

### Course Overview

This course focuses on digital photography as an art form as well as learning the beginning skills necessary in becoming a commercial photographer. You will learn composition and camera functions and should have access to a digital camera. You will also learn how to manipulate and enhance photos through the use of Photoshop. Class assignments and calendar can be found at [www.mmhsphoto.com](http://www.mmhsphoto.com).

### Classroom Expectations

You are expected to follow the three classroom rules:

1. Be respectful - Respect teacher, fellow students, equipment, and classmates' photographs.
2. Follow directions - Listen to me or read the instructions. If you have a question about Photoshop, ask a neighbor before you ask me.
3. Stay on task - Listen when you're supposed to be listening. Work when you're supposed to be working.

Failure to meet these expectations for the first time will result in a warning, the second time in a loss of participation points, and the third time parent notification. I will also follow the school's attendance policy, tardy policy, and other rules.

### Grade Breakdown

A	93-100%	B	83-86%	C	73-76%	D	63-66%
A-	90-92%	B-	80-82%	C-	70-72%	D-	60-62%
B+	87-89%	C+	77-79%	D+	67-69%	F	Below 60%

### Grade Weight

Homework 40%      In-Class Assignments 30%      Participation 20%      Quizzes 10%

### Assignments

Each in-class assignment is worth 20 points. Homework is worth 20 points but has a separate 5-point task listed for being on-time. All photos turned in need to be edited.

1. Assignments will be turned in digitally on the school network.
2. Late homework automatically gets 0/5 for the on-time task. In-class assignments are never late, but I stop giving time in class to work on them. You can come in after school to work on the assignment.
3. If you are absent the day a homework assignment is due, you must turn it in the *first class period* you are back to avoid it being late.

This is a vocational course that prepares students for employment which means professional development is a part of the homework grade. Students need to earn 20 professional development points each term. Points can be earned at a student's pace each term by choosing activities below that add up to 20 points and turning in a short 3 paragraph write up.

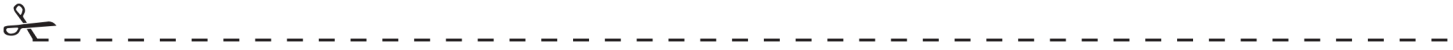
- Discover self-motivation techniques and establish short-term goals (10 pts)
- Visit an art museum or artist gallery (10 pts)
- Determine individual time-management skills (10 pts)
- Shadow a photographer or similar related professional (10 pts)
- Complete a self-assessment inventory and identify individual learning styles (10 pts)
- Join a club and attend a club activity (10 pts)
- Interview a business owner (10 pts)
- Other ideas? Approve it with the teacher

**Participation**

10 participation points will be given each day of class; 3 points for being in class, 2 points for being on time, and 5 points for staying on task and working. You can make up participation points by coming in before or after school to work on assignments.

**Quizzes**

Occasionally, quizzes will be given to assess your knowledge on photography principles and techniques that have been covered in class. Missed quizzes may be made up before or after school.



STUDENT NAME (please print) I, \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_  
have read Mr. Lewis's disclosure document and understand and agree to abide by the rules, policies, and procedures outlined.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of student)

PARENT OR GUARDIAN  
I have read Mr. Lewis's disclosure document and understand the rules, policies, and procedures outlined.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of parent or guardian)

Comments or concerns?