



El Camino College
COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD – Official

Course Acronym:	PHOT
Course Number:	206ab
Descriptive Title:	Advanced Photojournalism
Division:	Fine Arts
Department:	Photography
Course Disciplines:	Commercial Photography, Journalism, Photographic Technology, Photography
Catalog Description:	This course provides instruction and laboratory experience in the taking and processing of photographs for publication in the college newspaper, newspaper website and news magazine. Students also receive experience in news, feature and sports photo editing, photo essay page design and layout, as well as digital photography and photo scanning techniques using Lightroom or other industry-standard photo-editing software. Students must also utilize social media, posting and sharing on a variety of current social media platforms. All students enrolled in this course produce content for scholastic competition on the regional, state and national level. <i>Note: This course may be taken two semesters for either Journalism or Photography credit.</i> <i>Note: Journalism 7ab is the same course as Photography 206ab.</i>
Prerequisite:	Photography 106 or Journalism 6 with a minimum grade of C in prerequisite or equivalent
Co-requisite:	
Recommended Preparation:	
Enrollment Limitation:	
Hours Lecture (per week):	1
Hours Laboratory (per week):	3
Outside Study Hours:	2
Total Course Hours:	72
Course Units:	2
Grading Method:	Letter Grade only
Credit Status:	Credit, degree applicable
Transfer CSU:	Yes
Effective Date:	fall 1995
Transfer UC:	No
Effective Date:	
General Education: ECC	
Term:	
Other:	
CSU GE:	
Term:	

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IGETC:	
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Student Learning Outcomes:	SLO #1 First Alterations Upon completion of the course, students will apply the first of three acceptable alterations to a photograph, as defined by the Associated Press (AP), which is cropping the photo using Photoshop, to add creativity to the page, and bring impact to the photo's meaning. (Assessment tool for all three SLOs in J7: photo editing assignment.) SLO #2 Second Alterations Upon completion of the course, students will apply the second of three acceptable alterations to a photograph, as defined by the Associated Press (AP), which is to adjust the image for contrast using Photoshop, which gives the photo dimension. SLO #3 Third Alterations Upon completion of the course, students will apply the third of three acceptable alterations to a photograph, as defined by the Associated Press (AP), which is to adjust the image for sharpness using Photoshop, which brings clarity to images.
Course Objectives:	1. Recognize and explain the differences between feature, news, wild art, and sports photographs for publication and entry in regional, state and national scholastic competitions. 2. Analyze and evaluate photographic images in terms of composition, lighting, news value and fitness for publication and entry in regional, state and national scholastic competitions. 3. Demonstrate interviewing and news-gathering techniques needed to write photograph captions and photograph essay stories for publication and entry in regional, state and national scholastic competitions. 4. Utilize computer software in reproducing, color balancing, sizing and cropping of images for publication and entry in regional, state and national scholastic competitions. 5. Produce publishable images for student publications, including news, sports, feature, wild art and photo essays for publication and entry in regional, state and national scholastic competitions. 6. Recognize and apply professional standards to the evaluation of images for publication as well as when conducting interviews and shooting photographs for publication and entry in regional, state and national scholastic competitions.
Major Topics:	I. The role of the photojournalist in society and the basic types of photographs used in publications (4 hours, lecture) A. News B. Sports

	C. Feature D. Wild art E. Photo essay II. Camera techniques (6 hours, lab) A. Application of aperture settings, shutter speeds, flash photography, composition and lighting B. Techniques professionals use to overcome composition and lighting problems III. Professional news-gathering techniques (6 hours, lab) A. Meeting deadlines B. Interviewing skills C. Writing publishable captions IV. Introduction to Photoshop computer software (8 hours, lab) A. Photograph reproduction B. Color balance C. Size and crop photographs for publications V. The three student campus publications and how each one has different photographic requirements and deadlines (4 hours, lab) VI. Shooting news, feature, photo essay, sports, and wild art assignments for publication in the college newspaper, Web newspaper and magazine (30 hours, lab) A. Tips and techniques professionals use when shooting assignments B. The types of equipment needed for each photography assignment 1. Lenses 2. Tripods 3. Flashes VII. Shooting the photographic essay for publication; designing and writing copy for the photographic essay page (8 hours, lecture) VIII. The professional laws and ethics governing photojournalism (6 hours, lecture)
Total Lecture Hours:	18
Total Laboratory Hours:	54
Total Hours:	72
A.1. Primary Methods of Evaluation (Part 1 - CCN courses only):	
A.2. Primary Method of Evaluation (Part 2 -	3) Skills demonstration

all courses; choose one):	
Typical Assignment Using Primary Method of Evaluation:	To demonstrate your ability to write a photo caption using the appropriate Associated Press style, write a caption for each of four different photographs. In a two-page written essay, analyze the captions you have written and explain in detail how each caption follows the Associated Press guidelines.
Critical Thinking Assignment 1:	Examine the attached newspaper photo assignment to determine: 1. the type of photographic equipment necessary to shoot this assignment (including lenses, strobe lights and tripods); and 2. What methods of gaining permission are necessary to shoot this assignment and/or to interview someone for this assignment. Analyze the results of your determination in two to three written pages. Include details and analysis of how you would organize and shoot photographs for this assignment.
Critical Thinking Assignment 2:	Write a three- to five-page essay defining the types of photographs commonly used in the student newspaper, magazine and website. Discuss the photographic differences among each medium, taking into account differences in deadlines. Explain why these differences exist; include in your explanation the strengths and the weaknesses of each medium.
Other Evaluation Methods:	Class Performance, Completion, Fieldwork, Homework Problems, Laboratory Reports, Multiple Choice, Performance Exams, Quizzes, True/False, Written Homework
Instructional Methods:	Demonstration, Discussion, Guest Speakers, Lab, Lecture
If other:	
Work Outside of Class:	Problem solving activity, Required reading, Skill practice, Study, Written work (such as essay/composition/report/analysis/research)
If Other:	
Up-To-Date Representative Texts:	Kenneth Kobre, Photojournalism: The Professionals' Approach, Focal Press, 2016. (Discipline Standard) Brian Horton, The Associated Press Guide to Photojournalism, McGraw-Hill, 2001. (Discipline Standard)
Alternative Texts:	
Required Supplementary Readings:	Daily Breeze Los Angeles Times Union Website
Other Required Materials:	A SLR-type digital camera
Requisite:	Prerequisite
Category:	sequential
Requisite course(s): List both prerequisites and corequisites in this box.	Photography 106 or Journalism 6 or equivalent
Requisite and Matching skill(s):Bold the requisite skill. List the corresponding	Recognize and explain the basic concepts of photojournalism and know how this type of photography differs from art, commercial and other types of photography. PHOT 106 - Recognize and explain the differences between photojournalism and other forms of photography.

course objective under each skill(s).	JOUR 6 - Recognize and explain the differences between photojournalism and other forms of photography. Demonstrate the ability to set the focus, shutter speed and the aperture setting on an SLR-type digital camera to produce publishable images. PHOT 106 - Analyze and evaluate photographic images in terms of composition, lighting, and news values. JOUR 6 - Produce publishable images that demonstrate appropriate mastery of the techniques for using a single lens reflex digital camera. Demonstrate the ability to use natural lighting and strobe lighting on an SLR-type digital camera to produce publishable images. JOUR 6 - Analyze and evaluate photographic images in terms of composition, lighting, and news values. PHOT 106 - Produce publishable images that demonstrate appropriate mastery of the techniques for using a single lens reflex digital camera.
Requisite Skill:	Prerequisite
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Enrollment Limitations and Category:	
Enrollment Limitations Impact:	
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