

COURSE SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT

Academic School / Department: Communications and The Arts

Programme: Art History and Visual Culture
Film & Photography

FHEQ Level: 6

Course Title: Studio Photography

Course Code: PHT 6101

Student Engagement Hours: 160

Lectures: Seminar/Tutorials/Lab 45

Independent / Guided Learning: 100

Supervision: 15

Credits: 16 UK CATS credits
8 ECTS credits

Course Description:

This course explores the technical and contextual possibilities of the photographic studio, an environment and set of tools that are as valid to contemporary photographers as they have been historically. During the course students will gain technical experience of using the studio for creating photographic images, including introductions to lighting and backdrops, and working with models and objects. The course will also introduce the historical and contemporary contexts for the studio as a site of image creation, from the early experiments with the medium, to contemporary fine art and fashion and advertising. The course will directly build upon skills students have gained during Photography: Theory and Practice.

Prerequisites:

ADM 5405 Photography: Theory and Practice

Aims and Objectives:

- Introduce students to the studio environment, including the use of lighting, light modifiers and backdrops.
- Introduce working with models and directions within a studio environment.
- Gain experience of photography objects such as still lives and products.
- Consider the possibilities of creating their own backdrops and art direction.
- Gain an understanding of how the studio may be used in different contexts such as
- fashion, journalism and fine art.
- Experience of creating sequences of images as may be found in advertising campaigns,
- magazine spreads or exhibitions.
- Introduce the students to a broad range of historical and contemporary studio
- photography, including visits to museums/exhibitions.

Programme Outcomes:

Art History and Visual Culture: B6(i), B6(ii), B6(iii), C6(i), C6(ii), C6(iii), D6(i), D6(ii)

Film & Photography: B6(i), B6(ii), B6(iii), C6(i), C6(ii), C6(iii), D6(i), D6(ii)

A detailed list of the programme outcomes is found in the Programme Specification. This is located at the archive maintained by Registry and found at:

<https://www.richmond.ac.uk/programme-and-course-specifications/>

Learning Outcomes:

- By the end of this course, successful students should be able to:
- Independently use the equipment available in the Photography Studio, including lights,
- modifiers and backdrops.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the various contexts of photographic imagery and
- create studio-based images for a variety of these contexts.
- Create a sequence of images that engages with conceptual and contextual
- concerns.
- Understand the process of working with models and direction within a studio
- environment.
- Be constructively critical of their own and others work.

Indicative Content:

- The use of lighting and modifiers.
- Working with models and direction.
- Working with backgrounds and art direction.
- Group critique and discussion.
- Presentation of research skills.
- Independent working methods.
- Consideration of context when creating images.
- Creation of sequence in various contexts.

Assessment:

This course conforms to the University Assessment Norms approved at Academic Board and located at: <https://www.richmond.ac.uk/university-policies/>

Teaching Methodology:

This course will use interactive lectures, technical workshops, presentation and critiques and group work within the class. There will be a visit to a relevant museum or exhibition followed by a class discussion.

Indicative Texts:

- Barnbaum, Bruce. 2017. *The Art Of Photography*. 2nd ed. San Rafael: Rocky Nook.
- Fancher, Nick. 2022. *Creative Portrait: A Photographer's Guide To Innovative Lighting And Camera Techniques*. San Rafael: Rocky Nook.
- Fox, Anna, Richard Sawdon Smith, and Michael Langford. 2015. *Langford's Basic Photography :The Guide For Serious Photographers*. 10th ed. Burlington: Focal Press.
- Hunter, Fil. 2021. *Light -- Science And Magic: An Introduction To Photographic Lighting*. 6th ed. Milton: Routledge.

See syllabus for complete reading list

Change Log for this CSD:

Nature of Change	Date Approved & Approval Body (School or AB)	Change Actioned by Registry Services
Various updates as part of the UG programme review	AB Jan 2022	
Revision – annual update	May 2023	