

Introduction to Photography  
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#### Course Description

Introduction to Photography is intended to give students the opportunity to explore the fundamentals of creative 2D composition through the use of a simple digital point and shoot camera, while helping them to establish a foundation in some of the principles of image making.

#### Learning Objectives

The course is designed to encourage students to utilize the digital camera as a *tool* to focus on the foundations of the visual arts through creating well-crafted images that are carefully composed, thought provoking, and intellectually and emotionally stimulating.

#### Benchmarks

Students must demonstrate an understanding of the basic techniques covered in class

Students must be respectful of the space, all equipment and tools and must be able to *utilize* the tools available in an appropriate manner

Students should be willing to create works of substance, which speak to the principles of photography as a visual art form, and be emotionally and intellectually engaged

Students should demonstrate a good work ethic and strive to create work that is well crafted and neatly presented

Students should be willing to participate in open dialogue while maintaining a respectful relationship with instructor and peers

#### Course Materials

Students will be asked to provide their own a digital point and shoot camera, however when one is unavailable, a student may choose to utilize the school's equipment. All basic materials will be provided for, except in special circumstances where students might choose to pursue a project well beyond the course requirements.

#### Methods of Instruction

This class is directed through lecture sessions, class dialogue, and studio time. 'Shooting pictures' will be the homework.

#### Assessments

Grades will not be given for this course. However, a very high level of engagement is required, and a Pass/Fail will be assessed based upon the principles outline in the *Benchmarks*.