

ART & ART HISTORY

VARTS 261: Introduction to Photography: Portfolio of Florence

Credits: 3

Instructor: TBA

Schedule: TBA

Required: Laptop and Digital SLR camera

Prerequisite: None

Site visit fee: TBA

Material fee: TBA

Course Description:

Beginning Photography introduces the craft of photography with emphasis on the mechanical workings of the camera as well as theories of space and 2D composition. This is the experience of seeing and thinking in photographic terms. Students will be introduced to skills necessary to communicate with photography while being immersed in the world of imagery of the Florentine landscape, urban sights and historical monuments. Students will focus on beginning black and white photo techniques including professional portfolio presentation and creative thinking.

- Projects: Students will work through a series of assignments that will help them to become familiar with the discipline of photography.
- Critiques: Critiques are intended to serve as an open forum for evaluation and discussion of your work. There will be formal critiques where we will address both positive and negative aspects of your photographs.
- Tests: Written tests will be given to strengthen the student understanding of photography and its processes.

Course Objectives:

- Understand the basics of the camera - its parts and their function
- Understand and demonstrate exposure control
- Produce proficient images
- Critique photos using a visual vocabulary in an objective manner
- Present photographs in a finished professional format

*This class does not cover dark room practices.

Textbook: TBA

Camera:

Digital: Digital cameras must be a SLR (single lens reflex). Have plenty of batteries and space on a memory card. A 1 GIG memory card is recommended and an additional memory card is helpful.

Course descriptions may be subject to occasional, minor modifications at the discretion of the instructor.

During orientation at the Institute, students will receive a list of textbooks they are required to purchase. Students should not purchase any texts before orientation.