

Online Photography Instruction

Preliminary Questionnaire

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Thanks you for enrolling in our Online Photography Course. You'll find this class is one of the most complete and comprehensive digital photography courses available. Learning to be a better photographer is more than just reading information and memorizing technical things. Most of us have tried that already.

Photographic education is something that needs to be presented in a properly designed program along with being in the right order. Each student is different, some need more guidance than others and some learn faster than others. That's why this program is designed the way it is. In many classroom situations some students just can't keep up; especially if there are some students more familiar with all the subjects of photography.

In this course of study we can go as fast or as slow as needed, and we can repeat assignments until each student understands the specific goal of the work given. As your teacher, I'm a firm believer that anyone can learn this craft and all of the intricacies of photography. I've spent years developing this program as I've taught and watched students in all types of learning environments succeed. A program of this type in many cases assists the entire learning process.

As you are filling out this questionnaire please feel free to add comments and/or additional information about each of the questions. Tell me more than I need to know; the more I know about you the better our classes will go and the more you'll learn. It's a good idea to also tell me about topics that confuse you, or things that you've tried to learn but have had trouble mastering.

Enter your answers right on this Word Document and email it back to me. Be honest about what you tell me. This isn't the time to pretend you know something; if there is doubt about it please let me know. Once I get this completed document back from you we'll get started.

Name:
City:
Email:
Phone:
Cell:
Fax:
Best time of Day for Phone Conversations:

1. Camera / Photo Equipment

Please List all of your gear:

Camera

Lenses

Flash

Tripod - yes or no

Reflectors

Studio Flash/Strobe gear

Backgrounds – Paper and Muslin

Stands and Grip Gear

How long have you had this camera system?

2. Camera / Equipment Operation Knowledge

Read my Manual

Know all the auto settings thoroughly

Know how to set manual settings

Understand f-stops

Understand shutter speeds

Understand different file types

Understand file sizes

Understand raw files

Understand using my portable on camera flash

3. Computer Knowledge

Mac or PC

XP or Vista

Laptop / Desktop at home

Know how to download images from your camera

What software do you use to download

Know how to organize images

Software you use to organize

Software you use to color correct / lighten and darken

Software you use to retouch

Understand the different file types – JPG / TIFF

Understand Resolution (DPI)

Know how to size images for email

4. Photoshop / Photoshop Elements Knowledge

Have Photoshop

What Version

Have Photoshop Elements

What Version

Do you understand the following? (answer yes / no / a little)

Sizing & Cropping

File size

Megabyte sizes

Histograms / Levels

Cloning

Clipping Paths

Layering

5. Your specific goals

Want to start taking photographs for money

Might want to start taking photographs for money

Want to shoot portraiture

Want to shoot weddings

Want to shoot advertising and commercial

Want to shoot editorial / magazine / stock

Not sure / other

Other:

Please list or ask specific things you feel you need me to help you understand. Every element listed above is ultimately important as you pursue becoming a better, more creative, and a more efficient photographer.