

# College of San Mateo

## Course Outline

- New Course  
 Update/No change  
 Course Revision (Minor)  
 Course Revision (Major)

Date: 4/11/2007

Department: Art Number: 360

Course Title: Experimental Photography Units: 3

Hours/Week: Lecture: 3 Lab: 3 By Arrangement: 3

### Length of Course

- Semester-long  
 Short course (Number of weeks \_\_\_)  
 Open entry/Open exit

### Grading

- Letter  
 Credit/No Credit  
 Grade Option (letter or Credit/No Credit)

1. Prerequisite (Attach Enrollment Limitation Validation Form.)

Art 351

2. Corequisite (Attach Enrollment Limitation Validation Form.)

3. Recommended Preparation (Attach Enrollment Validation Form.)

4. Catalog Description (Include prerequisites/corequisites/recommended preparation.)

Three lecture-critique and three lab hours plus two lab hours by arrangement per week. Prerequisite: Art 351. Designed for students who have basic camera and black-and-white darkroom skills. Refinement of visual and technical skills with emphasis on experimental techniques, such as infra-red, solarization, multiple-imagery, handcoloring and others. Portfolio is produced. A materials fee as shown in the Schedule of Classes is payable upon registration. Extra supplies may be required. (To increase competency, may be taken four times for a maximum of 12 units.) (CSU)

5. Class Schedule Description (Include prerequisites/corequisites/recommended preparation.)

Emphasis on experimental techniques, such as infra-red, solarization, multiple-imagery, emulsion transfer and handcoloring. Extra supplies required. Plus two lab hours by arrangement per week. A \$20 materials fee is payable upon registration. Prerequisite: Art 351. May be taken four times for a maximum of 12 units. (CSU)

6. Student Learning Outcomes (Identify 1-6 expected learner outcomes using active verbs.)

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate, through their photographs, a knowledge and understanding of infra-red materials.
  - Outcome success is measured using classroom critiques and portfolio review.
  - The photographs are evaluated based on: relevance to the assignment, composition, photographic craft, and originality.
  - After comparing student results to current standards (photographic publications & exhibitions) recommendations for possible change to curriculum will be made.
  
2. Demonstrate, through their photographs, a knowledge and understanding of multiple imagery techniques.
  - Outcome success is measured using classroom critiques and portfolio review.
  - The photographs are evaluated based on: relevance to the assignment, composition, photographic craft, and originality.
  - After comparing student results to current standards (photographic publications & exhibitions) recommendations for possible change to curriculum will be made.
  
3. Demonstrate, through their photographs, a knowledge and understanding of the solarization process.
  - Outcome success is measured using classroom critiques and portfolio review.
  - The photographs are evaluated based on: relevance to the assignment, composition, photographic craft, and originality.
  - After comparing student results to current standards (photographic publications & exhibitions) recommendations for possible change to curriculum will be made.
  
4. Demonstrate, through their photographs, a knowledge and understanding of the hand-coloring techniques.
  - Outcome success is measured using classroom critiques and portfolio review.
  - The photographs are evaluated based on: relevance to the assignment, composition, photographic craft, and originality.
  - After comparing student results to current standards (photographic publications & exhibitions) recommendations for possible change to curriculum will be made.
  
5. Demonstrate, through their photographs, a knowledge and understanding of the Polaroid emulsion process.
  - Outcome success is measured using classroom critiques and portfolio review.
  - The photographs are evaluated based on: relevance to the assignment, composition, photographic craft, and originality.
  - After comparing student results to current standards (photographic publications & exhibitions) recommendations for possible change to curriculum will be made.
  
6. Critically analyze and evaluate their work, the work of their peers and the work of professional photographers.
  - Outcome success is measured using classroom critiques and exhibit reports.
  - The students ability to critically analyze photographs will be evaluated based on their ability to describe, interpret and assess photographs.
  - After comparing class results with current standards (ea Criticizing Photographs, Terry Barrett) recommendations for possible change to curriculum will be made.

7. **Course Objectives** (Identify specific teaching objectives detailing course content and activities. *For some courses, the course objectives will be the same as the student learning outcomes. If this is the case, please simply indicate this in this section).*

See student learning outcomes

8. **Course Content** (Brief but complete topical outline of the course that includes major subject areas [1-2 pages]. Should reflect all course objectives listed above. In addition, you may attach a sample course syllabus with a timeline.)

Infra-red Film

- Electromagnetic Field
- Filter Choices
- Focus Shift
- Exposure Adjustment
- Image Quality (grain, halation)
- Processing
- Precautions (static, loading, whisper drive)

Multiple Imagery

- In-camera
  - Exposure compensation
- Sandwich Negative
- Triptych
  - Time
  - Panoramic
- Two Enlargers (neg/neg, pos/neg, etc.)

Pinhole Camera

- History
- Zone Plate vs. Pinhole
- Exposure concerns
- Format choices
- Construction plans

Cyanotype Process

- History
- Chemistry used
- Paper choices
- Contact Process
- Exposure
- Processing

Handcoloring

- Materials
  - Matte Paper
  - Photo Oils & Pencils
  - PM Solution
  - Cotton (long-fiber)
- Print Finishing

Polaroid Emulsion Transfer

- Materials
  - Type 669
  - Cold Press Paper
  - Contact Paper
- Process
  - Exposure

Floating Emulsion  
Shaping Emulsion  
Print Finishing

Precautions

Enlarged Photograms  
SX-70 Manipulations  
Negative Image  
Toning  
Montage

9. **Representative Instructional Methods** (Describe instructor-initiated teaching strategies that will assist students in meeting course objectives. Include examples of out-of-class assignments, required reading and writing assignments, and methods for teaching critical thinking skills.)

1. Lecture presentations and classroom discussion of principles of Infra-red, Multiple Image, Solarization, Handcoloring, Emulsion Transfer, etc.
2. Lab demonstrations covering printing techniques, Emulsion Transfer & Handcoloring
3. Individual student-teacher conferences (lab days only)
4. Slide lectures to illustrate assignments and to present the work of prominent photographers.
5. Critique of student work.
6. Photographic exhibition visits.

10. **Representative Methods of Evaluation** (Describe measurement of student progress toward course objectives. Courses with required writing component and/or problem-solving emphasis must reflect critical thinking component. If skills class, then applied skills.)

1. Portfolio assessment
2. Exhibit reports
3. Participation during class discussions and critique

11. **Representative Text Materials** (With few exceptions, texts need to be current. Include publication dates.)

No text required.

Prepared by:

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Email address:

Submission Date:

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