



Community Education

How to use your Digital Camera

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Course Description

Do you have a new or older camera you really don't understand? This hands-on class helps you take more compelling images by learning when, why and how to use different camera settings, compose great shots, and think creatively behind the lens. Through in-class exercises, photo walkabouts, weekly assignments and projected critiques, you'll gain confidence and new skills in a fun, supportive environment so YOU make the photograph, NOT the camera's algorithm. Bring camera gear and owner's manual, 3-ring binder, pen or pencil, and Tripod if available, to all classes. This class is perfect for beginners. (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 and the art of meaningful seeing.

Outcome #3: By the end of the term, you will be more proficient using your camera, understanding how to compose photographs so you can create more compelling pictures while having fun learning camera basics and principles of photography.

Course Schedule

Dates: Thursdays, 4/16 -6/11

Times: 6:00 PM - 9:00PM

- Week 1:** Introductions; general housekeeping, discuss goals and outcome. Hands-on working with your camera and discussing assignments.
- Week 2:** Hands-on working with your camera; review and critique photo assignment; receive new assignments. Q&A.
- Week 3:** Hands-on working with your camera; review and critique photo assignments; receive new assignments. Q&A.
- Week 4:** Hands-on working with your camera; review and critique photo assignments, receive new assignments. Q&A.
- Week 5:** Hands-on working with your camera; review and critique photo assignments, receive new assignments. Q&A.
- Week 6:** Hands-on working with your camera; review and critique photo assignments, receive new assignments. Q&A.
- Week 7:** Hands-on working with your camera; review and critique photo assignments. Q&A. Discuss “upcoming classes and next steps” to improve the camera and compositional skills learned in this class.

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.

Inclement Weather

If the College cancels due to icy conditions you can find this on the college website www.clark.edu~ If Community Education concludes that the weather is too hazardous we may also decide to cancel this class. In that case you will receive both a phone call and email. Make certain that we have your correct contact information by viewing the class roster.

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