



## 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	100-94%	B	85-82%	C	74-72%
A-	93-90%	B-	81-78%	C-	71-68%
B+	89-86%	C+	77-75%	F	67% and below

## 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.
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 on each activity.

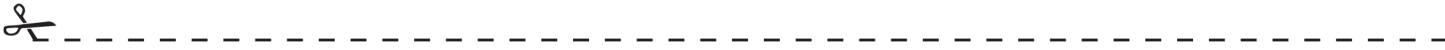
- Discover self-motivation techniques and establish short-term goals (10 pts)
- Visit an art museum or artist gallery (10 pts)
- Determine individual time-management skills (10 pts)
- Shadow a photographer or similar related professional (10 pts)
- Complete a self-assessment inventory and identify individual 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; 8 points for being in class, staying on task and working, and 2 points for being on time. You can make up participation points by coming in before or after school to work on photography assignments.

**Quizzes**

Occasionally, quizzes will be given to assess your knowledge on photography principles and techniques that have been covered in class. Quizzes may be retaken once a day until the end of the term. 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?