

Basic SLR Photography

Location	Altrincham Campus
Course Type	Adult
Department	Art & Design
Start Date	Wednesday 14th January 2026
Duration	Part-time, 13 Weeks
Time	18:30 - 20:30
Fee	£ 99.00 You may be eligible for support with your tuition fees - please visit the college website - funding and finance page for further information
Course Code	APQ-AD1Z-1301

Course Overview

Learn to unleash your creativity and experiment with different photographic styles!

Connect with a community of photographers, share experiences, and receive constructive feedback.

Explore the potential for a hobby or a career in photography.

Whether you're a photography enthusiast or an aspiring professional, an SLR (Single Lens Reflex) photography course can provide you with the skills and knowledge needed to capture stunning images and express your creativity through photography.

This short course will help you improve your basic technical camera skills.

Please be informed that ownership of a personal DSLR camera is a prerequisite for enrolment in this course.

Course Requirements

Participants are not required to possess any previous knowledge or expertise. We welcome individuals with a genuine enthusiasm for the subject and a willingness to actively engage and contribute.

You will need an SLR camera - which can be digital.

An example of a camera which would be good for the course is a Canon 1300D

What You Will Learn

This course is aimed at beginners who are new to owning a digital SLR camera. You will be instructed on how to navigate all the functions that your camera has to offer.

You will need to spend a lot of time between classes taking photographs.

Assessment

There is no formal assessment. Students will receive helpful feedback throughout the course.

Progression

Upon successful completion of the course students can progress onto the Intermediate SLR Photography course.

Career Options

Completing a basic SLR (Single Lens Reflex) photography course can significantly expand your photography skills and open up various career opportunities in the field of photography and related creative industries. Here are some potential career options after completing a basic SLR photography course:

Professional Photographer: You can work as a freelance photographer or establish your own photography business, specialising in various genres like portrait, wedding, commercial, or event photography.

Photojournalist: Work for newspapers, magazines, or online publications, capturing images that tell stories and document current events.

Architectural and Real Estate Photographer: Capture images of buildings, interiors, and properties for architects, real estate agencies, and property developers.

Food Photographer: Focus on photographing food for restaurants, cookbooks, food blogs, and advertising campaigns.

Wildlife and Nature Photographer: Specialise in capturing images of wildlife, landscapes, and natural environments. This career often involves working for conservation organisations, magazines, or as a freelancer.

Sports Photographer: Cover sporting events, capturing action shots and athlete portraits for media outlets, sports teams, and sporting organisations.

Event Photographer: Photograph events such as weddings, parties, corporate gatherings, and conferences.

Travel Photographer: Document your travels through photography, and potentially sell your images to travel magazines, websites, or agencies.

It's important to note that while completing a Basic SLR photography course is a significant step, building a successful career in photography often requires continued learning, building a portfolio, networking, and marketing your services. The specific career path you choose will depend on your interests, strengths, and the opportunities available in your area or within your niche of choice.

Mandatory Units

There are no mandatory units for this leisure course.

Contact Details

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