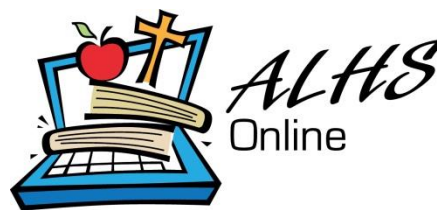


# Digital Photography

## Course Syllabus 2020-2021



**Instructor:** Sherrie Styx, styxriverart@yahoo.com  
**Title:** Digital Photography  
**Grade Level:** 9 - 12  
**Course Length:** 1 semester (2<sup>nd</sup> semester)  
**Credit:** 1/2 credit  
**Prerequisites:** none

### Description:

In this introductory course, students will learn the basic principles of digital photography and photography techniques to create works of art using a digital camera or phone camera.

### Course Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Students will value art as a freedom of expression, a gift from God, recognizing life applications as a holistic medium and as such:
2. Students will be able to develop ideas to use in their personal artwork.
3. Students will be familiar with art vocabulary along with vocabulary for each weekly assignment.
4. Students will develop a broader understanding of expression.
5. Students will become familiar with 5 historical photographers and 5 contemporary photographers.
6. Students will visit one art gallery and write a one page report reflecting aesthetics.
7. Students will identify art in their personal surroundings.
8. Students will submit one photograph for representation/display/online gallery.

### Course Outline:

Week 1: Syllabus, Intro, Handouts  
Week 2: History of Photography  
Week 3: Real People taking Real Photos  
Week 4: Rule of Thirds  
Week 5: Intro to Light  
Week 6: Portraiture, Online Galleries-Report  
Week 7: Shadows, review of terms  
Week 8: Reflections, quiz  
Week 9: Nature  
Week 10: Comic Relief

- Week 11: Selfies
- Week 12: Online Photo Contest
- Week 13: Spring Break
- Week 14: Night Moves
- Week 15: Motion
- Week 16: Still Life
- Week 17: Final Exam Project

**Course Materials**

Students will need a digital camera/cell phone to take photos of projects to post online.

**Evaluation & Grading Scale:**

**Assignments:**

Each graded assignment in the course is assigned by points. The course percentage grade will be determined by comparing the points earned out of points possible and then converting to a letter grade based on the grading scale above. Late assignments will be loose points for being late. A student's current grade in the course will be available through Moodle.

**Honesty Policy:**

Cheating or plagiarizing will absolutely not be tolerated. Any student found cheating or plagiarizing material in any manner will receive a failing grade on their project.

**Grading Scale:**

Grades are calculated on weighted categories for assignments: **Final 20%, Research assignments/written reports 20%, tests 10%, Reflections 10%, Assignments 40%**

Highest	Lowest	Letter
100.00%	98.00%	A+
97.99%	93.00%	A
92.99%	90.00%	A-
89.99%	87.00%	B+
86.99%	83.00%	B
82.99%	80.00%	B-
79.99%	77.00%	C+
76.99%	73.00%	C
72.99%	70.00%	C-
69.99%	67.00%	D+
66.99%	63.00%	D
62.99%	60.00%	D-
59.99%	0.00%	F

## Instructor Policies:

Expected of Students:

1. Check in on the course on a daily basis, Monday through Friday. Generally, students have been scheduled by their school to work on this course at a specific time each school day. Be faithful in using this time to work on this course. If you will be absent from class on a particular day, or if you miss class because of illness, you will still access your course from home.
2. Expectations for this course are high, but reasonable. Everyone is very busy with their other courses, activities, and responsibilities, yet you are expected to complete all work on time. If you need an extension of time, please make the request via private **email prior** to the due date.
3. Communicate! If you have questions or concerns on a particular assignment or activity, please send me a private email. Good two-way communication is very important to having a successful experience!
4. Assignments are normally due on FRIDAY night at midnight.

## ALHS Online Policies:

Current ALHS Online policies are listed in the **Handbook for ALHS Online Students and Parents**, available on the [ALHSO.org](http://ALHSO.org) website. This includes policies on non-discrimination, anti-harassment, student expectations, attendance, academic honesty, student discipline, student grades, course add/drop, etc.

Please note the policy on **class attendance** which states in part:

***“Even if a student’s local school does not have school on a particular day (snow day, teacher’s conference, quarter break, choral fest, class trip, etc.) ALHS Online courses will continue to meet and students are expected to complete required work on time.”***

Students also fall under the policies of their local high school, if applicable, while enrolled in ALHS Online courses.