

CS 70.11A Photoshop 1 Online

Getting Started

- Make sure you have read and understood our Syllabus, Schedule, FAQs, and Resources pages and know how to access our Discussion Forum and your grades.
- If this is your first online class and you haven't already done so from the syllabus, click on the following links:
 - [Requirements for taking an online class](#)
 - [How to take an online class](#)
- Check into the CATE system, as explained in the syllabus. Each SRJC class needs its own *unique* username.
- Get your textbook *Practical Photoshop CS5, Level 1* (see the syllabus)
- If you don't already have a recent version of Adobe Reader to read the PDF files, then download it as explained in the syllabus.
- In Photoshop, use *Help > Photoshop Help* to launch the online Adobe Help system at adobe.com. It connects you to the Adobe Photoshop CS5 Help page. CS5 uses the Adobe Community Help web browser in a separate window. Update the Community Help application and Help content if prompted. Click on the *View Help PDF* link. Save the *photoshop_cs5_help.pdf* file to your computer. This PDF file is a very helpful reference guide supplied by Adobe. I like using the PDF file better than accessing Adobe Help online because it's always available and loads faster than the web page.
- Likewise from Adobe Bridge, use *Help > Adobe Bridge Help* to launch Adobe Help. It connects you to the Adobe Creative Suite 5 page. Click on *View Help PDF* link. Save the *creativesuite_cs5_help.pdf* file to your computer.
- From either Photoshop or Bridge, click *Help > Updates*. Download any recommended updates for Photoshop, Bridge, Camera Raw, and any other Adobe software that you have installed.
- Complete the reading assignment for the current week as specified in our schedule. Each reading assignment entails a chapter from our textbook, my lesson notes, and my review questions. These latter documents are on CATE and CATE will ask for your username and password (see the second bullet).

- Read the *_read_me_first_CS5.txt* and the *_Video-Instructions.pdf* files on the textbook DVD. Note that the latter file has instructions for downloading QuickTime for Windows if you need it. I strongly recommend copying the *images_for_tutorials* folder and the *videos* folder to your hard drive for quicker access and as a backup in case you damage or lose the DVD.

- Using *Elluminate Live!* for online office hours, M 8:15-9:15pm (optional)
 - If this is your first time using *Elluminate Live!*, then sometime before connecting to the online office hour, visit the [Elluminate Live! support page](#). *Elluminate Live!* is part of Blackboard Collaborate. Check your system requirements and read the information in Step 1. Your computer needs speakers or headphones and Java installed. If you would like to talk, a microphone is necessary; otherwise text chat works fine. Configure your system in Step 2. For more information on how to use *Elluminate Live!*, complete the *Recorded Introduction* video (about 10 minutes) or the more detailed *Online Orientation* in Step 3.

 - Connecting for the online office hour
 1. Dial your telephone conference line: (888) 886-3951
 2. When prompted, enter your passcode: 305888
 3. Go to www.cccconfer.org.
 4. Click the *Student Log In* button under the *Office Hours* logo.
 5. Locate your meeting and click *Go*.
 6. Fill out the form and enter the password: 305888

 - Running *Elluminate Live!* for the first time
 1. Set your connection speed using *Tools>Preferences>Session>Connection* in Windows or *Elluminate Live! >Preferences>Session>Connection* in MacOS
 2. Configure your audio settings using *Tools>Audio>Audio Setup Wizard*

- Let me know if you have any questions.