



Community Education Summer Term, 2024

Camera Basics—The Next Steps

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Course Description:

Ready to enhance your photography skills? Join us for an in-depth exploration of essential camera techniques and control. This course goes beyond the basics, focusing on mastering manual modes, to unleash your digital camera’s full potential. Dive into f/Stops, shutter speeds, depth of field, ISO and other creative controls. Gain insights into composition principles, lens selection and pre-visualization to elevate your photography. Geared toward beginners looking to deepen their understanding, this hands-on class includes exercises, assignments, walkabouts and critiques. Please bring your camera gear, owner’s manual, a 3-ring binder and writing tools to each class for a comprehensive learning experience. Not a Photoshop class.

Learning Outcomes:

Outcome #1: Through hands-on activities you will learn how and when to select and use different camera settings and functions to attain the desired visual outcome.

Outcome #2: You will learn, through example and demonstration, the basic principles of photography, composition, as well as the art of seeing.

Outcome #3: By the end of the term, you will be more proficient using your camera, understanding how to compose and create more compelling photographs, while having fun learning how to get more creative results out of your camera and lenses.

Course Schedule

Dates: Thursdays, 7/18/24 – 8/29/24, no class 8/15/24 (6 classes)

Times: 6:00 PM - 9:15 PM

- Week 1: Introductions; general housekeeping, discuss goals and outcome. Hands-on working with your camera and discuss assignments.
- Week 2: Hands-on working with your camera; review and critique photo assignment; receive new assignment.
- Week 3: Hands-on working with your camera; review and critique photo assignments; receive new assignment.
- Week 4: Hands-on working with your camera; review and critique photo assignments, receive new assignment.
- Week 5: Hands-on working with your camera; review and critique photo assignments, receive new assignment.
- Week 6: Hands-on working with your camera; review and critique photo assignments. Discuss upcoming classes and “next steps” to develop and improve the technical and compositional skills learned in Camera Basics—The Next Steps.

Class cancellation

If the College cancels, due to any conditions, information can be found on the college website www.clark.edu. In that case, you will receive both a phone call and an email. Make certain that we have your correct contact information by viewing the Class Roster.

Class Evaluation

Class evaluations are sent by email. Sometimes the email will be delivered to your “junk mail,” but we can assure you it’s from Clark College only. Your responses are completely anonymous. If you do not see your evaluation immediately after class, look in your junk mail and send it to your email address. If you do not receive an evaluation, please email Continuingeducation@clark.edu or call 360.992.2939.

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