

# Course Syllabus

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**Department** : Photography

**Course Title** : Digital Arts I

**Section Name** : ARTS 2348\_613

**Start Date** : 1/17/12

**End Date** : 05/05/12

**Modality** : Face-to-Face

**Credits** : 3

## Instructor Information

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## Course Description

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This course is a broadening of skill levels starting from the basis of knowledge you received in the basic Digital I class. Emphasis will be on lighting; design; demos; keyboard shortcuts; efficient working habits; scanning; retouching; and developing a portfolio.

## Prerequisites/Corequisites

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None

[Scans](#)

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## Course Objectives

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To become adept at digital exposures; post-processing; understanding ergonomics; exploring different styles of photographic art; efficient workflow; have multiple pieces of portfolio work. There will be quizzes and a mid-term exam, plus general assignments and a final portfolio.



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## Grading Policy

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**METHOD OF EVALUATION:** The final grade for the class is based on a combination of shooting assignments, exam grades, participation in the critiques, and the final portfolio. There will be written quizzes and a mid-term exam covering the technical aspects of photography. **Please note that all shooting assignments must be completed. And any late work will automatically be lowered ONE letter grade.** That means IF your work is truly "A" quality work, the highest grade you can make if it is late is a "B", which is still preferable to a zero. If your work is average ("C"), then the highest you can make is a "D". If you hand in your work on time, you can redo assignments. We will routinely have class critiques as a way of reviewing and improving work. **You will be graded on the work** that you are presenting, your **presentation**, and your **active participation** in the critiques of other students' works. A portfolio is required at the end of the semester.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:** YOUR attendance is the single greatest predictor of your success. **Student attendance at every class is expected. Four or more absences will result in the lowering of your course grade by one letter.** The number of times you are tardy or leave early is also noted for the analysis of your final grade. Please see the instructor regarding anticipated absences or conflicts due to college sponsored activities. **Again, please note that late assignments will be graded down one letter grade.**

**ACADEMIC ETHICS:** You are expected to create, edit, process and print your own assignments and take tests without notes or other outside assistance. **All work is expected to be your own.**

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability Services at 335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Learning Resource Center (Library)

The Library, known as the Learning Resources Center, provides research assistance via the LRC's catalog (print books, videos, e-books) and databases (journal and magazine articles). Research guides covering specific subject areas, tutorials, and the "Ask a Librarian " service provide additional help.

### Student E-mail

Please access your Odessa College Student E-mail, by following the link to either set up or update your account: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>. All assignments or correspondence will be submitted using your Odessa College email.

### Student Portal

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Technical Support For Blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability and student email account contact the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878 or online at [https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk\\_form.htm](https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm).

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