**Graphic Design**

**Course Syllabus**

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**Course Description**

This course is for students interested in learning Photoshop using Windows-based personal computers. Students will learn to use Photoshop for photography and graphic design. Students will learn image creation and editing using Adobe Photoshop. Students will be able to scan, plan, create, and modify images that can be used for a variety of applications.

*Currently this class is using Photoshop CS*

**Prerequisites:**

* Desktop Publishing
* Web Design Basics
* Only for grades 10,11, and 12
* This course assumes basic computer competence
* You should be able to save and retrieve files
* You should be able to navigate menus and dialog boxes
* You should be comfortable using a computer and accessing the internet

**Course Objectives:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

* Use the menus, palettes and tools in Photoshop
* Scan and import images into Photoshop
* Retouch, edit and manipulate digital images.
* Add, remove and modify colors
* Incorporate text in images and apply text effects
* Use filters to create special effects
* Utilize selections to modify an image
* Create and optimize images for the web

**Recommended Materials**

1 USB Flash Drive (preferably 1 GB)

**Method of Instruction**

Lectures/Demonstrations

Lectures will be used to highlight the important material from additional outside resources.

Class Work

This is a hands-on class. Students will perform practical exercises in class, facilitated by the instructor, to solidify the lesson material. You will work at your own pace during the portion of the class.

Projects

There will be individual projects during the trimester. There is a final portfolio presentation that is worth 500 points. You will create a selected portfolio of four of your projects, and other examples that represent you work, that you will share with the class. The portfolio presentation should be informal and should emphasize how you used Photoshop to accomplish your goal. You should also be prepared to share what was frustrating about using Photoshop as well as what was successful.

Grading

Daily Assignments 30%

Tests/Quizzes 20%

Portfolio Projects 50%

100%