

PSA Image Analysis Course

Description and Overview

This online course is designed for anyone who wishes to know more about photography and what may constitute a pleasant photographic image.

A course participant must be a member of a PSA-member camera club who is, or becomes, a PSA member and would like to learn what to say in the analysis/evaluation of a photograph. Many times camera club members are called upon to discuss the work of others. This course is not designed to certify PSA members as judges. It is designed so the student may learn to formulate thought patterns toward more intelligent discourse.

This course is also designed to improve the student's personal work through comprehensive analysis of the work of others. The lessons will contain the work of master photographers as well as the work of the amateur and beginner, for a broad range of visual stimulation.

Since the course is designed for members of the Photographic Society of America (PSA), it is designed to help the student evaluate work within the framework of PSA-recognized International Exhibitions and the camera club environment. Evaluation of student's analyses by the instructor will be for the purpose of helping the student have a positive and productive PSA experience and contribute to the positive experience of others.

The course is self-contained; there is no text book or additional material required. There are 12 lessons to be completed in three (3) months. Each lesson will include two images to be analyzed by the student for a total of 24 images. The instructor will then return the analysis with comments and discussion regarding what was written by the student.

When one lesson is finished and returned to the student, the next lesson will be sent. It is planned that the student will finish the course in the three (3) months allotted; however, if you are not finished at the end of the three (3) months the course will end. Application for an extension will be considered, under special circumstances.

At the successful conclusion of the course a certificate will be sent to the student, their name will be listed on the PSA Club Services web site, and in the PSA Journal.

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