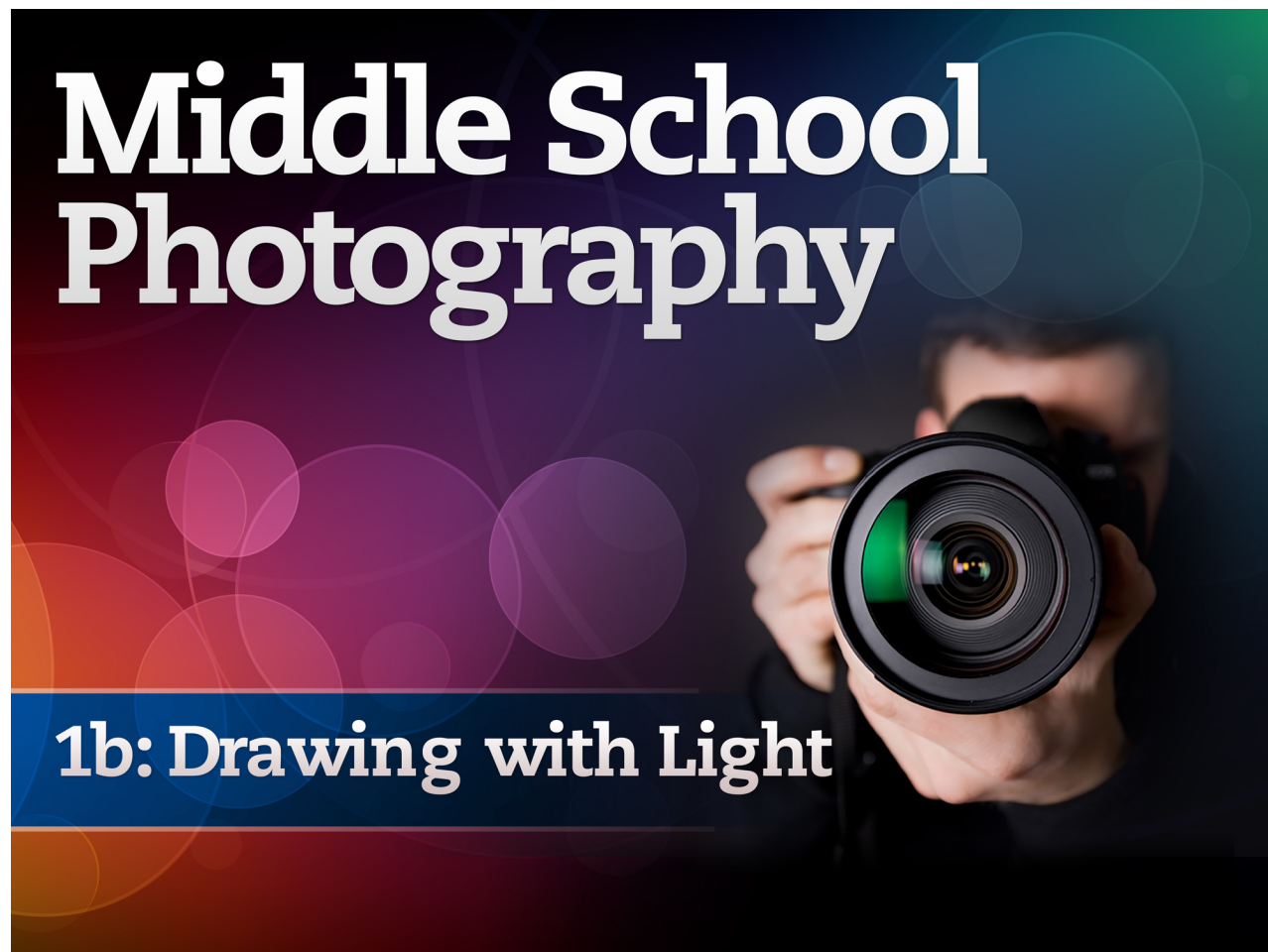


Course **Syllabus**

What you will learn in this course



Middle School Photography 1b: Drawing with Light

Do you have vacation photos or pics of your pet that need a little editing? How about getting ready to add that new selfie you took to your social media platform? Taking photos is an art, and editing photos is a skill that many photographers seek to master. Explore how to manipulate angles and lighting, the purpose for different types of photo files, how to use different software to edit photos, and safe places you can store them. You'll be well on your way to being an editing guru when you're done with this course.

Unit 1: Vacation Photos

Click, click—next slide! Years ago, families used to gather in front of the projector screen to share slides of their travels or family functions. Some of these pictures were likely showstoppers, and others were just closeups of Uncle Gene's forehead. You can't win them all! These days, we share most of our travel pictures on social media, but the same rule applies—not

everyone takes good shots of their travels. Don't let this happen to you! Let's learn how to improve your vacation photographs using techniques for photographing attractions, nature, landscapes, and people. That way, the next time you show someone photos of your travels, you'll wow them.

What will you learn in this unit?

1. Discuss how to prepare to photograph a vacation
2. Identify some common vacation photographs
3. Describe some of the problems that people have when photographing vacations
4. List tips for improving vacation photographs
5. Apply vacation photograph tips in your hometown

UNIT 1 Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Unit 1 Critical Thinking Questions	Homework
Unit 1 Activity 1	Homework
Unit 1 Activity 2	Homework
Unit 1 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 1 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 1 Quiz	Quiz

Unit 2: The Wild Side

As humans, few things touch our hearts like the beauty and funny antics of animals. From the tiniest of hummingbirds to the biggest gray elephants, the animal world contains amazing wonders. Let's learn how to capture our own photographs of these creatures. We'll discuss how many photographers capture animal images even though it is not always easy to do. We'll also be learning some tricks to get great photographs of the animals closest to us: our pets!

What will you learn in this unit?

1. Identify common problems found in photographs of animals
2. Explain solutions to common animal photography problems

3. Discuss some general tips for taking better animal photographs
4. Describe specific tips to use while photographing birds and pets

UNIT 2 Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Unit 2 Critical Thinking Questions	Homework
Unit 2 Activity 1	Homework
Unit 2 Activity 2	Homework
Unit 2 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 2 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 2 Quiz	Quiz

Unit 3: Photographing People

Have you ever heard someone say, “Make sure you get my best side”? Maybe people really do have a side that looks better in photos. But many times a good picture has more to do with the photographer than the person being photographed. Photographing people takes a lot of thought and patience. To help you take stronger photographs of people we’ll study some tips for working with light. You’ll also be learning how to take the best selfies to share with your friends and family. We’ll discuss the difference between posed and candid shots so you can decide which one best fits your photography purpose. And, finally, we’ll take a quick look at a career that deals exclusively with photographing people.

What will you learn in this unit?

1. Discuss how lighting can affect photographs of people
2. Recognize some ways to improve images of people
3. Identify some of the pros and cons of posed and candid photographs
4. Define self-portraits and explain how to create unique self-images
5. Describe the role and responsibilities of a branding photographer

UNIT 3 Assignments

Assignment	Type
Unit 3 Critical Thinking Questions	Homework
Unit 3 Activity 1	Homework
Unit 3 Activity 2	Homework
Unit 3 Activity 3	Homework
Unit 3 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 3 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 3 Quiz	Quiz

Middle School Photography 1b: Midterm Exam

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- Take a course exam based on material from the **first** half of the course (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

MIDTERM Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Midterm Exam	Exam
Midterm Discussion	Discussion

Unit 4: Managing & Editing Your Photos

Well, you've taken some great photos... now what? Professional photographers don't just take a picture and then call it a day. Instead, they use lots of different editing techniques to make that picture look just the way they envisioned it. So that we can treat our photos just like professional photographers do, let's learn about managing and editing photos on a computer.

What will you learn in this unit?

1. Describe the common file types used to save digital images and the advantages and disadvantages of each
2. Explain the importance of photo organization

3. Discuss methods to back up photos and the importance of saving your photos in more than one place
4. Apply common photo-editing functions to your own photographs

UNIT 4 Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Unit 4 Critical Thinking Questions	Homework
Unit 4 Activity 1	Homework
Unit 4 Activity 2	Homework
Unit 4 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 4 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 4 Quiz	Quiz

Unit 5: Photographer Etiquette & Display

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a real professional photographer? What does this mean? Well, there are certain things that photographers must do and certain things that they must not do while they are out on-site taking photos. Let's learn about these dos and don'ts. Then we'll learn how to print, mount, and frame digital images to display at home or school or to give as gifts. Finally, we will discuss how you can prepare your images for an exhibition or showing.

What will you learn in this unit?

1. Discuss and follow photography etiquette
2. Describe some of the rules and laws that influence and affect photography
3. Explain the steps involved in printing, mounting, and framing photos
4. Plan a display of your photography

UNIT 5 Assignments	
Assignment	Type

Unit 5 Critical Thinking Questions	Homework
Unit 5 Activity 1	Homework
Unit 5 Activity 2	Homework
Unit 5 Activity 3	Homework
Unit 5 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 5 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 5 Quiz	Quiz

Unit 6: The Bigger “Picture”

You’ve been refining your photography practice for a while now, and even thinking about what it would be like to be a professional photographer. At this point, you may be wondering what it would be like to have a career in photography! To help you consider your options, we are going to be exploring the different paths that photographers take to build their careers. We’ll look at skills you can work on now that are important for success as a photographer.

What will you learn in this unit?

1. Describe photography as a career and the different career paths that photographers can take
2. Use public speaking skills, strong writing skills, and technological understanding to market yourself as a photographer
3. Explain the steps to build a powerful portfolio
4. Discuss how to find your personal photography style and communicate your photographic journey to your audience

UNIT 6 Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Unit 6 Critical Thinking Questions	Homework
Unit 6 Activity 1	Homework
Unit 6 Activity 2	Homework
Unit 6 Activity 3	Homework

Unit 6 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 6 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 6 Quiz	Quiz

Middle School Photography 1b: Final Exam

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- Take a course exam based on material from the **second** half of the course (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

FINAL Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Final Exam	Exam
Final Exam Discussion	Discussion