This course will be roughly divided into three 5-week sections: 1-Technique, 2-Visual Literacy, and 3-Photo Essay. Your final grade will be the average of the three section grades (30% each) - the remaining 10% will be based on the portfolio you hand in (no later than April 30th), and participation in class discussion.

In addition to the final Photo Essay (more on that later), I will be assigning approximately 6 written photo critiques, and about as many photo assignments. All written assignments should be typed (and stapled if more than one page) with your name and the assignment title at the top of the page. All photo assignments should be delivered in an 8.5 x 11 envelope with your name and assignment title clearly indicated. Assignments turned in after the due date (no later than two days) will be docked one letter grade.

There will be one scheduled quiz and a section exam for sections 1 and 2. There will also be two random pop quizzes.

Section one: Technique

This section will be hands on. In these five weeks you will learn:

the basic operation of your camera,
how to properly expose and process film
how to make contact sheets and prints.

Topics:

a. Film - how it works (Schaefer chapter 4)

b. 35mm camera/lens overview (Schaefer p. 38 - 44).

c. exposure calculation (Schaefer chapter 6)
   1- relationship of ISO, shutter-speed and aperture (Schaefer p. 91 - 95)
   2- metering
      1- reflected
      2- incident
      3- grey card
      4- film box
      5- f-16 rule
      6- polaroid
d. film processing (Schaefer Chapter 7)
   1- determining proper dev. time and temp
   2- loading film onto reel - placing into dev. tank
   3- pre-wetting
   4- development
   5- stop bath
   6- fixer
   7- 1st wash
   8- hypo-clear
   9- final wash
  10- photo-flo
  11- squeegee
  12- drying
  13- cut and sleeve
  14- clean-up

e. documentation/filing

f. printing (Schaefer chapter 8)
  1- loading enlarger
  2- sizing/focusing enlarger
  3- loading paper
  4- exposure/contrast determination (test strip)
  5- processing print
     a. develop
     b. stop bath
     c. fixer
     d. wash
     e. dry
     f. clean-up