

Photoshop Fundamentals for Photographers, course outline

In this course we'll go through each tool individually, using images that are ideal for describing a particular tool. You'll learn about the various selection tools, cropping, brushing, history, erasing and all the other tools in the Photoshop toolbox. We'll look at how one tool can be used in conjunction with others and discuss best practices when using tools, using shortcuts to help with an ideal workflow. We'll also look at the essential panels used in photo editing, like using actions, adjustment layers, layers and curves etc. This is a great starter course for photographers wanting to build familiarity with Photoshop and gain an in depth knowledge of the program essentials.

Photoshop tools and panels

The move tool	Select and mask
The artboard tool	Smart objects
The marquee tool	The alignment tools
The lasso tool	Actions
The polygonal lasso tool	Adjustment layers
The magnetic lasso tool	Groups
The quick selection tool	Colour balance
The magic wand tool	History
The crop tool	Black and white
The perspective crop tool	Levels
The slice tool	The liquify tool
The eyedropper tool	Keyboard shortcuts
The ruler tool	Clipping masks
The spot healing brush tool	Filter gallery
The healing brush tool	Curves
The patch tool	Hue/saturation
The content aware move tool	Channels
The red eye tool	Paths
The brush tool	Layer masks
The clone stamp tool	Layer effects
The rounded rectangle tool	
The rotate view tool	
Layers	
The hand tool	
The dodge tool	
The burn tool	
Foreground and background colours	
The blur tool	
Quick mask mode	
The zoom tool	
The sharpen tool	
The pen tool	
The eraser tool	
The polygon tool	
The custom shape tool	
The type tool	
The smudge tool	
The gradient tool	
The rectangle tool	
The ellipse tool	

Course timescale

Course is held over a 2 week period, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week, starting at 6.30pm. This gives plenty time for Q and A and also time for recap and discussion.

What you'll need

A laptop (PC or Mac - I work on Mac and am also familiar with PC) with Adobe Photoshop CS6 or newer. If you don't have Photoshop you can get it at <https://www.adobe.com/uk/creativecloud/plans.html>. The Photography Plan is all you need and it's £9.98 per month. It includes Photoshop and Lightroom and also a portfolio website. A notebook is also handy. No prior knowledge of Photoshop is needed but you will need basic knowledge of your computer system such as launching applications, making, copying saving files and creating folders.

Course location

The course is held in my studio at Meadow Mill in Dundee with a maximum of 5 students per session. I project my desktop onto a large screen to enable us all to work together. It's really relaxed and I'll provide refreshments.

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Cost

£90 per person.

