UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY  
FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF ART AND ART HISTORY  
ART 235 Lecture 01  
Introduction to Photography and Digital Imaging  
Winter 2022

Course Delivery Format: Blended: In Person and Online Synchronous  
Day(s), time(s) and location of class:  
Lecture Tu, Th 2:00PM – 3:15PM  
via Zoom through January, then AB 659  
Lab Tu, Th 3:15PM - 4:30PM  
via Zoom through January, then AB 659

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Course description  
An introductory course in current photographic methods, including digital photography, digital image processing and the presentation of photographs.

Prerequisites and/or co-requisites  
None

Course Objectives  
Students enrolled in ART 235 will develop both technical and conceptual knowledge. At the conclusion of the term successful students will:

- Enhance their skills using digital SLR cameras
- Know how to establish a functional digital workflow in a color managed environment
- Develop basic photo editing skills in Photoshop
- Understand key principles of aesthetics in fine art photography
- Work towards the development of a personal photographic vision as an artist
- Articulate ideas about and responses to fine art photographs, both verbally and in writing
- Write a cogent artist statement that effectively communicates the merits of the work described.

Required Textbooks  
Assignments & Evaluation
All photographic work will be evaluated according to the criteria listed below.

SHOOTING
- Technical proficiency (demonstrates control of exposure, lighting, focus, color, etc.)
- Aesthetic awareness (demonstrates attention to framing, composition, stylistic approach)
- Ambitiousness (challenge presented by chosen subject matter and approach)
- Completeness/consistency (the chosen approach is consistent throughout the assignment)
- Conceptual clarity (the photographs suit their intended purpose)

POST-PRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION
- Adheres to instructions regarding image file specifications (resolution, image dimensions, file size, etc.)
- Awareness of and choice of appropriate image editing tools to successfully achieve intended results
- Demonstrates use of a functional digital workflow, including organizing and archiving files
- Demonstrates technical proficiency in the use of appropriate image editing applications
- Utilizes digital imaging tools to present completed work in a professional manner, whether on screen or in print.

Photographs must be submitted as specified in course assignments, including file dimensions, size and correct orientation. Photographic work submitted will be discussed in class critiques. Students are expected to be able to articulate their ideas and intentions in these class discussions. Students are also expected to actively participate in discussions and critiques through constructive input and interaction.

Including those listed above, final projects will also be evaluated according to these additional criteria:
- Appropriateness of editing and sequencing choices for intended meanings
- Visual impact
- Conceptual rigor
- Professionalism demonstrated in preparation and presentation of work

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<td>2. Using the Lens</td>
<td>January 27</td>
<td>10 pts.</td>
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<td>3. Using Light</td>
<td>February 3</td>
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<td>4. Perspective</td>
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<td>5. Using the Frame</td>
<td>February 17</td>
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<td>6. Working the Subject</td>
<td>March 3</td>
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<td>7. Final Project Proposal</td>
<td>March 15</td>
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<td>QUIZ</td>
<td>March 22</td>
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<td>8. Final Project</td>
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• Final Project Proposal length: Minimum one page, single-spaced (500 words). Details will be discussed in class.
• Assignments will be submitted digitally on the IAML server, unless otherwise specified. Details for each assignment will be discussed in class.

Course Writing
Written work will be evaluated according to the following criteria:
• Depth
• Clarity
• Coherent logic and rationale
• Written mechanics (spelling, grammar, punctuation)

Additional Costs and Information
Students must have regular access to an interchangeable lens digital SLR camera for the entire semester. Access to a flash unit is also recommended. You will need to back up your work in a location other than the lab—one full back up is required, two are recommended. Purchasing an external backup device or storing work on a cloud-based server (or both) are appropriate strategies for saving and archiving your work.

Portfolios and Assignments
The Dept of Art and Art History will not assume responsibility for lost or stolen portfolios or course work given to instructors for grading.

Assessment expectations
Guidelines for Submitting Assignments: Assignments will be submitted digitally on the IAML server, unless otherwise specified. Some assignments will be submitted as inkjet prints, if safe access to the lab is possible. Details for each assignment will be discussed in class.

Missed or Late Assignments: All work must be complete and ready for discussion on due dates. Assignments will be graded down by one-third of a letter grade each day it is late. Absence from critique will be marked as unsatisfactory performance for that class meeting.

Expectations for Writing:
Writing skills are important to academic study across all disciplines. Consequently, instructors may use their assessment of writing quality as a factor in the evaluation of student work. Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.2 Writing Across the Curriculum policy for details.

Other Important Dates

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<td>Last day to drop course without financial penalty</td>
<td>Thursday, January 20</td>
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<td>End of refund period</td>
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<td>Last day to add/swap course</td>
<td>Friday, January 21</td>
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<td>Tuition and fee payment deadline</td>
<td>Friday, January 28</td>
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Last day to withdraw from course: Tuesday, April 12

Grading Method and Grading Scale

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<td>96-100</td>
<td>A+</td>
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<td>Outstanding</td>
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<td>90-95</td>
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<td>4.0</td>
<td>Excellent-superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of subject matter.</td>
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<td>Good – clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete.</td>
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<td>Satisfactory – basic understanding of the subject matter.</td>
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<td>Minimal pass – marginal performance; generally insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the</td>
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<td>0-49</td>
<td>F</td>
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<td>Fail – unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet course requirements.</td>
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Learning Technologies and Requirements

There is a D2L site for this course which contains required readings and other relevant class resources and materials (d2l.ucalgary.ca).

To successfully engage in their learning experiences at the University of Calgary, students taking online, remote, and blended courses are required to have reliable access to the following technology:

- A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates
- A current and updated web browser
- Webcam (built-in or external)
- Microphone and speaker (built-in or external) or headset with microphone
- Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled
- Broadband internet connection

Campus Mental Health Resources

SU Wellness Centre and the Campus Mental Health Strategy

Counselling and mental health support services are offered through Student Wellness Services. During COVID-19, you can access counselling services remotely via Skype for Business, Microsoft Teams and telephone. Single Session Counselling appointments are available on a bookable basis. Book an appointment online or call 403-210-9355. For access
to mental health support, email sar@ucalgary.ca. If you are a student in immediate distress, please contact the centre’s after-hours partners:

The Distress Centre:
- Call 403-266-4357, available 24/7.
- Visit the Distress Centre website to access online chat from 3–10 p.m. on weekdays and 12–10 p.m. on weekends.

For additional crisis support from Wood’s Homes Community Support Team:
- Call 403-299-9699 or 1-800-563-6106, available 24/7.
- Text 587-315-5000 between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- Visit Wood’s Homes website for live chat between 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

**Academic Standing**
For more information go to [http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f.html)

**Academic Accommodation**
It is the student’s responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The Student Accommodations policy is available at [https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations](https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations).

Students needing an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities ([https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf](https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf)). Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than Disability should communicate this need in writing to their Professor.

SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit [www.ucalgary.ca/access/](http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/)

**Academic integrity, plagiarism**
Academic Misconduct refers to student behavior which compromises proper assessment of a student’s academic activities and includes cheating; fabrication; falsification; plagiarism; unauthorized assistance; failure to comply with an instructor’s expectations regarding conduct required of students completing academic assessments in their courses; and failure to comply with exam regulations applied by the Registrar.

For more information go to [http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html) or [http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html)

Additional information is available on the Academic Integrity Website at [https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity](https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity)

**Internet and electronic communication devices**
The use of laptop and mobile devices is acceptable when used in a manner appropriate to the course and classroom activities. Please refrain from accessing websites and resources that may be distracting to you or for other learners during class time.

Students are responsible for being aware of the University’s Internet and email use policy, which can be found at https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Acceptable-Use-of-Electronic-Resources-and-Information-Policy.pdf

**Deferral of Term work and exams**

For more information about deferring a final exam go to https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams

For more information about deferral of term work go to http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/q-7.html

**Intellectual Property & Copyright**

All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright (https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Acceptable-Use-of-Material-Protected-by-Copyright-Policy.pdf) and requirements of the copyright act (https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorized sharing of course materials (including presentations, textbooks, posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments, and exams).

Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html

**Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy**

Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students’ assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary.

For more information go to https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/student-centre/privacy-policy

**Ethics**

Whenever you perform research with human participants (i.e., surveys, interviews, or observation) as part of your university studies, you are responsible for following university research ethics guidelines. Your instructor must review and approve of your research plans and supervise your research.

For more information go to http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-5.html or https://www.ucalgary.ca/research/researchers/ethics-compliance/chreb
**Additional Student Support:**
Please visit this link for important information on UCalgary’s student wellness and safety resources: [https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines](https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines)

**Studio Procedures**
Please view current updates from RISK and the CovidSafe page links to information on rapid testing, masking rules, vaccination regulations and documentation as well as a FAQs page, which must all be followed while in Studios.

**Emergency Evacuation**
For more information go to [https://www.ucalgary.ca/risk/emergency-management/evac-drills-assembly-points/assembly-points](https://www.ucalgary.ca/risk/emergency-management/evac-drills-assembly-points/assembly-points)

**Arts Students’ Centre Program Advising**
Have a question but not sure where to start? The Arts Students’ Centre is your information resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts. Call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at ascarts@ucalgary.ca.

You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at [http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate](http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate) which has detailed information on common academic concerns.