

Course Description and Outline

Course Title	Basic Digital Photography		
Level of Course	Beginners	Course Code	B3005
Duration in Weeks	10		
Brief Description of Course What will the course cover?	<p>The Basic Digital Photography course will enable you to work with your own camera and camera functions confidently. You will learn how to make effective use of your Apertures, Shutter-Speeds and ISO's to create photographic images. You will learn how to calculate correct exposure through the use of your histogram. You will work with your lens to make a range of different images exploring how lens focal lengths affect images. You will be introduced to Adobe Bridge working with JPG images created on the course. By the end of the course you will understand your camera controls, have explored a diverse range of images and be able to construct well exposed photographs using your digital camera. On this course, you will learn by seeing a diverse range of images from a variety of sources.</p>		
Entry Requirements	<p>It would be beneficial to have attended the "<i>Get to Know your DSLR Camera</i>" course. However, if you have a basic understanding of your camera control functions and can identify these then you can join this course. The <i>Basic Digital Photography</i> course is the middle course in a series that comprises of: <i>Get to Know your DSLR Camera</i>, <i>Basic Digital Photography</i> and <i>Digital Photography Intermediate</i>. These three courses will give you the tools to make photographs with confidence across a wide range of picture making situations. You will need to have a camera that can be used in manual mode, i.e. a Compact, Bridge CSC (Compact System Camera) or DSLR camera.</p>		
Main Learning Outcomes for all Learners (Maximum of 5) By the end of the course you will be able to:			
1	Read a histogram to calculate accurate exposures.		
2	Use your aperture to control the depth of field (amount of focus) in an image.		
3	Use shutter speeds appropriate to the image that you are seeking to create.		
4	Set appropriate ISO's for a range of lighting conditions you may encounter while using your camera, in a variety of situations.		
5	Identify appreciate different lens focal lengths for a range of subjects.		
Equipment Required What will I need to bring to class?	<p>Any digital camera (Compact, Bridge, CSC [Compact System Camera] or DSLR camera) with the ability to set your exposures manually. Pen & notepaper, you will create a learning journal, recording your progress, making notes during theory sessions and in practical demonstrations.</p>		
What courses can I go on to?	<p>At the end of the course we recommend that you progress onto the <i>Intermediate Photography</i> course. You will have skills that will also enable you to attend, <i>Portrait</i>, <i>Studio</i>, <i>Photojournalism</i> or other photography courses. Or if you want to complete an accredited course you could enrol for the <i>City and Guilds Level 1 Award in Image Capture</i> course.</p>		

What examination or assessment will there be and what will it involve?

Please note on all examination courses, it is a requirement that you provide photographic proof of ID. This is for external awarding body and internal invigilation authentication purposes.

There will be an initial assessment followed by on-going assessment of progress and achievement. This course will also include:

- Showing of photographs to fellow students and discussing the images using appropriate photographic terminology.
- You will be creating images outside of class time that will be evaluated in class through critiques and discussion allowing you to learn from your own images how to develop your photographic skills.

How will I know I am making progress?

Your tutor will give you on-going feedback tracking and monitoring your progress, giving feedback though out the course. You and the tutor will use an individual learning plan to monitor your progress allowing you and the tutor to track your knowledge and skills developed on the course. You will also gain more from the course if you commit time to it outside the classroom.

Is there anything else I need to know?

Punctuality in attendance on courses is important to us, as students who arrive late interrupt the learning experience for all learners. In general, we will not allow late entry to any course after the first two weeks. Short intensive courses and most workshops will not accept new learners after the first class. In all cases the full fee will be charged.

What if I want extra support? Contact the Learner Support and Advice Team

The Learner Support & Advice Team can support learners to help them achieve their education and employment goals. Information, advice and guidance are given on a range of issues including, financial support and support available for learners who are disabled and learners with learning difficulties, Come and see one of our experienced and friendly advisors who can help you make the next step. For further information, text **IDEA** and your name to **07950 080 341** or email **ideastorelearning@towerhamlets.gov.uk** and a member of the team will get back to you.

This is a brief description of the course content and is not definitive or exhaustive. The course content may be subject to change without notice however the details above are intended to give a picture of the types of activities which may be included on the course.

Course outlines provide a general summary of the contents and material to be covered during lessons. They are subject to change at the discretion of teachers to meet the needs of learners and should not be regarded as prescriptive lists of activities to be covered.

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