

Focus & Frame:

Beginner Photographer Online Course

Aperture

This initial concept can prove to be confusing to beginner photographers.

Aperture refers to the the size opening of the shutter of your lens. It has many resultant effects for your photos and is one of the three cornerstones of your photography education, with ISO and shutter speed being the other two. These three elements together form the Exposure Triangle.

We cover Exposure Triangle in Lesson 6. If you understand that concept you are well on your way to learnin the base blocks of photography.

The larger the opening of your lens (aperture) the more light you allow to reach your sensor. The smaller the opening the less light you allow. Pretty straightforward isn't it?

Think of the aperture as the pupil of the camera. When you go out into bright light, your pupil reduces and at times you squint hard to reduce the light even more.

Aperture also controls how much of your photo is in focus (also known as Bokeh). This is called the Depth of Field (DoF), a concept which we will cover later in this online course.



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