

**Welcome** Hello everyone, and welcome to week one of Introduction to Digital Photography! I'm excited to teach this course and look forward to meeting you all. If you haven't done so already, please visit the General Course Info folder. That is where you will find all sorts of information about this course, such as the syllabus, course policies, and grading criteria for projects and assignments. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [padube@bhcc.edu](mailto:padube@bhcc.edu) or through Moodle. **About the Course**

Each week runs from Monday at 1 AM to Sunday at 12:59 PM. All work is expected to be turned in on time. During the semester, you will have six shooting assignments and critiques. These individual shooting assignments are a part of the semester-long project. You will also have four discussion questions to answer in the Moodle discussion area. Near the end of the course, you will edit and assemble your on-line final portfolio and write an artist's statement.

You may be asking yourself, "How will my instructor and colleagues view and discuss my photos?" You will be posting your images to your personal gallery space using a free website called Digication.com. We will explore Digication.com in the coming weeks.

You will also watch two films during this course. It is your responsibility to obtain and watch the films. I recommend renting them through Netflix. If you don't have a Netflix account, you can get a free one-month trial. It is important that you watch these films because you will have to answer discussion questions pertaining to them. You will need to cite specifics of the films so that I know you have viewed and understood them.

### Week One Assignments

This week's goals are for you to become familiar with Moodle and to understand the course objectives. The week's objectives are listed below. Each one is explained in depth below.

**By the end of this week, you should complete the following:**

- get a camera
- explore and navigate Moodle
- respond to the two discussion questions in the Moodle forum

#### 1. Get a Camera

If you don't already have a digital camera, you will need to buy one. Any kind of digital camera is fine, whether it fits in your pocket (point and shoot), or it has interchangeable lenses (single lens reflex). There is one exception: NO CELL PHONE CAMERAS. Digital cameras range from relatively cheap to very expensive. Depending on what you will be using your camera for outside of this class, you may want to do some research. Below is a link to B&H, a great camera store in New York that has competitive prices. If you buy from there, make sure to do it quickly in order to leave time for shipping. You will have a shooting assignment next week, so you need to make sure you have access to a camera by then. <http://www.bhphotovideo.com/>

#### 2. Navigate Moodle

If you haven't taken an online class before, you may feel a little bit intimidated by the Moodle interface. Have no fear. Take some time to explore it and familiarize yourself with how to get around.

#### 3. Read and Respond to the Discussion Questions

Throughout the semester, you will be asked to respond to discussion questions based on a reading or a film we watched that week. Moodle's forums allow members of the class to communicate with one another while not requiring all members to be online at the same time.

Generally, I will create a forum on a specific topic. You will access the topic by clicking on the forum, reading the question, and posting your reply. A series of posts within a forum is called a thread. You may reply to a thread and you also should begin a new thread of your own. Before posting any replies to the forum, please read the guidelines for Netiquette in the General Course Info folder. There is also a rubric in that folder that explains the grading criteria for the discussions. Everyone is expected to participate in the discussions, and to comment on each other's responses. **You must respond to the discussion questions by Wednesday at midnight of each week, in order to leave enough time for your classmates to respond to your post by Sunday at 12:59 PM.**

This is a lot of information to take in at once, but don't worry. We will take it one step at a time.

That's all for now! I'm looking forward to reading your first discussion posting in the Week One forum by Wednesday of this week. Don't forget, you need to respond to at least three other people by Sunday. Check the rubric for details. **Good luck!**