



UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA

COM264: INTRODUCTION TO PHOTO COMMUNICATION

Course Name (English)	INTRODUCTION TO PHOTO COMMUNICATION APPROVED
Course Code	COM264
MQF Credit	2
Course Description	The course is aimed for students to acquire the knowledge to use Digital Single Lens Reflex (DSLR) cameras as a tool to produce quality photos which is required in the industry of communication and mass media. The course includes learning the basic functions of DSLR and principles of lighting and exposure in the making of photos which is an essential elements of communication. In addition, the students will learn about picture composition and photo editing software (Adobe Photoshop) and will be encouraged to enhance the photograph using their creativity.
Transferable Skills	Team Work, Photography Skills, Producing quality photography products
Teaching Methodologies	Lectures, Lab Work, Demonstrations, Discussion, Presentation
CLO	CLO1 Explain creative techniques of photography related to communication and media industries. CLO2 Display creative photography skills in communication and media product. CLO3 Demonstrate information retrieval and management in photography e-portfolio.
Pre-Requisite Courses	No course recommendations
Topics	
1. Graphic Communication 1.1) The History of Photography	
2. Visual Communication 2.1) The Aspects of Visual Communication 2.2) The Communication Process	
3. Photography and Ethics 3.1) The Ethics of Manipulation 3.2) Ethics and Photography	
4. Understanding the SLR Camera 4.1) The Basic Camera Functions	
5. Aperture and Shutter Speed 5.1) The Aperture 5.2) The Shutter Speed 5.3) The ISO	
6. Depth of Field 6.1) Depth-Of-Field Explained Technique 6.2) The Factors That Can be Used to Control DOF 6.3) Common Techniques Using DOF	
7. Panning 7.1) Camera Panning Technique	
8. Picture Composition 8.1) Common Compositional	
9. Using Light and Color in Film and Digital Camera 9.1) Film and Digital Cameras 9.2) Understand Color Temperature 9.3) Guide to Color Temperature	

10. Creative Contents 10.1) Product Photography 10.2) The Horizon Line, Unusual Atmospherics and Reflections 10.3) Shadows and Patterns 10.4) The Unusual, Unexpected Angle and 24 Hours Landscape
11. The Difference Between Digital and Film Cameras 11.1) Digital Camera and Lighting 11.2) Digital Versus Film Quality Issues
12. The Essentials for Great Photography 12.1) The Quality of Level Settings
13. Night Photography 13.1) Low-Light and Night Photography
14. Editing with Adobe Photoshop 14.1) N/A

Assessment Breakdown		%	
Continuous Assessment		100.00%	

Details of Continuous Assessment	Assessment Type	Assessment Description	% of Total Mark	CLO
	Assignment	E-Portfolio	10%	CLO3
	Assignment	Individual (Lab Assignment)	30%	CLO2
	Assignment	Project	40%	CLO2
	Final Test	Test	20%	CLO1

Reading List	Recommended Text	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long, B 2015, <i>Complete Digital Photography</i>, 8th Ed., Cengage Learning PTR USA
	Reference Book Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bennet, M 2017, <i>Digital Photographer</i>, Retrieved from http://www.dphotographer.co.uk Curtin, Dennis P 2017, <i>The Online Library of Digital Photography</i>, Retrieved from http://www.shortcourses.com on 25th July 2017. Faulkner, A. Chavez, C 2017, <i>Adobe Photoshop CC, Classroom in a Book (The Official Training Workbook from Adobe)</i>, Peachpit, Pearson Education San Francisco, California Kelby, S 2016, <i>The Best of The Digital Photography Book Series</i>, 1st Ed., Peachpit Press United States Peterson, B 2016, <i>Understanding Exposure</i>, 4th Ed., United States Crown Publishing Group Penguin Random House LLC, New York Taylor, D. Hallet, T. Lowe, P. Sanders, P 2015, <i>Digital Photography Complete Course</i>, 1st Ed., Penguin Random House Company

Article/Paper List	This Course does not have any article/paper resources
Other References	This Course does not have any other resources