

INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED DARKROOM PHOTOGRAPHY Syllabus

Tyler School of Art/ Department of Art & Art Education/ ART 2802 & 2803
Class Meetings & Critiques: Mondays & Wednesdays 4:40 – 7:00 PM
at Temple University Center City Campus in Room 317 and Digital Studio 318
Darkroom work is done in the TYLER Photo Lab: Room B30K

The basic purpose of these classes is to figure out what in the world truly interests you and then to share these discoveries with others. This task will be approached simultaneously through the three disciplines using photography as the main tool.

Required of the advanced photography student is the collection of aesthetic tools organized into a vocabulary of personal vision	<i>i n p u t</i> technical aspects ~physical discipline aesthetic aspects ~conceptual discipline
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and the subsequent generation of a body of work that establishes a dialog, and evokes a meaningful response from an audience	<i>o u t p u t</i> communication ~emotional discipline inspiration ~spiritual discipline
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These two stacked sections meet in the TUCC Critique Room 317, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:40 – 7:00 PM, and the formats vary as follows:

INTERMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHY – ART 2802

photographs from two endeavors

- images from the evolution of your personal vision
- a response to topics of discussion

ADVANCED PHOTOGRAPHY – ART 3803

photographs from three endeavors
investigating two themes

- the continued evolution of your personal investigation
- a response to topics of discussion
- one special project utilizing a non-traditional technique

ALTERNATIVE CAMERAS

This class also requires some experimentation with alternative cameras. The term camera is used loosely to mean any device that can capture light to make a permanent image. This could include Holga cameras and the wide array of Lomo products, including wide angle and pinhole cameras. Even digital devices can be employed and then digital negatives can be made for darkroom printing. This technique will be taught in this class depending on interest.

MENTORSHIP

As top-level students we need you to mentor the beginner students. We ask that you spend time in a class of your choice. There are two sections of Basic Darkroom class that need assistants to set up chemicals before hand, assist students with printing during the class, and supervise clean-up afterwards. These classes are typically Monday & Wednesday mornings and Tuesday & Thursday evenings. Two classes taught on two days require four Monitors/ Teaching Assistants. You may only be needed on days when the class is printing. [or you may also attend the critiques and really inspire people with positive critical feedback.] This can be a very rewarding position and you can help inspire some starting photo students.

At the end of the semester the Professor you have been assisting will talk with your Professor to help decide your grade.

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LECTURE/DEMONSTRATION

Technical and aesthetic information will be discussed with the class throughout the semester.

The content is based mostly on aesthetic problems that are brought into class as part of individual student's investigations. This class depends on self-guided study and independent research. This is about discovering what you need to know most to have your images express your personal concerns.

Additional lectures, slide talks, and discussions will be presented in classes during the term, consisting mostly of photographers' and artists' work that is mentioned in response to specific concerns that arise in student work.

INDEPENDENT LAB WORK

The bulk of the semester will be spent preparing photographs shot and processed outside of class time. It is expected that the student will spend at least as much time working outside the class as in.

It is necessary to shoot at least 4 rolls of film (seventy five to one hundred fifty shots) per week to thoroughly investigate any subject and make quality work. It is also necessary to shoot, develop, and print EVERY week to have enough work for crits.

Archival printing and toning are essential elements of this class. A majority of prints for critiques must be properly printed, toned, and finished.

CRITIQUES & REVIEWS

Student work will be discussed in periodic group critiques in the TUCC Critique Room 317.

You are required to show work on your scheduled crit day. There is no such thing as late. Pretend you are working for the Philadelphia Inquirer. If you have no prints by the publication date you lose your job. It's that simple. You should show whatever you have finished on that day. This is why it is important to be working on several groups of photos at the same time, just in case something falls through.

Special projects for the Intermediate and Advanced students will be required for the second critique. See the schedule on the blackboard in the Lab for exact dates.

Final Reviews take place during the week of written final exams. (There is a cleanup day preceding finals that all are expected to show up for). The basic requirements for finals are a minimum of thirty prints, of which at least ten are matted, and at least ten are new.

WRITTEN STATEMENTS

A typewritten statement explaining the perceptual, emotional, and intellectual motivations behind each of the three groups of photos being presented must accompany each critique. These must be handed in before the work is critiqued. This writing can be anywhere from nine words to nine paragraphs long. Include name, crit number, class, semester, and year.

SELF PORTRAITS

It is required that the work for each critique be accompanied by at least two self portraits. You may want to consider starting and ending each roll of film that you shoot with a self portrait, no matter where you are when you hit that frame. Another approach is to take a self portrait immediately upon rising and just before retiring each night. We are not interested in nice pictures that your mother would like. We are looking for evocative character sketches.

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RESEARCH

The names of photographers and artists whose work relates to yours will be mentioned during critiques. The work of these people will be discussed at the next class session. You are expected to do research and come to the next class with a list of relevant web sites, a collection of 'borrowed' images from the web, and even a book or two, that display this work. Any interesting strategies that you devise should also be written up, with example pictures and handed in for potential addition to the class web site.

PICTURES of the WEEK

The best photographs from each person will be selected at the end of each crit. These prints will be hung on the POW wall and will remain there until the next crit. You are challenged to duplicate that print from your notes, to indicate that you have control over your printing technique. Either the original or duplicate print will be held for the Photo Archives.

VIRTUAL GALLERY

The POW Exhibition Wall will be duplicated online as a class web site. The Pictures of the Week must be made into web-ready thumbnails and a web page containing that picture, all to be placed on the class web site.

Everyone is responsible for getting their picture scanned, creating a full-page version of the picture, and a thumbnail for the index page, and an individual web page for the current Picture of the Week. These web objects are due by the next class following the crit. Lateness will not be tolerated.

SLIDES and PORTFOLIO

Students in all of these sections are required to hand in a DVD with 'slides' of your best work for inclusion in the TUCC Photo Archives and to show to future students. A slide listing saved to the DVD should accompany these images. Students in Photo 3803 are required to also present an organized portfolio of prints in booklet or case plus a résumé.

GRADING

If you attend all class meetings, talk at least once a week, and show the minimum number of prints required at each critique, then you will receive a grade of C. That is average. If you want a better than average grade then you need to do better than average and more than average work. This means actively participating in discussions, demonstrating an ongoing effort to produce quality work, and being on time for each class meeting. The grade of A is reserved for truly exceptional work.

ATTENDANCE

After 3 unexcused absences, the student is eligible for teacher initiated withdrawal. If this occurs after midterm, however, a failing grade will be reported.

If you see that you will miss a critique (any critique, not just the days on which you are supposed to show work), cannot show work on time, or miss more than three regular classes for any reason (other than hospitalization or incarceration or other tragedy), cannot hand in statements before the work is reviewed by the class, cannot meet the minimum recommended number of pieces, or cannot shoot and process slides at the end of the semester, it is suggested that you immediately withdraw from this class. These are the minimum requirements to pass this class.

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LAB USE

The TYLER Photo Lab is open for student use according to the published schedule, available online at www.berk-edu.com. There is always a Lab Monitor on duty to dispense equipment and assist students. Only students enrolled in a photo class this semester are allowed in the Lab. Do not bring your friends to hang out. There is absolutely NO FOOD or DRINK ALLOWED in the Photo Area. There is NO SMOKING allowed anywhere in the building.

LAB MONITORS

We need Lab Monitors to give our students better access to the Lab. Everyone should consider a time slot that would be good for them as a weekly printing time. That can become your Lab Monitor time. The more Lab Monitored hours we have the more Lab access we will gain. We will receive the official Lab Monitor schedule for the Tyler Darkrooms and then we will try to fill in the gaps, eliminating as much down time as possible.

SAFETY TRAINING

All students who will work in the Tyler Labs need to attend a Safety Training session. This is mandated by Temple University Environmental Health and Radiation Safety Department (EHRS). These sessions will typically happen at either the end of the second week or start of the third week of the semester. You may attend any session that best fits your schedule, but make sure the instructor has your name on their list. An 'Authorized Student' list is prepared and all names are checked against this for access. Make sure you always have your Nitrile Gloves.

ID CARDS

To receive equipment to print you will trade in your Temple University ID Card. Ask the Lab Monitor for the necessary items, many of which are in the Lab. You will get your card back when you finish working, return all equipment, and sign out.

Any student who has a need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the instructor privately to discuss the specific situation as soon as possible. Contact Disability Resources and Services at 215-204-1280 at 100 Ritter Annex to coordinate reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities.

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