

Digital photography for beginners

Whether you would like to learn new creative skills or to look into the possibility of a new photography career, MAE Community Learning courses can provide you with a stepping stone to progress.

This 10-week course examines the use and functions of your camera and additionally aspects of creative picture taking using digital cameras. It is designed for those with little or no experience in photography, to increase your confidence in picture making and make your photography more enjoyable. The second part of the course is more practical, covering still life, portraits using studio lighting and location photography including local visits.

Start Date: 08 January 2025
Start Time: 19:00
Lessons: 10
Weeks: 10
Hours: 20.00

Venue

Rochester Adult Education Centre
Rochester Community Hub
Eastgate
ME1 1EW

What will I learn on this course?

Learners will:

1. Be able to adjust at least 2 different settings on their camera independently to give the best results.
2. Experiment with exposure, focus and compositions in a studio situation to produce at least 3 images.
3. Compose at least 1 photograph using the rule of thirds.
4. Create at least 1 long exposure using flash guns and lights.

You will work on creating a short portfolio of photos to be presented during the end of the course.

Use of Information Learning Technology:

Flickr will be used to show the class your photographs you created during your practical tasks. Online Prezi presentations will be used during the lesson, which can be viewed later at home if you miss a lesson or need refreshing about camera settings.

Is this course suitable for me?

Suitable for beginners

Is there anything else I need to know about the course?

Please bring to the first session

- Preferably a digital SLR camera (the course may be suitable for those with compact digital cameras, however, they must have manual exposure controls and a lens with an optical zoom covering wide -angle to telephoto focal lengths and ideally a hot shoe.
- Instruction manual and leads
- Future lessons a tripod would be used during practical demonstrations.
- Note-pad

Some of your guided learning hours will be used to set the group and individual learning targets for the course. You will receive feedback from your Tutor to enable you to fully develop and progress.

EXHIBITING YOUR WORK:

There are several opportunities to exhibit the works you produce timetabled throughout the year, mainly in the Rochester Centre Gallery but also at other venues.

Will there be additional costs?

Please note the following costs are not included in the course fee:

Provide your own camera and tripod.

Digital printing and paper costs.

Some activities may require travel to locations, usually local.

What could I go on to do after this course?

You will be equipped with a portfolio of work and a foundation of core creative skills that will empower your art for years to come.

Your follow on course is Q000101A

Medway Adult Education has a wide range of creative courses and works with many partners locally such as Mid Kent Medway School of Art and the University of Kent; information about their courses can be found in our studios, café and on Moodle. Medway has an exciting and wide-range of events, exhibitions, and activities to inspire and help you make further progress - please see the community noticeboards in the Rochester Centre and again on Moodle. Your tutor will be able to talk through with your individual progression options.

Your tutor will be happy to advise you about progression courses, including those offered by other providers.

If you wish to explore your learning, work, or career options, you can speak to a fully trained careers advisor on 0800 100 900. <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/lf> you need further advice, please telephone 01634 338400.

Attendance Policy

In order to get the most out of your course you will need to attend as many sessions as possible. We recommend at least 85%. If you do have a holiday booked during term time please let the tutor know in advance so that we can help you catch up on missed sessions and ensure that you still achieve the course outcomes. If you are unavoidably ill or unable to attend, please contact 01634 338400 so that we can let your tutor know, and so they can send you any work you may have missed

How are digital skills used and enhanced on this course

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Health and Safety

You understand that this is a practical photography activity, and you will need to be suitably dressed. MAE is not responsible for damage to items or person.

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