

**Nashville State Community College**  
**Business & Applied Arts**  
**Visual Communications / Photography**

**Master Course Syllabus**

**PHO 2900 Special Topics Black & White Darkroom**

3 credit hours

Monday 9:00am-1:00pm

C125

PHO 2900 is an independent and in-depth exploration of the black and white darkroom. Students will develop a project and produce a cohesive body of work while refining their photography and darkroom skills.

Fall 2016: The course will introduce / demonstrate a variety of processes including cyanotype, liquid emulsion, lith, paper negatives, as well as some alternative printing techniques. Students can then decide which techniques to incorporate into their own projects.

**Instructor Information:**

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Office Hours: TBA

**Textbook and Other Materials:**

No required textbook. Weekly readings will be distributed and discussed in class.

Supplies:

- Film camera: 35mm, medium or large format
- Black & White film, paper, toner &/or any other material necessary for personal project

**Course Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Create a project statement that clearly articulates goals and ideas for a cohesive body of work.
- Apply skills and techniques learned in other photography courses to achieve stated objectives.
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills to determine the best solutions to achieve their stated objectives.
- Demonstrate the ability and initiative to work both independently and within a group.

- Evaluate the success of project based on the objectives stated in original project statement.

### **Course Assessments:**

The following performance assessments will be used to demonstrate students' understanding, knowledge and skills:

**Technique Examples:** Criteria for examples will be discussed in class.

**Final Portfolio:** Criteria for the final portfolio will be discussed in class.

### **Grading Policy**

**20%** Participation

**20%** Project Statement

**20%** Technique Examples

**40%** Final Portfolio

### **Grading Scale:**

A 93-100

B 85-92

C 77-84

D 70-76

F Below 70

### **Attendance Policy**

A student is expected to attend all scheduled classes. Absences are counted from the first scheduled meeting of the class, and it is the responsibility of each student to know the attendance policy of each instructor in whose class he/she is enrolled. If a student is absent from a class, he/she should give an advanced explanation to the instructor.

Absences in a course may affect a student's final grade. The student is responsible for all assigned work in the course regardless of excused or unexcused absences.

Tardiness may also affect a student's final grade.

3 absences will lower your final grade 1 letter grade.

4 non-consecutive absences will earn you an "FA"

Failure to attend class will result in a final course grade of "FA" or "FN" (see explanation below) depending on the individual instructor's course policy.

FA= failure, attendance-related (unofficial withdrawal) Last recorded date of attendance required.

FN= failure, never attended class (unofficial withdrawal)

## **Student Expectations**

- This is a photography class. Your homework will require time, effort, planning and money. Do not take this course if you are not willing to commit to these requirements.
- Come to class prepared. Bring all necessary darkroom supplies to class every week unless otherwise noted. Coming to class without these things will reflect poorly on your participation.
- Participate in class activities / discussions. Not participating will rob your peers of your valuable input and will reflect poorly on your participation.
- Turn off all cell phones before coming to class. Disruption of class, whether by inconsiderate behavior and/or electronic devices will not be tolerated.
- Maintain a professional attitude. Pay attention and be courteous in class: no side discussions, sleeping, eating, reading other material, or doing other homework.
- Food / Drink Policy: no food or drink in the darkrooms, and only water with a screw top allowed at the center tables.

## **Student Communication Channels**

It is the student's responsibility to check D2L and MyNSCC email on a regular basis. These are the official communication channels between the college and students. Students are responsible for the information communicated through those channels. D2L contains specific course information and MyNSCC contains information important for other purposes.

## **Early Warning System**

Nashville State Community College has implemented an Early Warning System to notify students via e-mail about academic problems such as poor classroom attendance, poor performance on assignments/tests, poor communication skills, late/missing assignments, and/or lack of classroom participation. Please note that Early Warning Alerts do not affect a student's academic standing.

## **ADA Compliance Statement**

Nashville State complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you wish to request any special accommodations for any courses in which you are enrolled, contact the Student Access Office at 353.3721.

## **Classroom Misconduct**

Nashville State Community College has a zero tolerance policy for disruptive conduct in the classroom. Students whose behavior disrupts the classroom will be subject to disciplinary sanctions. Please consult your Student Handbook for more specific details. The instructor has primary responsibility for control over classroom behavior and maintenance of academic integrity. He/she can order temporary removal or exclusion from the classroom of any student engaged in disruptive conduct or in conduct which violates the general rules and regulations of the College.

Disruptive behavior in the classroom may be defined as, but is not limited to, behavior that obstructs or disrupts the learning environment (e.g., offensive language, harassment of students and professors, repeated outbursts from a student which disrupt the flow of instruction or prevent concentration on the subject taught, failure to cooperate in maintaining classroom decorum, etc.), the continued use of any electronic or other noise or light emitting device which disturbs others (e.g., disturbing noises from beepers, cell phones, lap-top computers, games, etc.).

Please be aware that children are not allowed in class or unattended on campus.

### **Academic Dishonesty (Honor Code)**

Any form of academic dishonesty, cheating, plagiarizing, or other academic misconduct is prohibited. "Plagiarism may result from: (1) failing to cite quotations and borrowed ideas, (2) failing to enclose borrowed language in quotation marks, and (3) failing to put summaries and paraphrases in your own words (A Writer's Reference 331). Academic dishonesty may be defined as, but is not limited to, intentionally trying to deceive by claiming credit for the work of another person, using information from a web page or source without citing the reference, fraudulently using someone else's work on an exam, paper, or assignment, recycling your own work from another course, purchasing papers or materials from another source and presenting them as your own, attempting to obtain exams/materials/assignments in advance of the date of administration by the instructor, impersonating someone else in a testing situation, providing confidential test information to someone else, submitting the same assignment in two different classes without requesting both instructor's permission, allowing someone else to copy or use your work, using someone else's work to complete your own, altering documents, transcripts or grades, and forging a faculty/staff member's signature.

In addition to other possible disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed through regular college procedures as a result of academic dishonesty the instructor has the authority to assign an "F" or a "Zero" for the exercise, paper, or examination or to assign an "F" for the course. Students may appeal through the appropriate college grade appeal procedures.

### **Inclement Weather Policy**

In the event of an inclement weather event, check the Nashville State web site home page at [www.nsc.edu](http://www.nsc.edu) for announcements on campus closures. Campus closures will also be announced on local television stations (channels 2, 4, 5, and 17).

When classes are cancelled, an online assignment will be posted in NS Online. Check your NS Online email for a message from your instructor regarding your online assignment requirements. Even though classes may be cancelled, some areas, i.e. Testing Center, may be open. However, you should check before commuting to campus.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Director of Security are responsible for cancellation decisions during an inclement weather event for the Nashville State main campus and the Southeast campus. Cookeville, Waverly, and Dickson Campus

Directors will make class cancellation decisions based on conditions in their respective areas. Decisions about class cancellations are based on actual conditions, not forecasts. The perspective used for making decisions is that of the college as an employer, not as a K-12 institution. Students should use their own best judgment in determining whether to report to campus during inclement weather when classes are not cancelled.

**Notice of Right to Retain Student Work:**

The Visual Communications Program reserves the right to retain selected examples of student work for teaching purposes, promotional purposes, and as part of its permanent collection.