

MARYVALE

Summer Academy 2026

Course: Digital Photography I

Age: Rising 9th-12th graders.

Format: In-person

Description: This course provides students with an introduction to Digital Photography using Digital SLR Nikon/Canon cameras and Adobe editing software. The basis of this course is a focus on the four major components of photography: Light, Subject, Background, and Moment. Students will learn about a variety of photography processes including: Black and White photography, Manual Mode Light Metering, Aperture Priority settings, and Photoshop manipulation assignments. Students will be inspired by famous photographers throughout history as well as contemporary photographers living and working in today's economy. Students will have the option to borrow materials including cameras, lenses, and tripods for use outside of Maryvale. Formal as well as informal critiques and criticism of both student work and professional photography will take place on a regular basis. Students may go on a field trip during this class. If so, permission slips and information would be shared well in advance the trip would occur during the traditional class timeframe.

Prerequisite: Maryvale students must be a rising 9th-12th grader, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above, and approval from the Upper School Head.

Upon successful completion, Maryvale students will satisfy their 0.5 Visual Arts credit towards graduation.

Students not enrolled at Maryvale for the 2026-2027 school year must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above, be a rising 9th – 12th grader, and have written permission from their respective Academic Dean sent to Maryvale's Director of Academic and Innovative Programming. These students will need to contact their school's Academic Dean to determine how credit will be awarded from their institution.