PHO 285  
**Special Studies in Photography**

Course Number  
Course Title

3  
1/4

Credits  
Hours: lecture/laboratory/other (specify)

Catalog description:
**PHO 285 - Special Studies in Photography** (3 credits)

Prerequisites: PHO 102 or PHO 203 with a minimum C grade and coordinator approval

Advanced topics in both traditional and digital photography. Course material is tailored to satisfy special requests by students and to share the specialized talents of the college faculty. [occasional offering]

1 lecture/4 studio hours

Required texts/other materials:
To be announced in class.

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Information resources:
- Lectures and demonstrations during class session.
- Lab time with individual assistance from the instructional staff.
- Photo critiques involving full class participation.
- Visual presentations that explore historical and contemporary trends in photography.
- Field trips for location shooting or viewing photographs
Course goals:
• Become more analytical and critical about your work and the work of your peers in terms of technical and aesthetic qualities.
• Other goals will be dictated by the subject matter of the course.

Course-specific General Education goals and objectives.
• Develop a vocabulary that will enable you to critique and analyze your work and the work of your fellow students in a group situation.
• Evaluate and incorporate the technical, aesthetic and critical aspects of photography into your own work both visually and verbally.

Units of study in detail (may vary depending upon specific course subject.)

Unit I: Advanced Camera

Learning Objectives
• Describe the effects of lenses and formats on the image.
• Understand new exposure techniques and how it affects the detail in an image.
• Troubleshoot problems with exposures through exposure tests.

Unit II: Advanced Lab

Learning Objectives
• Identify archival materials.
• Produce master prints.

Unit III: The Critique

Learning Objectives
• Speak clearly about individual work and the work of peers in a group setting in terms of:
  o Technical considerations
  o Formal considerations
  o The choice of subject matter
  o The success and failure in how well the photograph communicates an idea.
**Evaluation of student learning:** Generally your grade will be determined on how well you do in four areas. They are as follows:

- Participation (both lab/studio and class)
- Execution and Completion of Assignments
- Final Presentation of Work

A grade of "A" will be earned by students who demonstrate growth, commitment and mastery of the basic elements of photography far above the minimum specified in the specific course objectives and assignments.

A grade of "B" will be earned by students who demonstrate growth, commitment and more than adequate mastery of the course objectives.

A grade of "C" will be earned by students who demonstrate growth, commitment and an adequate mastery of the course objectives.

A grade of "D" grade represents a lack of growth, commitment and less than average mastery of the course objectives.

A grade of "F" indicates that the student showed almost no commitment to the class and has failed most of the assignments and exams. An "F" may also be given if the student has excessive unexcused absences.

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