

Who is this course aimed at?

This is a leisure course which is suitable for anyone looking to start using a digital camera.

What will I need?

No formal qualifications required to join.

Programme Aims

This course is designed to help you understand the basics of photography and using a digital camera.

What will I do?

By the end of the course, you will be able to do the following:

- Introduction
 - Identify the advantages of digital photography
 - Identify the differences between good and bad photographs
- Cameras and controls
 - Handle and care for your camera appropriately
 - Use basic camera controls
- Taking the photograph (practical and theory work)
 - Explain common terms (eg. aperture / shutter speed / composition)
- Practical assignments (offered at each session)
 - Produce themed photographs (eg. Day / Urban Nature / Animal Portraits / Still Life)
- Editing and manipulation
 - Use simple free software
 - Improve and correct your photographs
 - Select an appropriate printer and paper for printing

How will I be taught?

Group lessons consisting of presentations, projects, individual and group discussions, and assignments. Some 1-2-1 support will also be available.

How will I be assessed?

Ongoing assessment of coursework, projects, tutorials and individual assignments.

What could I progress on to?

- Term two of this course
- Informal learning groups and photography clubs
- Further study for a qualification at college level

What equipment should I bring?

A digital camera (any type will be fine)

Will I gain a qualification?

This is a leisure course which is non-accredited.