Understanding Your Digital Camera

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Bunnell 319

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Description:

This course is an introduction to digital photography for the student with limited or no photographic experience. Topics covered include: learning the features and functions of your digital camera, learning about light, depth of field, point of view, composition, taking black & white and color photographs, digital manipulation, Photoshop, and ink jet printing.

Objectives:

The main objective is for each student to learn more about his/her camera and to learn techniques and working methods that will encourage better picture taking. After class, students will have a better understanding of how to make photographs and how to use their equipment.

Prerequisites:

Students are expected to have basic Macintosh computer skills and knowledge. Each student must bring his/her own digital camera and accessories.

Instructional methods:

Each class will be a combination of lecture and lab. Students will have access to Mac computer equipment.
Day 1: Introduction to course, cameras, instructor, students, UAF, and facilities

- What is photography and how do our cameras work?
- Digital camera discussion and presentation
- Light, aperture and shutter speed camera exercises

Day 2: Making photographs

- Review of Day 1
- Point of view and composition exercises
- Photoshop lecture and printing demonstration