

# COURSE SYLLABUS



**COURSE TITLE:** DIME-145: Applied Digital Photography

**CLASS SECTION:** B01A

**TERM:** 2024F

**COURSE CREDITS:** 3

**DELIVERY METHOD(S):** Lecture/Lab

Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Ləkʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here.

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## INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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**HOURS:** Tuesdays, 11:30am – 12:30pm | Wednesdays, 1:30pm – 2:20pm | Thursdays, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

*As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.*

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## CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

In this entry-level course, students will be introduced to the technical operation of Digital Single Lens Reflex (DSLR) cameras, image composition and digital image software. Learning to use digital still images to communicate a story to a specified audience is a central focus. Students will learn how to interpret visual images using elements of composition, colour, and light, and apply this to their own work. Students will use image manipulation software to enhance images.

### PREREQUISITE(S):

One of:

- C+ in English 12
- C in Camosun Alternative

**CO-REQUISITE(S):** Not applicable

**EXCLUSION(S):** Not applicable

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## COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course a student will be able to:

1. Use technical applications such as aperture, shutter, ISO, focus and depth of field through the operation of the manual controls of a Digital Single Lens Reflex camera.
2. Use composition, colour and light to create an effective visual image.

3. Utilize image manipulation software to enhance visual images.
4. Apply the principles of communicating to a specified audience using visual images.

## REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

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### Required

- SDHD card (16gb minimum)
- USB Memory stick (16gb minimum)

### Recommended

- Backup memory stick
- DSLR camera with video (these are provided, but it's beneficial to learn on your own equipment)

## COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

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The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

WEEK or DATE RANGE		ACTIVITY or TOPIC	EXERCISE/PROJECT/TEST
1	Sept. 2 – Sept. 6	Elements of Photography   Camera Basics	
2	Sept. 9 – Sept. 13	Principles of Photography   Library Module	
3	Sept. 16 – Sept. 20	Exposure Triangle   Camera & Focus Modes	E&P Assignment: <b>5%</b>
4	Sept. 23 – Sept. 27	Lenses + Depth of field   Basic Panel	
5	Sept. 30 – Oct. 4	Composition Techniques   Tone Curve/HSL/Colour Grading	
6	Oct. 7 – Oct. 11	Scavenger Hunt   Test Review	Technical Test: <b>10%</b>
7	Oct. 14 – Oct. 18	Portraiture   Healing & Masking	Composition Assignment: <b>5%</b>
8	Oct. 21 – Oct. 25	Studio Lighting   Headshots	
9	Oct. 28 – Nov. 1	Landscape Photography   Noise/Sharpen/BW/HDR	Self Portrait: <b>5%</b> Environmental Portrait: <b>5%</b>
10	Nov. 4 – Nov. 8	Stabilization   Final Project Intro   Idea Workshop	
11	Nov. 11 – Nov. 15	Event/Documentary Photography   Book Module	
12	Nov. 18 – Nov. 22	Freelancing   Skill Building Workshop	Natural Landscape: <b>5%</b> Urban Landscape: <b>5%</b>
13	Nov. 25 – Nov. 29	Photography & AI   Final Test/Project Review	
14	Dec. 2 – Dec. 6	Showcase of Finals	Photographic Essay: <b>30%</b> Final Test: <b>20%</b>

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced noticed is

required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

## EVALUATION OF LEARNING

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DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Assignments	60%
Tests	30%
Critiques	5%
Attendance & Participation	5%
	<b>TOTAL</b>
	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information. <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf>

## COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS: ATTENDANCE

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## SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

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## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

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Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

## SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

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Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit [camosun.ca/services](http://camosun.ca/services).

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Support Service

Website

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Academic Advising

[camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/academic-advising](http://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/academic-advising)

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Accessible Learning

[camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning](http://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning)

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Support Service	Website
Counselling	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/health-and-wellness/counselling-centre">camosun.ca/services/health-and-wellness/counselling-centre</a>
Career Services	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/co-operative-education-and-career-services">camosun.ca/services/co-operative-education-and-career-services</a>
Financial Aid and Awards	<a href="https://camosun.ca/registration-records/financial-aid-awards">camosun.ca/registration-records/financial-aid-awards</a>
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres">camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres</a>
Indigenous Student Support	<a href="https://camosun.ca/programs-courses/iecc/indigenous-student-services">camosun.ca/programs-courses/iecc/indigenous-student-services</a>
International Student Support	<a href="https://camosun.ca/international">camosun.ca/international</a>
Learning Skills	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills">camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills</a>
Library	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/library">camosun.ca/services/library</a>
Office of Student Support	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/office-student-support">camosun.ca/services/office-student-support</a>
Ombudsperson	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/ombudsperson">camosun.ca/services/ombudsperson</a>
Registration	<a href="https://camosun.ca/registration-records/registration">camosun.ca/registration-records/registration</a>
Technology Support	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/its">camosun.ca/services/its</a>
Writing Centre	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills">camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills</a>

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

## COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

### Academic Integrity

Students are expected to comply with all College policy regarding academic integrity; which is about honest and ethical behaviour in your education journey. The following guide is designed to help you understand your responsibilities: <https://camosun.libguides.com/academicintegrity/welcome>  
Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.13.pdf> for Camosun's Academic Integrity policy and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

### Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Camosun College is committed to achieving full accessibility for persons with disabilities. Part of this commitment includes arranging appropriate academic accommodations for students with disabilities to

ensure they have an equitable opportunity to participate in all of their academic activities. If you are a student with a documented disability and think you may need accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to contact the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) and register as early as possible. Please visit the CAL website for more information about the process of registering with CAL, including important deadlines:

<https://camosun.ca/cal>

### Academic Progress

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2023-02/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

### Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <https://camosun.ca/registration-records/tuition-fees#deadlines>.

### Grading Policy

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

### Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

### Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal (see [Medical/Compassionate Withdrawals policy](#)). Please visit <https://camosun.ca/services/forms#medical> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

### Sexual Violence

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence Policy:

<https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.9.pdf> and [camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence-support-and-education](https://camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence-support-and-education).

To contact the Office of Student Support: [oss@camosun.ca](mailto:oss@camosun.ca) or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-370-3841

### Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

### Looking for other policies?

The full suite of College policies and directives can be found here: <https://camosun.ca/about/camosun-college-policies-and-directives>

**Changes to this Syllabus:** Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.