iPhone 101: Photography Basics

Course category: (B) Fine Arts

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Course Syllabus: iPhone 101: Photography Basics

Week 1: Master the Basics

Core Topics:

-- Quick ways to open the camera without unlocking your phone.

-- Adjusting brightness (exposure) and setting your focus point with a single tap.

-- Navigating lenses: when to zoom with your fingers vs. using the built-in 0.5x, 1x, and 2x buttons.

Week 2: Composition & Visual Storytelling

Core Topics:

-- Turning on the "Grid" feature to master the Rule of Thirds.

-- Finding unique perspectives: shooting from low angles, using reflections, and looking for natural frames.

-- Hands-On Activity: Mini-photo walk to capture one landscape and one unique portrait pattern.

Week 3: Special Modes

Core Topics:

-- Demystifying Portrait Mode (blurring the background) and Burst Mode (capturing moving grandkids or pets).

Week 4: Easy Editing

Core Topics:

-- Simple edits within the Photos app (Cropping, straightening horizons, and boosting contrast).

Week 5: Organizing Photos & Showcase

-- Best practices for organizing your camera roll, creating albums, and texting/emailing high-quality photos.

-- Hands-On Activity: "The 8-Person Gallery Show"" Every student shares their favorite photo from the course on their screen and shares the story behind it.