The School of Mass Communication and Journalism at The University of Southern Mississippi will offer a basic digital photography course for those who have always wanted to learn how to work a digital 35mm DSLR as well as study the basics of photography.

The class will be offered May 17-21 and May 24-28 from 5-9:30 p.m, -- a time ideally suited for those who work full-time and have always wanted to take a photography class. The class is also available to non-photojournalism students who may not have been able to take the basic photography class during the regular school year due to class size limits.

Professional photojournalist and Southern Miss Professor of Practice, Gina Gayle, will teach the course. Gayle has years of experience working for various newspapers and news agencies across the country as well as working on her own personal projects such as a long-term story on the rebuilding of New Orleans as told through the experience of the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club. Her work can be seen at http://www.nabj.org/static/katrina.

Gayle is a former Hearst Journalism Fellow and the recipient of numerous awards and her work has been widely published in periodicals such as the New York Times, The Washington Post and Newsday as well as many news wire services.

Members of the public who are interested in taking the course on a not-for-credit basis can attend for a $200 fee. To enroll, contact the School of Mass Communication and Journalism at 601.266.4258.

Notes: This course is for NON-photojournalism students. A 35-millimeter, SLR camera is required. (Cameras will be available for checkout to MCJ majors.) There are no pre-requisites for this course.

More information about the May mini-session at Southern Miss is available at http://www.usm.edu/minisession. For additional information, contact Dr. Christopher Campbell, director of the Southern Miss School of Mass Communication and Journalism, at 601-266-4258 or christopher.campbell@usm.edu.

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