High School Photography Class

Class Description-

This course will help the students become well rounded in the fundamentals of digital photography. Four areas of instruction will be emphasized: How cameras work, how composition works, how lighting works, how to use photo editing software. Students will, receive instruction, demonstration, and see samples of the desired outcomes, at the beginning of each period. They will be allowed to go outside and shoot assignments, based on what they are learning. Perhaps the most useful part of classroom instruction will be weekly reviews of photos students have shot the previous day(s). They will see what makes a successful photo and what does not.

Expectations for what would be covered-

At the end of this course, you will:

- Know how to use various features of the camera to have creative control of your photographs.
- Be able to decide what type of lighting to use in a given situation to produce optimum results.
- See how photographic composition can make or break a photograph
- Understand how to use photo editing software to improve the overall appearance of images

Specific areas to be covered in the class:

Various Camera Modes and their uses
Aperture settings
Shutter speed settings
ISO settings
White Balance
Lens Focal Length
Focusing Options
Depth of Field (Depth of Focus)
Basic Techniques of Lighting (Including: Front, Side, Back, Defused, etc.)
Basic Photo Composition (Including: Rule of 3rds, Leading Lines, Framing Subjects, etc.)
Basic Photo Editing (Using Lightroom)
Knowledge of Pixels, Mega Pixels, DPI, PPI

Equipment needed-

- A digital camera with manual settings. A DSLR camera is preferred with a 50 mm lens. Each student should contact the instructor before the class to make sure their camera is acceptable for the class.
- Memory cards
- The editing software Adobe Lightroom (weekly access to a computer with this software)
- A USB drive for transferring files

Cost for the year

- \$300 per student for semester

Class size

- Maximum of 15 students per class period

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