Your camera, and seven things to see

Get to know your camera, then learn the seven elements hiding in every photo.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO I
9th grade, Semester 2
Mr. Nizzani

THE UNIT, WEEK BY WEEK

Week 1

Mon First day: how the class works
Tue Kits out, camera basics
Wed Shoot, card to computer, Lightroom check

Week 2

Mon Lesson: the elements of design
Tue Shoot 01 on campus
Wed Your work on the screen, then Through the Lens

Week 3

Tue Choose your seven, hand in
Tue 01 due, 9:00 pm
Wed Your work on the screen, then Through the Lens

LESSON: COURSE INTRO AND CAMERA BASICS | WEEK 1

The big idea

This camera is your tool for the semester. Learn its few important buttons, look after it, and every photo after today gets easier.

01 Your kit

Issued to you, worth $650. Yours to look after all semester.

02 Hold it like a photographer

Right hand on the grip, eye to the viewfinder, elbows in.

03 The buttons that matter

Mode dial, shutter button, focus, viewfinder, main dial, card door.

04 From camera to computer

Camera off, card out, copy into your Photography folder, card back in.

05 Install the software

Lightroom on your laptop, signed in with yula.org. We check it in Week 1, Wednesday.

06 How class works

Come in, sit, start the Do Now. Everything is due at 9:00 pm on Schoology.

GRADES Weekly Missions 30% (your lowest is dropped), Unit Projects 40%, Participation and Behavior 20%, Portfolio 10%.

MUST DO Bring the kit back in Week 16, clean and complete. The memory card stays in the camera.

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LESSON: THE ELEMENTS OF DESIGN | WEEK 2

The big idea
You cannot take a photograph without using at least one of these seven. Once you can name them, they stop being accidents and become choices.

01 Line
The path your eye follows. Use it to lead our viewers to the subject.

02 Shape
A flat outline. Geometric looks built, organic looks grown.

03 Form
Shape with depth. Light and shadow show it.

04 Space
The empty area around the subject. Give the subject room.

05 Texture
How a surface would feel. Side light makes it jump out.

06 Color
The color itself, and how bright or dull it is.

07 Value
The range from light to dark. The eye goes to the brightest part first.

Look first
Find the element before you lift the camera.

Then get close
Fill the frame with the one element you want.

YOUR PROJECT

ASSIGNMENT 01 | UNIT PROJECT

Elements of Design
Seven photos, one for each element, all shot by you on campus. Name each file with its element.

Shoot Week 2, Tuesday. Due Week 3, Tuesday, 9:00 pm.

MUST DO **Get close. If I cannot tell which element a photo shows, it does not count.**

Before you leave **Point at three elements in this room and name them out loud.**

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