



## Welcome to Graphic Design at St. Clair College!

You'll be receiving lots of information from our Registrar's Office regarding your time at St. Clair College but this letter is specifically about your Digital Imaging Foundations class. Please read it very carefully.

Digital Imaging Foundations is your introduction to Photography, one of the many skills you'll develop in the program, and one which will carry across multiple courses depending on the needs of various projects. You may have to shoot product, models, events, environments, or video to tell visual stories and as integral parts of designs and reference for a variety of classes throughout your years in the Graphic Design Program.

The good news is that ***you aren't required to purchase a camera for the program.*** As phone technology has evolved, so too have the powerful capabilities of the built in cameras within cellular devices. So, you'll be just fine if you'd prefer to use your camera phone for the various photographic and video needs in the program. For specific work, and to train you in the use of a camera, we'll have two Nikon D7500 cameras available for your needs, which can be booked for use in our Photo Studio. For anyone working with your mobile device, your instructor may recommend certain apps to enhance the experience when shooting with your phone.

For those who do wish to purchase a camera, here are some suggestions should you want to go that route. The following are examples of quality camera/lens combinations having the features that you'll want out of a camera. These camera brands are for reference only - you are welcome to select a different brand if you so choose. If you do decide to purchase a camera, we recommend that you contact your trusted camera retailer to assist you in comparing features of these and other brands so that you can make the selection that best meets these requirements.

**NIKON D5600 W/AF-P DX 18-55mm**

*or the*

**NIKON Z 50 Creators Kit**

*or the*

**CANON EOS Mark II**

*or the*

**EOS Rebel SL3 EF-S 18-55mm**

If you have any questions be sure to email Mike Lovell, your Program Coordinator, at [mlovell@stclaircollege.ca](mailto:mlovell@stclaircollege.ca). See you in September!

Best regards,

Graphic Design Faculty

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