

**Art Studio Concentration: Photography 3301-004**  
**Sul Ross State University, Fall 2022**

**Instructor:**

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**Class Meets: Rooms 111 (classroom) & 109 (darkroom) in the IT Building**

Wednesday, 6 – 8:50 pm. Additional Lab hours TBA

**Office Hours:**

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 4:45 – 5:45 pm or by appointment

**COVID protocol:** Our lab is small and poorly ventilated. Masks are encouraged. Added benefit – masks protect your lungs from darkroom chemicals (while not extremely dangerous, people can be sensitive to chemical inhalation).

**Course Overview:**

This course is designed for you to expand your photography skills and knowledge. This is a project-driven course in which you will focus on improving your personal photographic practice. Due to the small class size and the nature of this course, this course will function in-part as an independent study with the instructor and will include frequent class discussions, collaborations, and critiques. Emphasis will be placed on personal creative vision and growth, the technical quality of your work, and ability to think and speak critically about your work and the work of others.

Throughout this course you will learn and practice advanced film photography and darkroom techniques and become further acquainted with darkroom set-up and chemicals. You will have the opportunity to try out new cameras and films, to work with experimental processes, color, and/or digital.

Blackboard will be used weekly for the distribution of readings, videos, PowerPoint lectures, and assignments. If you do not have reliable internet access, please talk to the instructor.

**Required Course Materials**

- Sketchbook/notebook for Artist Journal
- Notebook for taking notes on lectures and demos (or you can use the same notebook as your artist journal)
- Binder for storing negatives, prints, and assignments
- 35mm black and white film
- Enlarging paper
- 35mm camera (provided by the instructor)

## **Lab Fees**

There is a \$25.00 lab fee for this class. This fee will cover materials and chemicals used for projects done for class only. All lab fees must be paid into the Art Stores Account at the Cashier's office in Briscoe Administration Building (BAB) and a receipt provided to the instructor no later than Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

## **Sourcing Film and Paper**

Paper and film can be purchased from the locations below. Kodak Tri-X 400 Black & White 35mm Film and Ilford Multigrade RC Deluxe Pearl 8x10 paper are always great options, but because this is an advanced course, you may want to try out other film and paper options to expand your experience with materials. We will discuss alternative options throughout the course.

- Precision Camera – [www.precision-camera.com](http://www.precision-camera.com)
- B&H – [www.bhphoto.com](http://www.bhphoto.com)
- Freestyle Photographic Supplies – [www.freestylephoto.biz](http://www.freestylephoto.biz)
- Marfa Film Shop (film only) – [www.marfafilmshop.com](http://www.marfafilmshop.com) Support our local film shop if you can!

## **Assessment & Grading Criteria**

You will be assessed in each class on your progress and participation in lectures, discussions, assignments, and critiques. Your grade will be based on class participation and the quality of the effort you put into completing all assignments. Being in class is very important. Much of the work for this course cannot be done outside the lab. The knowledge needed to complete assignments will be gained through in-person lectures and demonstrations that will be difficult to repeat or for you to make up. If you miss class, catching up is your responsibility.

How you are graded: Class participation in critiques, presentations, and discussions - 10%. Photo Assignments - 20%. Artist Journals - 10%. Photographer Research Projects - 20%. Semester Project - 40%.

## **Homework Policy**

It is important to stay on track because we will cover material in class each week that builds on the previous weeks. Keep a steady workflow and don't get behind. If you miss a class, refer to that week's assignment on Blackboard, talk to classmates to get class notes and schedule a time to meet with the instructor.

## **ADA Statement:**

Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is SRSU policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. It is the student's responsibility

to initiate a request. Please contact Mary Schwartze Grisham M.Ed., LPC, Director of Counseling and Accessibility Services, Ferguson Hall (Suite 112) at 432.837.8203; mailing address is P.O. Box C-122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas 79832. Students should then contact the instructor as soon as possible to initiate the recommended accommodations.

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

- Students will be able to expressively communicate an original idea or concept visually through an original artwork.
- Students will demonstrate proficiency in writing within the art discipline.
- Students will demonstrate knowledge of professional practices pertaining to their area of specialization.

### **Marketable Skills:**

- Creating ideas with independence of thought.
  - Students will learn to produce work in a timely manner.
  - Use of original concepts and non-clichéd ideas.
  - Demonstrate the ability to create and curate a cohesive professional exhibition of well-crafted and thematic work with a defined technique or personal style.
  - Ability to produce professional documentation including advertising (posters & postcards), artist statement, press release, resume, digital records.
  - Faculty will integrate the information into lectures, workshops, etc.
- Communicating professionally through written and spoken presentation.
  - Students will demonstrate the ability to create a cohesive capstone with a defined technique or personal style.
  - Ability to produce a professional portfolio that meets current industry standards.
  - Faculty will integrate the information into lectures, workshops, etc.
- Solving problems through critical thinking.
  - Students will learn to produce work in a timely manner.
  - Use of original concepts and non-clichéd ideas.
  - Demonstrate the ability to create and curate a cohesive professional exhibition of well-crafted and thematic work with a defined technique or personal style.
  - Ability to produce professional documentation including advertising (posters & postcards), artist statement, press release, resume, digital records.
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### **Course Responsibilities**

- **Readings, Films, and Reflections in your Artist Journal**

You will periodically be assigned short readings and/or relevant films on photographic concepts, techniques, or history. These will be posted on Blackboard. Write a short response to the assigned material in your **Artist Journal**. I will provide prompts on Blackboard to serve as guide for your reflections. Be prepared to discuss your reflections in class. Throughout the semester, you will also add entries dedicated to photographs that interest you, detailing information about the photographer and a critique of the work.

- **Photo Assignments**

Photo assignments focusing on advanced photo techniques and alternative processes will be assigned throughout the semester. These assignments are intended to expand the breadth of your photographic skills.

- **Semester Project**

You will establish an ongoing photographic project with a cohesive theme to be completed throughout the semester. The topic and resulting final product will be of your choosing. You will work closely with the instructor as well as other students as your project progresses, accepting feedback on your work and offering feedback to the work of your classmates. This project will serve as the final for this course.

- **Photo Research Project**

You will complete two photo research projects throughout the semester. For each project, you will choose a relevant topic – either a specific photographer or photographic movement/discipline – and prepare PowerPoint to present to the class. Topics will be agreed upon in advance with the instructor. For each topic, you will need to choose at least two books and a few additional materials (articles, essays, exhibition reviews, etc.) to support your work. The first project will be due October 19 and the second project on the final class day, November 30.

## **Tentative Class Schedule**

### **August 24**

- Introduction & Course Overview
- Group discussion of course
- Assignment: Write proposal for independent study / semester project ideas

### **August 31**

- Discussion of proposals
- Darkroom set-up and science: demo & lecture
- Using Flash: demo and lecture
- Assignments:
  - Read/Watch on Blackboard: Flash

- Photo Assignment 1: Flash
- Finalize proposal for Semester Project

### **September 7**

- Lab time: Assignment 1: Flash
- Group Discussion: Semester project
- Introduce Photo Research Project
- Assignments
  - Proposal for Photo Research Project 1

### **September 14**

- Lab – Darkroom set-up, assignment 1
- Assignments:
  - Semester Project
  - Research Project
  - Artist Journal

### **September 21**

- **Assignment 1: Flash Due – Critique**
- Introduce Assignment 2: Studio Lighting
- Assignments:
  - Semester Project
  - Research Project
  - Artist Journal

### **September 28**

- Assignment 2: Studio
- Artist Talk TBD
- Assignments:
  - Semester Project
  - Research Project
  - Artist Journal

### **October 5**

- Lab - process & print
- Assignments:
  - Semester Project
  - Research Project
  - Artist Journal

### **October 12**

- Lab - process & print
- **Assignment 2: Studio Due - Critique**
- Assignments:
  - Semester Project
  - Research Project

- Artist Journal

### **October 19**

- **Photographer research project due, class presentation**
- **Artist Journal Check-in**
- **Semester Project Check-in - share contact sheets, a few prints, discuss with class**

### **October 26**

- Assignment 3: Double-exposure - demo
- Artist Talk TBD
- Assignments:
  - Assignment 3
  - Write proposal for research project 2

### **November 1**

- Lab – Assignment 3
- Assignments:
  - Semester project
  - Research project 2

### **November 9**

- Lab – Assignment 3
- **Assignment 3 Due - Critique**
- Assignments:
  - Semester project
  - Research project 2
  - Artist Journal

### **November 16**

- Assignments 4: Cyanotype (complete in class, critique)
- Assignments:
  - Semester project
  - Research project 2
  - Artist Journal

### **November 23**

- Thanksgiving holiday – no class

### **November 30 – Last Class Day**

- **Research Project 2 Due: Class presentations**
- **Artist Journals due**
- Lab – Semester project
- Assignments:

- Semester project
- Additional lab time TBA

**Tuesday, December 6, 6 – 8 pm – Semester Project Presentations**

Presentation of a semester-long project consisting of ten 8x10 prints (unless another format established with instructor) with a cohesive theme and commentary on your work. Be ready to defend your work and critique the work of others.