

Course Description

PGY2222 | Fashion Photography | 4.00 credits

The production of commercially viable photographs illustrating clothes as desirable objects as well as recent trends in fashion industry are studied. An awareness of mood, make-up, and dramatic impact is stressed.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the history of fashion photography by:

- 1. Discussing the origins and evolution of fashion photography
- 2. Understanding the historical significance of photography in the fashion industry
- 3. Recognizing works by principal protagonists in early fashion photography as well as the work of contemporary fashion photographers

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the role photographic imagery plays in the fashion industry by:

- 1. Demonstrating an awareness of how fashion creators rely on the artistic expression of photographers to promote their work
- 2. Examining how photographic images can shape narratives and consumer perception within the fashion industry
- 3. Discussing current trends in fashion photography

Competency 3: The student will recognize the various roles needed to capture a professional fashion image by:

- 1. Describing the role of various team members, such as photographer, stylist, makeup artist, hairstylist, model, and art director
- 2. Describing the technical aspects and significant skills required for each role
- 3. Explaining the importance of team collaboration and effective communication for photoshoot planning

Competency 4: The student will demonstrate an understanding of shoot narrative, mood, makeup, styling, poses, lighting, and composition by:

- 1. Applying basic fashion styling techniques and principles
- 2. Directing and communicating effectively with models for desired poses
- 3. Understanding opportunities for producing fashion photographs in various styles
- 4. Applying suitable techniques in composition, manipulating lighting, framing, and post-production for street-style photography
- 5. Utilizing techniques for capturing candid and authentic fashion moments

Competency 5: The student will explore how to plan and produce a creative fashion photography shoot by:

- 1. Describing key components essential to orchestrate a successful photo shoot
- 2. Developing a concept for a fashion photoshoot
- 3. Creating a mood board and outlining the visual narrative intended to be conveyed through the images
- 4. Describing intricacies of pre-production photoshoot planning, such as location scouting, model casting, wardrobe selection, and assembling of a team

Competency 6: The student will exercise skills presenting to clients by:

- Creating a cohesive body of work that includes a written narrative and the selection of photographs/images
- 2. Ensuring the body of work meets professional standards
- 3. Presenting the body of work and contributing to productive critique experiences

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities
- Demonstrate an appreciation for aesthetics and creative activities

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