

**WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY  
BASIC COURSE INFORMATION**

**COURSE TITLE:** Action Photography

**COURSE NUMBER:** TEC 401

**I. MAJOR INSTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVES:**

**Objective A:** Capture live action images (sports and/or wildlife)

- A-1. Understand timing for catching action images (tracking, anticipation of events)
- A-2. Understand lens choices as it relates to subject and end use of imagery (long, zoom, wide angle)
- A-3. Focus (autofocus -vs- back button focus)
- A-4. Stopping action -vs- showing motion (choices in ISO, Aperture, and Shutter Speed)
- A-5. File type choices for capturing images, RAW -vs- JPG

**Objective B:** Make software choices when editing images

- B-1. Understand how to use Photo Mechanic to import and select images for editing
- B-2. Understand how to properly caption images for publication submission
- B-3. Use Photoshop for advanced cropping and editing.

**Objective C:** Produce a final portfolio

- C-1. Select related images to create a “story” of the action event
- C-2. Identify crop points to ensure viewer’s eyes are drawn directly to the subject, eliminating distractions.
- C-3. Use a variety of stop action, motion blur, full frame, and close-up images to add interest and story telling.
- C-4. Mix ambient light with flash for effect

**II. CLASS PARTICIPATION:**

Students are expected to attend class and participate actively and in a positive way. Questions and relevant observations are encouraged and enrich the experience of the entire class. Computers in the classrooms are intended to be used as tools to enhance the students' learning experience. Instant messaging, gaming, emailing, and surfing the web are distractions to the student, the surrounding students, and the instructor and constitute inappropriate behavior. Students are ethically obliged to avoid these and similar practices.

**External Storage Requirement:**

Students are required to supply their own external storage (ie, SD card, external hard drive, etc.)

Memory

Students are NOT supplied with cameras and video equipment.

**Equipment required for this course:**