

ARTC 1402 Digital Imaging I

Class Outline/Calendar (Based upon lessons in CS 4 book; lesson numbers vary in other versions of the book.)

Weeks	Outline—Lecture Demonstration Topics	Student Activities
Unit 1 Week 1 Days 1 to 2 Intro	Overview of course: Syllabus, course outline, student information sheets and introductions. Software, equipment. Review OS X Interface & ACC Lab Setup. Set up student folders. Getting Started Overview. Lesson 1 CS 4: <i>Getting to Know the Photoshop Work Area</i> Topics: Tool Palette, Options, Shortcuts; Working with Panels (Palettes-grouping, moving, expanding, options); Foreground/ Background; Zoom; Reset Default Preferences; Intro Bridge; HELP menu. Additional: Navigator, Views, Zoom with hand vs. magnifier. Graphics File Formats. Contact sheets.	Lesson 1 Practice: File Formats <i>Native, JPEG, Tiff, other;</i> <i>Contact Sheet</i>
Week 2 Day 3	Quiz 1 Photoshop Interface, Navigation and File Formats	Quiz 1
Unit 2 Week 2 Days 3 to 4 Image Size Scan; Editing	Lesson 2 CS 4: <i>Basic Photo Correction</i> Topics: Color RGB vs. CMYK; Resolution Monitor & Image Size (Pixel Size and Image View); Crop/Straighten Canvas Size; Auto vs. Manual; Histogram, Levels using Adjustment Layers Panel (Shadows, Gamma, Highlights); Dodge, Sponge; Unsharp Mask; Clone Source Panel; Spot Healing Brush & Healing Brush. Additional: Image size vs Document size. .	Lesson 2 (Lessons 2&3 CS 3) Practices: <i>Image vs Document Size</i> <i>Image Editing-Healing</i> <i>Brush and Patch Tool</i> Exercise: Edit Images CS 3 <i>CIB book (Opt)</i> Exercise Editing Scanned Images
Week 3 Day 5	Quiz 2 Image Size, Editing.	Quiz 2
Unit 3 Week 3 Days 5 to 6 Selections and Layers	Lesson 3 CS 4: <i>Working with Selections</i> Topics: Selections: Quick Marquee–rectangle, elliptical, Lasso–freehand, polygonal, magnetic; Color Based–Wand, Quick Selection, Refine Edges ; Anti-alias; Transform, Scale, Moving, and Cropping. Lesson 4 CS 4: <i>Layer Basics</i> Topics: Naming Layers; Copy/Paste; Viewing; Rearranging; Opacity, Blend Modes; Link Layers; Transform; Auto Align; Gradient Layer; Type Layer; Layer Styles; Combining and Flattening Layers; Layer Comps. Additional: Introduce Saving Selections; Layer>Matting Defringe; Emphasize Adjustment Layers .	Lesson 3 Lesson 4 Practices: <i>Edges-Alias Anti Alias</i> <i>Layer Comps</i> Melon Head (EC)
Week 4 Days 7 to 8	Integrating Project 1: Using Selections and Layers to create a character. <i>Images provided or Scan things.</i>	Integrating Project 1
Week 5 Day 9 Selections Layers	Integrating I presentations Quiz 3 Layers, Selections	Quiz 3
Unit 4 Weeks 5 to 6 Days 10 to 12 Masks, Channels.	Lesson 5 CS 4: <i>Masks and Channels</i> Topics: Painting Editing Quick Masks; Channels; Saving/loading selections; Alpha Channel Masks; Naming; Layer Masks (Mask Panel), Filters; Gradient Mask; Adjustment Layer Panel ; Grouping and Clipping Masks.	Lesson 5 Practices: <i>Mask Borders</i> <i>Gradient (Layer) Mask</i> <i>Layer Masks</i> <i>Clipping Masks</i>
Week 6 Days 12	Lesson 6 CS 4: <i>Correcting Digital Photos</i> (Extra-Optional) Topics: RAW, Sharpening, Red Eye, Vanishing Point	Lesson 6 (Opt/EC)
Weeks 7 -Days 13 to 14	Integrating Project 2: Using masks and images to illustrate a pun. Students acquire images. Discuss Copyright and Attribution.	Integrating Project 2
Week 8 Days 16	Integrating 2 presentations Quiz 4 Masks	Quiz 4
Midway	Start: Resource/ Image Diary	Homework

Unit 5 Week 9 Days 17 to 18 Type Vectors/Pen	Lesson 7 CS 4: <i>Typographic Design</i> (Optional EC) Topics: Character, Paragraph palettes; Type Size and Style; Leading, Kerning and Tracking; Scrubbing; Clipping Masks; Layer Styles; Grouping Smart Object. Lesson 8 CS 4: <i>Vector Drawing Techniques</i> Topics: Bit Map vs. Raster vs. Vector; Path Options; Drawing paths, editing anchors and segments; Naming (saving) vs. <i>Workpaths</i> ; Convert Path to Selections; Vector Shapes (Shape Layer); Add/Subtract to Paths; Selection vs. Direct Selection Tools; Import Smart Object.	Lesson 7 Practice: <i>Type Formatting</i> <i>Type Effects (opt/EC)</i> Lesson 8 Practices: <i>Pen as Vector Mask & Selection</i> <i>Vector Shapes</i>
Week 10 Day 19 to 20	Integrating Project 3: Use the Pen Tool and Vector Shapes to create a Logo/Monogram.	Integrating Project 3
Week 11 Day 21	Integrating 3 Presentations Quiz 5 Vectors, pen and type.	Quiz 5
Unit 6 Week 11 Day 21	Lesson 9 CS 4: <i>Advanced Layer</i> (Review-May be optional EC) Topics (review): Clipping Shapes; Keyboard shortcuts; Filters; Smart Objects; Adjustment Layers; Layer Comps; Layer Styles; Merging and Layer Groups; Stamping Layers.	Lesson 9 CIB (Opt)
Unit 6 Weeks 11 to 12 Day 22 to 24 Resolution Output to Print and Web. Web Optimization	Review Image Resolution for Print Output: Halftone theory—LPI vs. Image resolution. Image Basics: Image types: line art, grayscale, color and bit depth. Halftone Screen (LPI frequency. Image resolution for output: print and web. Scaling and proportion Converting Color to Grayscale. Lesson 11 CS 4 <i>Preparing Files for the Web</i> Topics: Slices, Optimizing GIFs, JPEGs	Lesson 11 Read: <i>Image Size</i> by J. Kost Worksheet: <i>Image Types, and Resolution.</i> Practices: <i>Grayscale Conversion</i> <i>Web Optimization</i>
Weeks 13 to 14 Days 25 to 28	Movie Poster/ Web Page Project: Create a movie ad poster that will be A) down-sampled, converted to grayscale for a newspaper ad. B) Reformatted for a web page splash screen using same design elements. There will be intermediate due dates for this project.	Movie Poster Project/ Web page
Week 15 Day 29	Movie Project Presentations Quiz 6 Semester Review; Resolution for Output.	Quiz 6 Review
Unit 7 Week 15 Days 29 to 30 Brushes, Filters, and Special Effects	Lesson 10 CS 4: <i>Advance Compositing</i> Topics: Layer Blending Modes, Type w/Layer styles; Adjustment Layers, Filter Gallery; Smart Filters; Brush Edit; Blend Modes: Loading/Saving selections; Match Color. Additional: Art History (opt)	Lesson 10 CIB Practices: <i>Brushes</i> <i>Blend Modes</i> <i>Art History Brush (EC)</i>
Week 16 Days 30 to 31	Integrating Project 4: Create 4 variations of one image by using blend modes, layer styles (patterns), art filters and painting. <i>("Southwest" Special Effects Exercise opt)</i> Complete Resource Files/Image Diary.	Integrating Project or Exercise <i>Special Effects with Southwest.</i>
Week 16 Day 32	Integrating 4 Final Presentations Quiz 7 Special Effects and Painting	Quiz 7

Note: This is a proposed calendar that may change depending upon progress of the class. Practices and Integrating Exercises may be modified, substituted and used at the discretion of the instructor.