

Basic Photoshop

1. Opening files in Photoshop

file>open

2. Creating a new document in Photoshop

file>new

3. To correct the exposure of your photos (Chapter 2 in your textbook):

image>adjustments>brightness/contrast

or

image>adjustments>levels (then use black eye dropper to click on an area you want to read as black; use the white eye dropper to click on an area you want to read as white)

4. Straightening image:

*image>image rotation>*then choose the appropriate adjustment

5. Correcting angle of view:

edit>transform>perspective

6. Making a selection (Chapter 3 in your textbook):

Use the quick selection tool or magic wand from the tool bar on the left hand side of your image. Hover your cursor over the tool bar and the names will pop up. You can increase or decrease the size of the brush by using the square brackets on your keyboard: []. You can refine the edge by clicking: *refine edge* at the top of the workspace (be careful about using the feather option, it makes your image look artificial and “Photoshopped”). You can delete everything outside of your selection by clicking: *select>inverse* and clicking delete. Click *control + d* to get rid of “marching ants.”

7. You can use the move tool in the tool bar to drag your cut out piece to your new document.

8. Changing the size of your object:

control+T+shift key

9. Changing the color of your object:

First select your object, then go to *set foreground* color (near the bottom of the left hand tool bar) and click. A pop-up window will appear with a palette. Choose your color and click OK.

10. Altering the canvas or image size:

image>image size

image> canvas size

11. Save your image:

file> save as; subsequently, *edit>save*