

PELLISSIPPI STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MASTER SYLLABUS

**PHOTOSHOP ESSENTIALS
MDT 2100**

Class Hours: 3.0

Credit Hours: 3.0

Laboratory Hours: 0.0

Revised: Fall 2015

NOTE: This course is not designed for transfer credit.

Catalog Course Description:

Students are introduced to photo editing, image enhancement, workflow, compositing images using Adobe Photoshop CS4® and related software, with images from digital cameras and other digital media. Topics covered include editing, raw conversions, density correction, color correction, color theory, selecting, layers retouching, special effects, text effects, and using Photoshop® as a design tool. Documents created in class will be optimized for Web, print and multimedia uses. Students will complete a variety of assigned exercises as well as create personal projects.

Entry Level Standards:

Familiarity with a personal computer, creating and saving documents, types of documents. Photography majors should be proficient with a single lens reflex digital camera.

Prerequisites:

None

Textbook(s) and Other Course Materials:

Text: *Adobe Digital Imaging HOW-TOs by Dan Moughamian ISBN-13:978-0-321-71987-4* Publisher: Peachpit

Software: Adobe Photoshop® CS5

I. Week/Unit/Topic Basis:

Week	Topic
1	Overview of course and Intro to CS5
2	Digital Image Theory (pixels, histograms, RGB)
3	Bridge and Workflow
4	Working with Camera Raw
5	PS interface/toolbars/palettes
6	Adjustment Layers, Levels
7	Selecting
8	Color Theory & Color Balancing

9	Curves, Sharpening
10	Retouch
11	Prepping Photos for Output/Printing
12	Compositing
13	Filters/Text
14	Presentations / Class Portfolio PDFs
15	Final Exam Period

II. Course Goals*:

The course will:

- A. Enable students to color correct, retouch and optimize digital images for a variety of uses using Adobe Photoshop®. (II. III. IV.)
- B. Instruct students to create new images from existing images using digital techniques. (I. II. IV.)
- C. Instruct students how to create a portfolio or other projects using advanced techniques and/or knowledge developed in this class. (I. II. III. IV. VI.)
- D. Instruct students to use an efficient workflow appropriate to the specific project, industry standards, and equipment. (II. IV. VI.)
- E. Edify students to manage and create metadata appropriate to the specific project and industry standards. (I. IV. V. VI.)

*Roman numerals after course objectives reference goals of the Media Technologies program.

III. Expected Student Learning Outcomes*:

The student will be able to:

- 1. Demonstrate technical skills including editing, selecting, working with layers and channels, creating and using masks, retouching, color correction, and optimizing. A. B. C. D. E.
- 2. Demonstrate aesthetic skills including cropping, image enhancement, retouching, and special effects. A. B. C. D. E.
- 3. Demonstrate web skills including rollovers, animation, web galleries, and slicing. A. B. C. D. E.
- 4. Present a portfolio of learned techniques. A. B. C. D. E. F.

*Letters after performance expectations reference the course objectives listed above.

IV. Evaluation:

A. Testing Procedures: 35 % of grade

3 Quizzes – 5% each

Final Exam – 20 %

B. Laboratory Expectations:

N/A

C. Field Work: 35 % of grade

7 Homework Assignments – 5% each

D. Other Evaluation Methods: 30 % of grade

Final Portfolio Project 30%

Students will participate in critiques, class discussions, demonstrate knowledge of technical procedures processing digital images, and maintain professional conduct throughout the class. Inadequate performance may result in a loss of 10% of the final grade.

V. Policies:

A. Attendance Policy:

Pellissippi State expects students to attend all scheduled instructional activities. As a minimum, students in all courses (excluding distance learning courses) must be present for at least 75 percent of their scheduled class and laboratory meetings in order to receive credit for the course. Individual departments/programs/disciplines, with the approval of the vice president of Academic Affairs, may have requirements that are more stringent. In very specific circumstances, an appeal of the policy may be addressed to the head of the department in which the course was taken. If further action is warranted, the appeal may be addressed to the vice president of Academic Affairs.

B. Academic Dishonesty:

Academic misconduct committed either directly or indirectly by an individual or group is subject to disciplinary action. Prohibited activities include but are not limited to the following practices:

- Cheating, including but not limited to unauthorized assistance from material, people, or devices when taking a test, quiz, or examination; writing papers or reports; solving problems; or completing academic assignments.
- Plagiarism, including but not limited to paraphrasing, summarizing, or directly quoting published or unpublished work of another person, including online or computerized services, without proper documentation of the original source.
- Purchasing or otherwise obtaining prewritten essays, research papers, or materials prepared by another person or agency that sells term papers or other academic materials to be presented as one's own work.
- Taking an exam for another student.
- Providing others with information and/or answers regarding exams, quizzes, homework or other classroom assignments unless explicitly authorized by the instructor.
- Any of the above occurring within the Web or distance learning environment.

Please see the Pellissippi State Policies and Procedures Manual, Policy 04:02:00 Academic/Classroom Conduct and Disciplinary Sanctions for the complete policy.

C. Accommodations for disabilities:

Students that need accommodations because of a disability, have emergency medical information to share, or need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated should inform the instructor immediately, privately after class or in her or his office. Students must present a current accommodation plan from a staff member in Disability Services (DS) in order to receive accommodations in this course. Disability Services may be contacted by sending email to disabilityservices@pstcc.edu, or by visiting Alexander 130. More information is available at <http://www.pstcc.edu/sswd/>.

D. Other Policies:

- An atmosphere of professionalism, consideration and courtesy will be maintained during all discussions.
- Late assignments will be marked down two letter grades for each week that they are late.
- Missed quizzes must be taken before the next scheduled class.
- There is a big difference between getting inspiration from or being influenced by other image editors and stealing their intellectual property. Look at the work of other photographers and image editors, but create your own.
- Use of cell phones, text messaging and unauthorized Internet use is prohibited during class. Phones should be turned off or silenced. Violation of this policy may result in ejection from the class and being marked absent. If special circumstances such as emergencies require access to these forms of electronic communication, student must seek prior authorization from the instructor.