

Dear Online students,

***Welcome to Photography 5 – Introduction to Photography online!***

Beginning– August 14th, 2017 - Ending December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, (18 weeks)

Photo 5 is a three-unit course of three hours of online instruction per week along with two to four hours a week of outside work shooting photographs.

This is a fully online course requires no onsite visits to the campus and is designed for the student with little or no photographic experience. It is for those who are interested in the basic principles and techniques of visual communication using the photographic medium.

Photography is a technical and artistic endeavor that can open new doors. It is the perfect blending of science, math, art and communication. If you utilize these elements well and develop the necessary skills, through this course and perhaps others, it will help you in developing a new language of communication.

Photography can be a life-long course in understanding the world around you. Without a doubt, it has proven to be the most dramatic way to illustrate the human condition of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. With digital advances, it promises to be even more dramatic in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

This course is the first in a series of courses that make up the Vocational Photography Degree Program here at Fresno City College. Now I'm sure you have questions so please feel free to contact me anytime via email at [info@thomhalls.com](mailto:info@thomhalls.com), through my website at <http://www.thomhalls.com> , or at [Thom.Halls@Fresnocitycollege.edu](mailto:Thom.Halls@Fresnocitycollege.edu). or lastly by phone at (559) 442-8200 ext.8718.

Whether you continue in our program or not, this course will provide you with the knowledge and experience to make better photographs by stressing fundamentals, creativity, awareness, problem solving and professionalism.

The teaching method uses hands-on experience, information from online exercises, and stresses problem solving in all kinds of photographic situations.

If you are wondering if online instruction is right for you please visit <http://www.fresnocitycollege.edu/index.aspx?page=3093> on the Fresno City website and check out the six steps to becoming an online student. Also, check out our online instructions for new students which you can find on our District website at <http://www.sccd.edu/index.aspx?page=659>

If you have questions about students with disabilities please visit <http://www.fresnocitycollege.edu/index.aspx?page=2404> which will get you started.

Now, please follow this link to go through the orientation videos, links and syllabus for this course. Available on your Photo 5 page on my website at [http://www.thomhalls.com/html/photo\\_5.html](http://www.thomhalls.com/html/photo_5.html). It will provide you with an overview of what we will study and the student learning outcomes. All this information is also available on your Canvas page for this course. ***Make sure you click on the Photo 5 Online link. I will be teaching two Photo 5 courses this semester, but only one Online!!!!***

How the course will run:

- You are expected to check in weekly, at least two times and do the weekly exercises, including assignments, discussion posts, projects, tests and quizzes. This is how your attendance in the course will be recorded.

- I will use both Canvas and my website for posting of information, assignments and projects. You can access material from either site. That is your choice.
- Deadlines for Projects and weekly work will be firm.
- Each week there will be a Roadmap, an Activity Check List and a Course Instructions for you on Canvas and my website.
- Discussion participation is required.
- Critiques of assignments will be given via audio files attached to your evaluation on Canvas.
- All your work must be original and taken during the duration of the course.
- I am not here to critique or comment on past work ....Don't even ask!
- I will have specific office hours that will be listed separately on Canvas and my website.
- When you email me, I will do my best to respond to you within 24 hours – Please use [info@thomhalls.com](mailto:info@thomhalls.com) for your correspondence.

Come join me as we take this little journey into the amazing world of photography. Now, please go to Canvas or my website, listen, view and/or watch the Introduction to the course and let's start the journey.

Great to have you on board!

Sincerely,  
Thom Halls  
Photography Instructor – Visual Media Technology Department



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