

photography



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Objectives

Photography is a 20-week, 1/2 credit course designed for art and non-art majors. The outcome of this course will be 8-10 powerful photographic compositions. In this course, you will learn...

- to use the camera as an art tool to capture great photographs, not just snapshots
- think about what you see and design strong photographic compositions
- learn about famous photographers and careers in photography
- reflect on your own photography and the work of your classmates
- learn and use Adobe Photoshop to create and manipulate digital images
- spend a substantial amount of time shooting images for various assignments

Assignments

- Weekly contact sheet of 40 images based on a variety of themes
- Top 2 images from each weekly theme
- Sketchbook assignments related to each individual project
- One 3-5 minute presentation on a famous photographer
- One research worksheet on a career in photography
- 5-7 large scale photo unit projects

Assessments

Weekly Contact Sheet and Images:
You will be given weekly grades for contact sheets and top 2 weekly images. Weekly contact sheets are worth 40% of overall grade and are out of 100 possible points. See weekly rubric for expectations and requirements.

Sketchbooks:

You will be required to complete sketchbook assignments related to each unit project. Sketchbook assignments are worth 20% of overall grade and are out of between 10 and 60 possible points.

Projects:

Rubrics will be provided at the beginning of all projects (including the presentation and research worksheet) outlining how they will be graded. Projects are worth 40% of overall grade and each project is out of 100 possible points.

Materials You Will Need

- Pen or pencil – bring one to every class
- OPTIONAL: digital camera with memory card and USB cord, USB Flash Drive
- OPTIONAL: 16GB or larger memory card

Find all things relevant to Photography on the web or school server:

<http://mrsduckworthart.weebly.com/>

Shared Files > High School > DuckworthS > Photography

Cameras

Using your own digital camera? It is expected that you will bring your own batteries and memory card reader or USB cord to connect your camera to the computers.

Borrowing a school camera? You will be required to sign it out and return it by the next class. Borrowing a camera for an extended amount of time must have prior approval. Due to the limited number of school cameras, they will be available on a first come, first served basis – so plan accordingly. You are responsible for returning cameras on time. Failure to do so will result in a 5-point deduction from your weekly grade.

Deadlines & Late Work

At the start of each assignment you will be given a due date. It is expected that you will work both in class and outside of class to complete the assignments. Five points will be deducted on all weekly contact sheets and projects that are one day late. One point will be deducted for every subsequent day late. No late work accepted on presentations and research worksheets. One point will be deducted on all sketchbook assignments for every day they are late.

If you fall behind during a project, you must sign-up to finish it during Academic Study or Activity Period. Please plan ahead - this room is not always open to students.

If you are aware that you will not be able to complete the assignment on time, it is your responsibility to communicate with me in advance of the due date with a valid explanation of why you need more time. If you haven't worked to your fullest potential or made full use of class time you will not be allowed extra time.

Respect

The Victor Central Schools Code of Conduct applies in all of my classes. My class rule: RESPECT – me, the materials and resources, your classmates and yourself.

It is expected that you will be in your seats, quiet and ready to begin class when the bell rings. Unexcused and repeated lateness will result in a phone call or email home. Absences must be excused and legitimate, attendance lists are checked daily to verify legal absences. You are responsible for making up class work and reviewing materials discussed in class. Students found skipping are given a '0' for their weekly grade.

Students should not be using cell phones during times of instruction. If you are using your cell phone during instruction or excessively during class time, it will be taken away until the end of class. You may use your phone for listening to music during work times and provided you can still hear me while using it.

Clean Up & Maintenance

Everyone is required to clean up their own workspace 2-3 minutes prior to the end of the block. This includes picking up papers, pencils, and scraps, logging off computers, returning the stylus and tablet/mouse to their correct location, lowering and tucking in chairs and returning cameras, cords and card readers, etc. to where they belong. Those that clean up early will be asked to stay extra time after the bell to assist in additional clean up tasks.

No food or drink is to be consumed in the computer lab at any time during the day. If you have food or drink with you when you enter the room you must leave them on the front tables or in the hall.