Fall 2024 Class Descriptions & Schedule

The cost of each course is at the end of each description and is in the format: (Non-CKCS-Member price/CKCS Member price). The days and times the class meets are the last items listed in the description.

Equine Photography…Kathy Davis will demonstrate how to improve your photos using different composition techniques. The first session will be on what to look for in the viewfinder when framing your shot. We will also go into the "rules" of a good image. The second session will be at Keeneland at the prestigious Yearling Sale, where you can practice these techniques on live-year-old colts and fillies. {So fun} The third session will be show and tell in class. Students need to have their camera with a fully charged battery, an empty memory card, your camera's manual, and something to take notes on. ($45/$36)

Mondays, September 9, 16, 23
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Computer Basics for a Windows PC…Learn the fundamentals of using a Windows computer. Learn to use various aspects of the Microsoft Word Processing program, including manipulating text and inserting graphics into a document. Basic filing and file management are introduced. The final class of this course deals with the basics of email and the Internet. ($60/$48)

Thursdays, September 12, 19, 26 &
October 3, 10, 17
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Getting the Most Out of Your iPhone…Learn the essential (and hidden) functions of your iPhone. Learn how to download apps, move, nest, and delete them. Learn how to get better photos with your phone, organize your pictures, and send them in text and emails. Texting messages and using Siri will also be covered. Participants should bring their (fully charged) iPhone and know (or bring) their passcode, Apple ID, and password. ($60/$48)

Wednesdays, September 11, 18, 25 &
October 2, 9, 16
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Get Much More Out of Your Mac…Students will benefit by learning to go beyond the basics they have been using on their Mac. This class is designed for students who want to learn more than the basics – we will show you how to use different options built into macOS in addition to techniques that will make you more productive. We'll discuss various topics, including Mac security, printing, desktop publishing, and configuring your computer so it works better for you. Students will learn about Mac specifics such as Stacks, Launchpad, open apps vs. active apps, customizing the Dock and learning how it works, and keyboard shortcuts to streamline your activity. ($60/$48)

Fridays, September 20, 27 &
October 4, 11, 18, 25
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

iMovie for iPad: Creating Movies Made Easy…Unlock the power of storytelling with your iPad in this engaging class. Discover how to use the **free iMovie app** to craft compelling movies using photos and music. Add a personal touch with custom text and smooth transitions. By the end of the session, you'll be ready to share your cinematic creation with friends and family and on social media. Whether you're a beginner or looking to enhance your video editing skills, this class is your ticket to producing memorable movies with ease. ($45/$36)

Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Creating Personal Greetings and Note Cards with Microsoft Word... Christmas is coming soon!! Why not make your own personal Christmas cards? Learn how to create note/greeting card templates, insert graphics, photos and text boxes, and add special effects to these elements. Making three-dimensional and novelty cards will also be introduced to open the world of possibilities in creating personalized cards. The only limitation will be your imagination. This is a fun and useful class! ($50/$40)

Thursdays, October 24, 31 &
November 7, 14
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Organizing Your Computer Files... Have you ever created a file and saved it, only to find you cannot locate it later? We will look at several strategies for organizing your files to make them easier to find. We will also learn techniques for moving files and folders on your computer and external storage devices. ($45/$36)

Tuesdays, October 29 &
November 12, 19
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Adventures in Photography... This class will include instruction on white balance, depth of field, aperture, and shutter speeds to blur and stop motion. The instructors will show how to photograph close-ups with the lenses students already have and demonstrate close-ups and microphotograph techniques with other lenses. Students will learn how to use standard filters correctly. The instructors will also introduce infrared photography with the student's camera using filters provided by the instructors. This five-week course will spend alternating weeks in the classroom and outside shooting photos. Students should have a basic knowledge of their camera. Students need to have their camera with a fully charged battery, an empty memory card, your camera's manual, and something to take notes on. ($55/$44)

Mondays, October 7, 14, 21, 28 & November 4
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Introduction to Photoshop Elements... In this introductory course to Adobe's Photoshop Elements program, we will learn to use the tools of this program to do basic photo editing, including adjusting lighting and color, cropping, cloning and spot healing, red eye removal, and many other techniques. We will also discuss photo considerations before printing or sharing, introduction to layers, converting images to black and white, enhancing and restoring old photos, adding text, using brushes, graphics, adjustment layers, templates, guided edits, filters, and special effects, and a demonstration of how this program can create cards, calendars, slide shows, collages, and photo books. ($60/$48)

Mondays, October 28 &
November 4, 11, 18, 25 &
December 2
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Digital Imaging Using Corel PaintShop Pro for Windows PC Only... In this class, the students will learn how to enhance their pictures using a digital imaging program. They will learn how to crop, brighten, lighten, and generally clean up their pictures for a better presentation. The program used is Corel's PaintShop Pro. Students will also learn how to scan their old photographs to enhance them properly. In this class, students will learn more about using text with their images, working with layers, straightening pictures, and using scripts to create various presentations, such as color or charcoal sketches of their pictures. We will also work on restoring old pictures and learn how to take someone out of a picture and put them on another picture. We will continue learning techniques to restore old photographs and learn how to create a collage with several of your pictures. ($60/$48)

Tuesdays, October 29 &
November 12, 19, 26 &
December 3, 10
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

iPad Mastery: Unveiling Hidden Features…Dive into the depths of your iPad and emerge a master of its capabilities. This class offers a comprehensive guide to utilizing the built-in Apple apps to their fullest potential. Tailor your iPad experience by personalizing and organizing your apps, enhancing your photos, and managing your albums easily. Gain insights into the iPad's settings, uncover keyboard shortcuts, and add flair to your emails and texts with animations. Plus, receive practical tips on optimizing using Calendar, Notes, Reminders, Facetime, and the Libby app. Transform your iPad into a powerhouse of productivity and personal expression. ($60/$48)

Wednesdays, October 30 & November 6, 13, 20, 27 & December 4
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Introduction to Flash Photography…Are you interested in improving your photographs by learning simple techniques using your camera's built-in flash or external flash? In this class, you will learn when to use your flash and how to use it to enhance your photography. You will learn to use a flash to take natural-looking pictures of people and to use fill flash for more natural-looking everyday photography. We will demonstrate how to use your flash in portraits, group photography, and everyday photos. You will have a chance to practice these techniques. Students need to have their camera with a fully charged battery, an empty memory card, your camera's manual, and something to take notes on. If you own an external flash, bring it to class. ($40/$32)

Mondays, November 18, 25
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Workshop Descriptions

Workshops cost $30 for non-CKCS members and $24 for CKCS Members.

Personalizing "Memories" in Photos on the iPad Workshop…This workshop will guide you through transforming automatically created 'Memories' videos into treasures that reflect your style. Learn to select music, edit titles, adjust video duration, and curate photos to perfect your narrative. Quick, easy, and fun, these enhanced Memories are ideal for sharing life's special moments with loved ones. Join us and make your memories uniquely yours!

Thursday, September 19
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Introduction to Windows 11 Workshop…This workshop will look at what is new in Windows 11, what has changed, and how to set it up to make it more user-friendly. If you are considering installing it on your computer, this workshop might help you decide whether to install it. On the other hand, if you have already installed it, this workshop might help you set up Windows 11. Students are encouraged to bring their laptop computers if they have Windows 11 already installed. However, ensure your laptop is fully charged before you bring it to class.

Tuesday, October 22
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

What's New in iOS 18 for iPhone Workshop…In this workshop, the students will learn many new features of the latest iPhone operating system.

Thursday, November 7
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Enrollment Procedure

We enroll students on a first-come, first-pay basis.

Registration starts on Monday, August 12th

Use the CKCS Store:
Credit card only
There is a link to the Store. on our home page at
https://ckcs.org
Please read the "Store Registration Guide" first. Its link is below the store link.

By phone: 859-373-1000
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In-person: Cash, check, credit card
160 Moore Drive, Suite 107
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In-person and phone times:

Monday to Thursday
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Please consult our website for the latest information about our classes

What is CKCS?

CKCS is an educational, non-profit membership organization devoted to helping Central KY learn more about computers, digital cameras, tablets, and cell phones. We are now in our 40th year of members assisting members in keeping up with technology. CKCS conducts regular classes, one-day workshops on computer and photography topics, monthly Special Interest Group meetings, special seminars, and many more events and activities.

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