

Digital Photography 1 –Course Syllabus – Spring 2019

Park High School - Mrs. Nilan

Mrs. Nilan's Art Class Website:

Check out what's happening in class at www.parkhigh.org/nilan-raeann

Overall Class Objective: Being knowledgeable in an art form is not only about the final test, project, or grade. It is also about your understanding of its history, technical aspects, contemporary issues, and your involvement in the creative process. I wish for you to enjoy yourself and be excited about photography and the world of art. My objective is for you to understand the history, technical aspects, and contemporary issues of photography to guide your creative process for creating professional photographs.

General Topics To Be Covered: History of Photography, History of Digital Photography, How to Choose a Digital Camera, Technical Aspects of Digital Cameras, Awareness of the Visual Environment, Photography Elements of Design, Taking Photos for quality images, Transferring images from the camera to the computer, Organizing and Saving images, Working with images in Photoshop CS6, Handling photos, Appreciation of Digital Photography as a fine art form, Contemporary issues in photography, Career opportunities.

Teaching Methods That May Be Used: Demonstrations, Lectures, Power Point Presentations, Reading-Writing-Research Assignments, Hands on Practice, Image and Information searches, Use of the Photoshop CS6 program, Guest Lectures, Critiques, Individual and Group Problem Solving, and Collaborations with other PHS classes.

Assessment: Participation, Class work, Homework, Individual growth as an artist, Research, Quizzes, Completed Photo Lesson Projects based on criteria, Critiques, Final Photo Project, Final Portfolio, and Semester Test.

Late Work: I do not accept late work in photography classes. Therefore, realize that you must be organized, have good time management skills, be responsible with your photo equipment, and keep track of due dates.

Absences and Make Up Work: Follow the PHS Student Handbook as it pertains to absences and make up work on pages 19-23. Upon return to class, it is your responsibility to sign in on the front board (in the allocated area). This will notify me that I need to speak with you about missed class material, during class, when it is convenient for me to do so.

Open Studio: I will try, once a week, to stay after school for up to 1 hour for students to use the art studio space in my classroom. This time can be used to work on make-up work, current class projects, or extra projects. The Open Studio day and time will be posted on my classroom board on Monday mornings.

Grading Scale:

A+	97-100	C+	77-79	F	0-59
A	94-96	C	74-76		
A-	90-93	C-	70-73		
B+	87-89	D+	67-69		
B	84-86	D	64-66		
B-	80-83	D-	60-63		

Quarter Grade Computation: Your grade is based on a point system. If the number of points that can be earned for the quarter is 800 and you earned 730, I divide 730 by 800, which would be a 91% A-. I do not weight grades.

Semester Grade Computation:

*Your 3rd Quarter grade will count as 40% of your Semester grade

*Your 4th Quarter grade will count as 40% of your Semester grade

*Your Semester Test, Final Photo Project, and Final Portfolio will count as 20% of your Semester grade

Expectations:

Respect.....your peers, yourself, Mrs. Nilan, the classroom, the art computer lab, and all items within the art department. Use common sense and decency. Be mindful of not damaging tools and equipment.

Trust.....do what you are supposed to be doing... or say you will be doing...and follow all class and school policies/rules while you are attending art class or on a class related field trip.

Self-Discipline.....be prepared for class, keep on task, turn assignments in on time, get your make-up work when you've been absent, and approach Mrs. Nilan, or classmates, if you need help.

Creativity.....come to class with an open and creative mind, seek out resources, be your own person and create original pieces of art. Wasting days of class time to think of an idea for a project is unacceptable.

Safety.....follow all safety precautions for specific materials and equipment in the room and be aware of the safety of others.

Rules:

Dress Code

- Follow PHS Student Hand Book Rules on page 27.

Cell Phones

- Follow PHS Student Hand Book Rules on page 27.
- Turn it OFF/SILENCE and put it in your assigned pocket in the Cell Phone Drop BEFORE the bell at the start of class.....or don't bring it to class.
- You may pick it up 1 MINUTE BEFORE THE END OF CLASS or as instructed by Mrs. Nilan.
- Noncompliance will result in your cell phone taken to Ms. Dust or Mr. Gannon for return at the end of the school day.
- IF YOU CHOOSE TO USE YOUR CELL PHONE FOR A PHOTO SHOOT: I will let you know when you can take your phone from the Cell Phone Drop for photo shooting and uploading purposes.

Music

- There will be days I will allow you to listen to music on your phone during NON-INSTRUCTIONAL time. You will be instructed when you can take your phone from the Cell Phone Drop for music purposes.
- Music purposes only.....NO movies, videos, games, texting, social media, etc. If you do not comply, you will return your phone to the Cell Phone Drop.
- Headphones must be worn so as not to disturb others. If anyone can hear your music, you will return your phone to the Cell Phone Drop.

Backpacks and large bags

- Backpacks and large bags will not be allowed in class. If you carry one of these to class with you, it must be left outside the classroom against the hallway wall, and you will not be returning to it during class. I advise leaving it in your locker. This rule is simply for the reason that we are up and moving around the classroom a lot. They inhibit our movement around the classroom and can be a safety hazard.

Fidget Spinners / Games / Toys / Distractions in General

- Leave these items in your locker. Your minds and your hands will be busy enough. If you bring items into my classroom that I deem a distraction to yourself or others, I will confiscate it. You may then pick it up from me at the end of the day.

Snacks and Drinks

- Allowed if you pick up after yourself and keep snacks/drinks away from project areas. The entire class will lose this privilege if Mrs. Nilan has to pick up after anyone.

- You are allowed to use the Keurig if you follow the rules for it. These are posted next to it.

Seating Chart

- You must use your assigned seat and chairs may not be moved around (they are numbered). You will have an assigned seat in the front of the classroom as well as in the computer lab. If an issue arises with a student that you are sitting with, please notify me.

Tardy Policy

- Follow PHS Student Hand Book Rules on page 21.
- **You must be IN YOUR ASSIGNED SEAT in the front of the classroom when the class bell rings to avoid being marked tardy.**
- Classroom door will be shut and locked when the class bell rings.
- If you arrive after the classroom door has been closed, you must check in to the attendance office to receive an admit pass and be escorted to class. **DO NOT KNOCK ON MY DOOR AND INTERRUPT MY CLASS.**
- If you are late but have a note from your previous class teacher, you must also check in to the attendance office and be escorted to class.

Passes To Leave the Classroom

- My expectation is that you are prepared for class before you arrive and that you stay in class once you are here.
- Each student will be given 4 passes each quarter. These can be used at the discretion of the student to leave the classroom for bathroom/locker/office/ purposes. Please avoid asking to leave during instructional times. You must fill out your pass and then the pass must be presented to Mrs. Nilan for a signature before you leave.
- Unused passes may be turned in at the end of the quarter for extra credit points at 5 points per pass.

Tools / Equipment / Supplies / Room Care

- I expect you to be mindful and careful with everything within the classroom and art computer lab. If you are damaging anything, wasting anything, or in complete disregard of appropriate use of tools / equipment / supplies, you will be:
 - Paying for damages and/or replacement
 - Cleaning up your mess
 - Receiving disciplinary action

Behavior

- I expect you to use common sense and decency in your behavior around and towards others.
- I will not tolerate poor behavior in the forms of cussing, bullying, rudeness, name-calling, arguing, fighting.....I think you get the idea.
- If I find your behavior not in the best interest of creating and keeping a pleasant workspace for all, you will be told to leave and you will receive disciplinary action.

Work Ethic

- You are expected to be productive for the entire class period. I will announce clean up time to the class, on a daily basis, before the end of class. No one is to stop working or cleanup before this announcement.

Appropriate work:

- As your teacher, I hold the right to determine the appropriateness of your work. Any work that I deem to be inappropriate for high school photography (ex. In relation to offensive, disrespectful, violence, drugs, alcohol, tobacco use, etc.) will not be accepted, displayed, or graded for credit.

Check In and Accountability

- Due to students being on photoshoots, in the classroom, and in the computer lab all at the same time....I take check in and accountability very seriously. If you are not where you are supposed to be, not working on photography work, or behaving poorly, you will receive disciplinary action.
- Everyone must return to his or her assigned seat at the end of the period for a 2nd attendance.

Materials To Be Supplied By Each Student:

- Pencil/Pen (every day)
- 1 three ring binder with paper (1” or 1 ½” works well)
- 1 Secure Digital (SD) Memory Card - If you choose to purchase your own memory card to use in a school camera OR if you plan to use your own camera.
- Flash Drive (USB drive, Thumb drive, etc.) - This will be used to keep copies of all your digital photo files. It can also be used for other classes.

Strongly Suggested Optional Materials:

- **Your Own Digital Camera:**
We do have digital cameras for students to use; however, we only have 6 “point and shoot” cameras to be shared among 24 students. **Therefore, having access to your own digital camera to either bring to school or use at home for photo shoots will prove to be very helpful.**
- If using your own camera, you must also provide your own USB cable for uploading photos to the computer and your own memory card.
- **If you choose to use a camera on your phone, please be aware that you will not have all the photo shooting features that are available on a standard camera. This will limit your opportunities. Also, please be aware that many students in the past have had difficulties with uploading their photos from their phone camera, as the school computers did not recognize their phone device. I WILL NOT ALLOW PHONE CAMERAS TO BE USED ON ALL PHOTO SHOTS.**

How to Contact Mrs. Nilan

Raeann.Nilan@livingston.k12.mt.us

1 st hour	8:10 – 9:04	Digital Photography 1 (G2 & G4)
2 nd hour	9:09 – 10:03	Prep Time (G2)
3 rd hour	10:08 – 11:02	Pottery 2&3 (G2)
1 st Lunch	11:02 – 11:37	Room G2 or Teacher’s Lounge
4 th hour	11:42 – 12:36	Digital Photography 1 (G2 & G4)
5 th hour	12:41 – 1:35	Prep Time (G2)
6 th hour	1:40 – 2:34	Digital Photography 2&3 (G2 & G4)
7 th hour	2:39 – 3:33	Pottery 1 (G2)

Digital Photography 1

**You and Your Parent/Guardian must read this Course Syllabus /
Expectation / Rules Handout.
Please sign and return this page only to state that you have read
this information.**

Print Student Name Here _____

Student Signature

X _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

X _____

***This parent/guardian signature may only be omitted if the student is 18
years of age AND registered as “Age of Majority” with the PHS office.**

Parent/Guardian Phone Number and/or Email

Phone: _____

Email: _____

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop in and visit and/or contact me through
e-mail: Raeann.Nilan@livingston.k12.mt.us

Thank you,

Mrs. Raeann Nilan

Please return by Friday January 25th, 2019