

Image Capture during COVID-19

Due to a lack of access to film SLRs, DSLRs, computers and a darkroom, students may use their cell phone camera for all assignments during this shutdown. Students may also use the photo editing program on their phone to enhance images. You may certainly use other third party photo editing apps you may have on your phone. I am not going to generate a list of suggested editing programs - I will leave this up to you. If you have access to another digital camera and a traditional computer with photo editing software, you can use either or both of these.

What is being asked of you here is not nearly as much as you would be doing in a regular setting for this class. First, this has to do with lack of access to our normal lab. Additionally, we have been asked by the district to consider the circumstances of all families. We cannot imagine all the troubles our fellow citizens might be going through right now. Students may have been thrust into becoming a full time babysitter for a younger sibling or may have to do more chores around the house due to these recent events. Family members may be falling ill. We must be sensitive to all this. I could give many research assignments and the like, but I do not feel this is the time for that. Having said that, use the time you have for these assignments to put thought into your images. Make them as meaningful as possible. I am asking for 60 well thought out images and a few short writing assignments in the span of 5 weeks (at this point). Please make them count.

We will continue to use Google Photos and Google Classroom to turn in assignments. If you are going to use your cell phone for your image capture, you will need to download the Google Photos app onto your phone if it is not already there. As I have said before, you can use your school Google account or use a personal Google account for your images.

Very Important: Once you install the Google Photos app on your phone, when you go to set it up, the app will ask you if you would like to back up the images on your phone to Google Photos. This is entirely up to you, but you must be aware that any Google account only gives you 15GB of storage (for all documents, emails, and photos). So once you surpass this limit, the resolution of files will be diminished (meaning memory is erased and the quality of the image goes down). So if you have hundreds or thousands of photos on your phone and you have Google back everything up, the images will automatically be lowered in quality once the backup is done. Please know that this diminishing of quality will only occur on the Google account. The images stored on your phone will continue to be their original resolution. I keep the two separate and only upload the ones I want to Google Photos – but again, you call.