GB standard SanDisk. There are various classes of SD Cards. Please ensure that you DO NOT purchase a mini-SD card, as they are not supported by the school's DSLR cameras.

Students may also be required to bring additional materials (poster board, props, blank DVDs, etc.) from time to time for various projects and assignments.

***Elective Fee:** Students will be required to pay an elective fee towards the beginning of the school year. Adhering to the payment deadline is crucial.

Discipline

The classroom rules are as follows:

1. Respect your teacher, your peers, yourself and the opinion of everyone.

You will raise your hand when you wish to address the teacher or the class.

You will use appropriate language.

You will listen respectfully when someone is speaking and not interrupt.

You will respect the opinion of others.

You will understand the differences between productive critique versus blatant criticism.

2. Respect your classroom.

You will take care of all materials and equipment used in the classroom. Treat everything as if it was your own! This includes following the prescribed methods of handling expensive equipment.

You will make sure to check out any equipment that does not belong to you.

Any material that breaks or goes missing under your watch, is your responsibility (therefore, you must provide a replacement or pay the school to find a replacement).

You will keep the classroom clean and organized.

Your classroom is a learning environment. There will not be personal grooming or applying of make up.

3. Be in your seat with your supplies ready to start working when the bell rings.

You will be marked tardy if you are not in your seat when the bell rings.

You must bring your supplies to school everyday. Anyone who does not have the proper supplies will receive a “zero” for the day.

4. No cell phones or MP3 players or hand held video games.

Any cell phone, or electronic device used in the classroom without teacher authorization will be taken away and your Parent/Guardian will have to come to retrieve it. I will not give any previous warning.

5. No gum or food in the classroom.

Food and drinks are to be consumed **only** in the cafeteria.

The only exception will be any special treats for good behavior given by the teacher.

If you choose to not follow the rules, the following consequences may include:

- Verbal warning
- Confiscation of offending item(s)
- Parental notification
- Detention
- Loss of access to studio/lab and/or equipment privileges
- Conference with parent/student
- Referral to counselor or administration

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me at alex_rodriguez@dadeschools.net. I will get back to you as soon as my classroom schedule permits.

I look forward to working closely with you and your child, to ensure a productive year.

-Mr.. Alexander Rodriguez

StudentContract

With your parents/guardians, read the information again. If you have any questions, please ask. Complete and return the fifth page of your syllabus for a homework grade, due at the beginning of next class meeting.

Upon signing this contract, students understand the information given and intend to follow the rules to the best of their ability.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a “magical” school year.

_____ Period _____

Student name (print)

Student signature

Date

Parent print name

Parent signature