

**Collin College - Continuing Education**  
**COURSE SYLLABUS**

<b>COURSE INFORMATION</b>
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**Course Number:** PHOT 6850

**Course Title:** Digital Photography Basics dSLR

**Course Description:** Learn the basics of digital photography in this hands-on course designed for those with limited knowledge of digital camera techniques. The class will focus on digital camera features, storage capabilities, shooting techniques, resolution, image size and sharing photos by email and printing. Digital SLR cameras strongly recommended for this class, rather than compact point-and-shoot cameras.

**Suggested Course Prerequisite(s):** N/A

**Course Resources:** Textbooks (optional):

A Short Course in Using Your Digital Camera, A Guide to Great Photographs-eText (5thEd)  
Dennis Curtin; PhotoCourse.com  
ISBN: 1-928873-96-0

The Better Photo Guide to Digital Photography  
Miotke; Amphoto  
ISBN: 0-8174-3552-2

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Use digital SLR camera features and employ shooting techniques to take photos and share by e-mail and print
2. Understand digital image properties
3. Capture photos, download files to computer, manipulate images

**Certification Notes:** Core Course for Web Certification

**Next course recommendation:** N/A

**Lesson Plan – by week or session:**

**Session 1:** Camera Controls / Controlling Sharpness/ Controlling Exposure  
**Session 2:** Capturing Light & Color /Tripod/Monopod/ Understanding Lenses  
**Session 3:** Basic Composition  
**Session 4:** Advanced Composition/Basic People Lighting  
**Session 5:** Using Flash  
**Session 6:** Color Calibration/Printing

**Course Sessions:** Listed are guidelines to indicate all topics that will be covered during your course. Do not plan your personal calendar based on these sessions. Your instructor will give you a calendar for your class that will indicate specific topics, assignments, and days.

**Method of Evaluation:** Unless otherwise stated, course completion is evaluated on the basis of attendance.

Students must be in attendance 90% of the class time in order to be considered a successful completer of the course.

Students must be in attendance 90% of each course in a certificate series for successful completion and to earn a certificate as specified.

Students must complete all courses (core and no. of elective courses needed) to complete a certificate series within two years from start date of the first course taken.

**Refund Policy:** Please refer to [www.collin.edu/ce/infoRegistrar.html](http://www.collin.edu/ce/infoRegistrar.html) for our refund policy. No refunds after the start time of the first class.

**Americans with Disabilities Act:**

Collin College will adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to contact the ACCESS office, SCC-D140 or 972.881.5898 (V/TTD: 972.881.5950) to arrange for appropriate accommodations. See the current Collin Student Handbook for additional information.