

Photographic Society of America (PSA)

Basic Photography

There will be no timeline for lessons, nor will there be pressure to work at a particular speed. We hope you will complete the course, however, much like college, it is up to you.

Our goal is to make available to you, the tools of photography and assist you in their understanding. While the course is basic, the student should understand the operation of their camera, including how to use various apertures and shutter speeds for different effects. If you are already familiar with the tools we are hopeful this will give you practice and feedback to improve on the skills you understand. The course is designed to enhance your PSA experience.

After joining the Photographic Society of America (PSA), this course is available to you any time in your first year. You will have six (6) months to complete the course. At the end of that period we hope you will be finished. If, however, you are not finished, the course will end. If the six month period extends into your second year, that will be just fine as long as you remain a PSA member.

After completion of an assignment, and when your instructor is satisfied, a new assignment will be sent to you.

If you finish the course early, you will be allowed to do post graduate work of your choosing for the remaining portion of the six (6) months. You may submit additional projects from the textbook, or create your own in depth project.

The tools for this course are very simple. You need to buy the textbook; "John Hedgecoe's Complete Guide to Photography," published in 2004, by Sterling publishing. It is available from major book sellers or on the Internet here:

<http://www.sterlingpublishing.com/catalog?isbn=1402716532>

Additional needs:

A camera

A computer and access to the internet.

The ability to work with Microsoft Word and send documents in formats other than .doc..

The ability to upload and download photographs, and resize images.

At the completion of the course you will receive a certificate. We hope you have as much fun as we do making this course available to you.

PSA New Member web site - online Basic Photography Course

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