

Course Description

PGY2211 | Portrait and Still Photography | 4.00 credits

Fundamentals of portrait and still photography are presented. Basic and advanced exercises are taught in lighting, posing, make-up and camera angles. Composition, lighting and design functioning to describe people and objects for a variety of clients are explored. Prerequisite: PGY2410C

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will take photographs with the use of a studio light strobe by:

1. Identifying all mechanical aspects connected between the light strobe and the camera
2. Describe the light intensity needed for the specific subject's depth of field
3. Explaining the correct image exposure appropriate for the specific subject

Competency 2: The student will understand how to select the umbrellas, soft box and/or reflector to create specific lighting techniques by:

1. Identifying the subject's size with the size of umbrellas, soft boxes, and reflectors
2. Analyzing the subject's texture with the appropriate selection of umbrellas, soft boxes, and reflectors to emphasize the original subject
3. Analyzing the subject's reflective property and selecting the appropriate umbrellas, soft box, and reflector to reduce reflection

Competency 3: The student will make photographs that represent portrait and commercial products by:

1. Identifying portrait and commercial product trends
2. Examining historical and commercial portrait images and how they compare to contemporary ones
3. Analyzing output images to ensure they meet modern standards

Competency 4: The student will assemble and present a final portfolio for review by:

1. Evaluating the excellent photograph from all photographs created during the semester
2. Identifying the exceptional photographs from the sound folder
3. Acquiring the skills needed to sequence the portfolio

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Use quantitative analytical skills to evaluate and process numerical data
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Use computer and emerging technologies effectively
- Demonstrate an appreciation for aesthetics and creative activities