

COURSE DETAILS – WEEKEND WE0349

TITLE: GETTING TO KNOW YOUR DIGITAL SLR CAMERA

TUTOR: HOWARD COLES

LEVEL: BEGINNERS

AIMS OF COURSE:

This practical course aims to encourage students who have digital SLR cameras to gain confidence in the use of their camera, to understand its controls and to cope with its apparent complexity. To demonstrate ways in which a camera might be programmed in order to capture worthwhile images.

MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES COVERED:

The course involves:

1. A basic introduction to the important features of any Digital SLR camera
2. Enlightenment with regard to Manual and Auto programmes
3. Resolving camera functions and menu problems
4. Practical hands-on experience of available camera settings while taking photographs under a whole range of conditions with a variety of indoor and outdoor subject matter.

TEACHING METHOD:

Illustrated lectures on essential techniques and the manner in which subject matter might be approached.

Practical demonstrations, one to one guidance and practical tutored sessions, in the grounds of West Dean and picturesque areas of Chichester Harbour.

By the end of the course students will have briefly learnt more about programming their cameras; have a greater understanding of the camera's instruction manual; tried new ideas and gained new skills in the delightful ambiance of West Dean College.

EVENING SESSIONS:

First evening session – attendance is an essential part of the course.

Other optional evening activities: The teaching room is available until 10pm

GENERAL TIMETABLE: see overleaf

STUDENT PREPARATION FOR COURSE IF ANY:

Ensure your camera is fully charged and functioning properly before the course begins.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. There are no health and safety restrictions on access to this studio/teaching space in the absence of the tutor. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.

MATERIALS FOR THE COURSE:

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ON PRACTICAL COURSES YOU MAY WELL NEED TO PURCHASE MATERIALS THROUGHOUT THE COURSE TO COMPLETE PROJECTS

Processing charges: Data cards/prints will be processed commercially in Chichester. The tutor will advise you of the cost of prints, which is usually around £10 per person. This amount should be reimbursed to the College (by cash or cheque payable to 'The Edwards James Foundation' and will be collected by the tutor before the end of the course.

STUDENTS SHOULD BRING THE FOLLOWING TO THE COURSE:

Your digital SLR camera – please ensure that it is fully functioning
 The digital camera instruction book or manual
 Additional lenses
 Memory card/s plus spares
 Fresh spare camera batteries and/or the cameras battery charging device.
 A tripod (if you have one)
 A laptop computer (NOT essential, but could be useful)
 A notebook and pencil
 Examples of your work – both good and bad!

COURSE TIMETABLE (unless otherwise stated above or agreed with the tutor during the course)

Course timetable for 2–9 day courses – each course starts with a welcome session on the first evening of the start date of the course and is followed by 2–9 days depending on the length of the course.

Arrival Day	From 4.00pm	Arrival for residential students. Non-residential students please arrive by 6.45pm for welcome chat and dinner.
	7.00	Dinner.
	8.15–9.15	First teaching session.
Daily Timetable	9.15am	Morning classes.
	10.30	Coffee.
	12.45pm	Lunch.
	2.00pm	Afternoon classes.
	3.30	Tea.
	5.00	Classes finish.
	7.00	Dinner.
	8.15	Evening working – students may have evening access to certain workshops in the absence of their tutor, but only with their tutor's permission and provided it is safe to do so.
Departure – last day	10.00am	Residential students are asked to vacate rooms.
	3.00pm	Classes finish.
	3.30	Tea then departure.