

Haute Fuse Photography Fundamentals: Master Your Camera in 6 Weeks

Format: In-Person | Weekly | 1.5-2 Hour Sessions at Haute Fuse (503 Jefferson Street, Latrobe, PA 15650 and surrounding locations

Target Audience: Beginners and hobbyists with DSLR or mirrorless cameras

Class Size: Ideal for 4-10 students

What to Bring: Camera, manual, memory card, notebook, charged batteries

Week 1 - Getting to Know Your Camera (August 14, 2025 at 6:00pm)

- Introduction and welcome
- DSLR vs. Mirrorless vs. Phone
- Camera parts and terminology
- File types (JPEG vs. RAW)
- Modes overview (Auto, P, A/Av, S/Tv, M)
- Hands-on practice: Navigating your camera
- Homework: 10 varied photos using different modes/focal lengths

Week 2 - Exposure Triangle: Aperture, Shutter Speed, ISO (August 21, 2025 at 6:00pm)

- Understanding how light works in photography
- Aperture: f-stops and depth of field
- Shutter Speed: Motion blur vs. freeze
- ISO: Noise and sensitivity
- Hands-on exercises
- Homework: Submit 15 images (5 focused on each element)

Week 3 - Composition & Lighting (August 28, 2025 at 6:00pm)

- Rule of thirds, leading lines, symmetry
- Creative framing and perspective
- Natural light vs. artificial light
- Golden hour tips
- Hands-on shooting in controlled lighting
- Homework: 3 strong compositions + 3 lighting studies

Week 4 - Manual Mode & White Balance (September 4, 2025 at 6:00pm)

- Review: Aperture, Shutter, ISO
- White balance explained
- Reading histograms
- Shooting in manual mode confidently
- Hands-on manual shooting session
- Homework: One-day manual-only shooting; submit 3 best images

Week 5 - Shoot a Session (September 11, 2025 at 6:00pm)

- Styled Models
- Basic Poses
- Styles: Portrait
- Practice: Mini shoot in various styles
- Homework: Submit 3 portraits + 3 motion/action photos

Week 6 - Review & Critique (September 18, 2025 at 6:00pm)

- Recap of major concepts
- Group critique: share and discuss photos
- Q&A: Gear advice and editing intro

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Full 6-Week Course: \$350

Optional Editing Class (Lightroom or Photoshop): \$200

Date: September 22, 2025 at 6:00pm

What's Included:

- 9-12 hours of in-person instruction
- Weekly assignments and personalized feedback
- Student support via email and private group