

Introduction to Photoshop – Beginners Course Overview

This course is designed for those who are new to Adobe Photoshop and are keen to “get up to speed” with the program in the shortest time possible. The course is presented by professional Commercial photographer Michael Evans, who has over 12 years experience as a tutor, and is conducted here in Melbourne. Michael has earned a deserved reputation for being able to 'fast track' the learning process with his caring and attentive style of tuition. For those struggling with the constraints of time, his 'Photoshop Intensive' course is just that; designed to take a complete novice to a comfortable level of proficiency in just 8 hours.

Course content:**Adobe Bridge:**

Learning how to use this powerful Digital Asset Management software to streamline your workflow.

Setting up Photoshop & the Bridge Preferences:

Plus how to reset the program when it starts to misbehave!

The Photoshop Interface:

A look at the panels & Navigation options within the program.

Image size & Resolution:

Understanding resolution and how to resize your images.

Crop, Rotate & Straighten:

Learning how to crop to a specific size and how to use the tool to create an image frame.

Dodge and burn tools:

How to selectively lighten and darken areas of your image, using these brush based tools.

Introducing Layers:

Learning how to use Layers in a non destructive workflow.

Basic Colour Correction:

Learning how to correct an overall colour cast using variations.

More advanced methods of Colour Adjustment:

Using the hue / saturation adjustment layer.

The Levels Command:

A powerful tool for enhancing contrast & colour correction.

The Curves Command:

Using curves to correct contrast/colour – techniques for painting with light.

Clone & Heal your image:

Retouch skin wrinkles, clone away distracting elements in an image.

Camera Raw:

Why shoot in Raw format & using Adobe Camera Raw to 'develop' your Raw files.

Sharpening & Output:

How to save your digital files: what format to save to, and sharpening for output

Who is it for?

Aimed at the beginner the course is designed to impart a solid foundation, resulting in a comfortable level of proficiency in image editing using Photoshop CS4. It assumes no prior knowledge of Photoshop, yet I have called the course "Intensive" since it provides the maximum information on Photoshop in the most time efficient and accessible manner.

How is the Course structured?

The course is presented in a "hands on" fashion, with an explanation followed by a practice session for each technique or tool. By limiting the class to a maximum of eight students I am able to thoroughly address each student's questions that may arise during our time together, thus ensuring an in depth understanding of the program.

What do I need to bring?

You will need your own laptop with Photoshop CS3/CS4 pre-loaded. We can load a trial version for you, however please enquire about this **prior** to the course. Sample images to work on (edit/retouch) throughout the duration of the course will be provided on a USB stick. You also need a writing pad and pen, to compliment the course notes provided.

Course Duration

The course runs for 8 hours in total, commencing from 9am – 5pm (registration from 8.45am). Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided (lunch running for 45 minutes) with coffee and tea available upon arrival.

Venue

The course is held at the centrally located Hotel Charsfield – 478 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne 3004. (Tel 9866 5511) Convenient access from tram (stop # 24), train and taxis.

Michael, you are a born educator - magnificent job with the Photoshop course. I learnt more in 8 hours than I did during a recent 6 week Tafe course!"

David Meale 2009

"Michael has a real flair for it - entertaining, instructive and patient. I was extremely impressed by his depth of knowledge, not just theoretical but from experience within Photoshop. I learnt so much more from the course than I had expected to. Most grateful and thoroughly satisfied."

Robert Jackson 2009

"...the course was informative and well structured. Michael was approachable and very knowledgeable with the instruction delivered in a relaxed and friendly manner...I look forward to attending some of your advanced courses."

Nigel Pittaway 2009

Michael you were great....you certainly packed a lot of information into a short period of time, but pitched it at a level I know all could understand. You paid appropriate amount of attention to individuals along the way and now I feel so much more confident about my camera and what I will be able to achieve in the future using Photoshop."

Holly Harden 2010

"Thank you for an extremely well presented course. All aspects were thoroughly and clearly explained and Michael was able to answer all questions and give good sound practical advice..."

Emily & Peter 2010

"Michael Evans has delivered an excellent digital photo course. As an educator, myself I am impressed by his ability to handle a range of skill levels, camera models and questions, and still cover so much content so effectively ! We look forward to joining you on your Photoshop course."

Susan & Christopher Wade 2009

"Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to partnering with you during your Photoshop Learning".

Michael Evans Photographer / Educator