# BTEC HIGHER NATIONALS

Art & Design (Photography)



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### HND Art and Design (Photography) – DNXV4

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### Unit 1: Professional Development

Unit code	L/615/3512
Unit type	Core
Unit level	4
Credit value	15

### Introduction

The creative industries are always changing; in response to development in technology, social change and cultural conditions. These, in turn, have an effect on the professions and roles that are required within the industries. Through this unit, students will explore the development of the professions within the creative industries and the roles that make up those professions.

As creative practitioners it is important to schedule time, both to reflect and plan for personal development needs. This can help those working in creative industries to find inspiration and innovate, as well as prepare for external factors, such as keeping up with trends and new developments in their specialist field.

The aim of this unit is for students to begin to define areas for personal professional development, in the context of a growing awareness of the broad scope of the creative industries.

### **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- 1 Explore the creative industries professions, through research into historic and contemporary precedent
- 2 Discuss personal career goals in relation to the range of roles and subjects in the creative industries
- 3 Define personal development plans; highlighting areas to support specific career goals and general skills
- 4 Critically reflect on the achievement of personal development goals and plan for the future.

### **Essential Content**

## LO1 Explore the creative industries professions, through research into historic and contemporary precedent

*Historic development of the creative industries Contemporary creative industries Creative industries professions* 

# LO2 Discuss personal career goals in relation to the range of roles and subjects in the creative industries

Careers in creative industries Organisation structures of the creative Industries'

# LO3 Define personal a development plans; highlighting areas to support specific career goals and general skills

Defining career goals Planning and Conducting a Skills Audit Employability skills and qualities Subject specific skills Transferrable Skills Type of professional development activities SMART target setting

# LO4 Critically reflect on the achievement of personal development goals and plan for the future

The role of reflection for creative practitioners

Methods to record reflection

Annotations, blogs, case studies, journals, photographs, planning, sketch books, skills audit, videos

Importance of updating professional development plans regularly

How Reflective practise can assist lifelong learning.

### Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO1</b> Explore the creative indures research into historic and cor		
<ul> <li>P1 Examine the development of the creative industries</li> <li>P2 Discuss the creative industries through a review of the work of a chosen practitioner.</li> </ul>	<b>M1</b> Evaluate the historic development of the creative industries as they relate to chosen pathway.	<b>LO1 and LO2</b> <b>D1</b> Analyse the changes in skills and knowledge required, for a chosen creative industry sector, through time.
<b>LO2</b> Discuss personal career of roles and subjects in the cr		
<b>P3</b> Examine own knowledge and skills in relation to those required to work in a creative industry sector.	<b>M2</b> Discuss the importance of skills and knowledge that are common between different creative industry	
<b>P4</b> Explore the careers and roles within the creative industry, with specific emphasis on chosen pathway.	sectors.	

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO3</b> Define personal a develop areas to support specific caree		
<b>P5</b> Define areas for personal professional development to support growth toward chosen career.	<b>M3</b> Compare the types of development that may be achieved in education versus those achieved in professional practice.	<b>LO3 and LO4</b> <b>D2</b> Analyse own future development plans in relation to achievement of goals.
<b>P6</b> Create a personal development plan, recognising skills and knowledge gained in education and in professional practice		
<b>LO4</b> Critically reflect on the ac development goals and plan f		
<b>P7</b> Document personal professional development throughout the course of the unit.	<b>M4</b> Assess own development towards the skills and knowledge necessary to an identified role within the	
<b>P8</b> Evaluate own development achieved in relation to goals and plan for the future.	creative industries.	

### **Recommended Resources**

#### Textbooks

BARTON, G. (2016) *Don't Get a Job... Make a Job: How to make it as a creative graduate.* London: Laurence King.

CLEAVER, P. (2014) What they didn't teach you in design school: What you actually need to know to make a success in the industry. London: ILEX.

DEWEY, J. (1933) How We Think. New York: D.C. Heath & CO.

MOON, J. (1999) *Reflection in Learning and Professional Development: Theory and Practice*. Oxon: Routledge Farmer.

SCHON, D. (1984) *The Reflective Practitioner: How Professionals Think in Action*. New York: Basic Books INC.

### Links

This unit links to the following related units:

- 3: Individual Project (Pearson-set)
- 32: Professional Practice

33: Applied Practice – Collaborative Project (Pearson-set)

- 58: Creative Industries Placement
- 61: Creative Entrepreneurship

### Unit 2: Contextual Studies

Unit code	R/615/3513
Unit type	Core
Unit Level	4
Credit value	15

### Introduction

Contextual Studies provides an historical, cultural and theoretical framework to allow us to make sense of art and design, as well as to consider how they may help us to understand the wider world.

This unit is designed to introduce students to key cultural developments, practices and movements related to the history of art, design, visual and popular culture since 1900. Emphasis will be placed upon developing a broad knowledge of art and design contexts, considering the technological, economic, social and aesthetic causes which have, and continue to, inform our understanding of art and design within the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

Topics included in this unit are: semiotics, values and tastes, subcultures, advertising, modernism, postmodernism, hypermodernism, gender politics within art and design, materiality and immateriality.

Students will be introduced to the theoretical methods with which to research and analyse works of art and design, helping them to understand the importance of being able to contextualise their own practice, as well as enhancing their understanding of the wider art and design landscape. On successful completion of this unit students will have developed their contextual knowledge and their conceptual tool kit by undertaking a contextual investigation of their own, linked to their subject specialism.

### **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- 1 Discuss the social, historical and cultural context of key art and design movements, theories and practices
- 2 Analyse a specific work of art or design related to own area of specialism
- 3 Use primary and secondary research methods to investigate an area of practice, with consideration of research ethics
- 4 Present research findings, through written work, visually and orally.

### **Essential Content**

## LO1 Discuss the social, historical and cultural context of some key art and design movements, theories and practices

Semiotics
Values and tastes
Subcultures
Advertising: the commercialisation of art and design and its power
Modernism
Postmodernism
Hypermodernism
Gender
Fluid identities
Feminism
Queer theory
Globalisation
Cultural difference
Politics
Materiality and immateriality

#### LO2 Analyse a specific work of art or design related to own area of specialism

Visual analysis Textual analysis Inter-textual analysis Discourse Systems and signs

## LO3 Use primary and secondary research methods to investigate an area of practice, with consideration of research ethics

Primary research
Exhibition review
Film review
Object/artefact analysis
Interviews
Questionnaires
Secondary research
Finding secondary research sources
Using and referencing secondary research sources
Exhibition review
Ethics

### LO4 Present research findings, through written work, visually and orally

Referencing and citations Writing a bibliography and reference list Referencing images, film and sound Presenting Peer review

### Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO1</b> Discuss the social, histo key art and design moveme		
<b>P1</b> Discuss how key social, historical and cultural contexts relate to art and design movements, theories and practices.	<b>M1</b> Evaluate how social, historical and cultural contexts influence specific works of art and design.	<b>LO1 and LO2</b> <b>D1</b> Analyse the way in which the work of an artist or designer is influenced by broader cultural and
<b>LO2</b> Analyse a specific work own area of specialism	social contexts.	
<b>P2</b> Discuss the context of a work of art and design.	<b>M2</b> Compare the work of an artist or designer with	
<b>P3</b> Explain how the work of an artist or designer may comment on issues in society.	others, in relation to society and culture.	

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO3</b> Use primary and secon investigate an area of practi research ethics		
<b>P4</b> Identify an area of art or design practice for research.	<b>M3</b> Assess different forms of research in relation to their potential value for art	<b>LO3 and LO4</b> <b>D2</b> Present research findings that show an
<b>P5</b> Explain the importance of research ethics in art and design.	and design practice.	analysis of different sources to arrive at a synthesised position,
<b>P6</b> Explore an area of art and design practice through different forms of research.		relating diverse contexts with art and design practice.
<b>LO4</b> Present research findin visually and orally.		
<ul> <li>P7 Communicate research findings through different forms of output.</li> <li>P8 Use appropriate forms of citation and referencing.</li> </ul>	<b>M4</b> Justify research findings through the use of evidence and argument.	

### **Recommended Resources**

#### Textbooks

BAUDRILLARD, J. (1994) Simulation and Simulacra. University of Michigan

BAYLEY, S. (1991) Taste: The Secret Meaning of Things. Faber and Faber

BUTLER, J. (1990) Gender Trouble. Routledge

CONNOR, S. (2011) *Paraphernalia: The Curious Lives of Magical Things*. Profile Books: UK

CORNELL, L. and HALTER, E. (2015) *Mass Effect: Art and the Internet in the Twenty First Century*. Massachusetts: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

DUNNE, A. and RABY, F. (2014) *Speculative Everything: Design, Fiction and Social Dreaming*. MIT Press: New York

EVANS, C. (2007) *Fashion at the Edge: Spectacle, Modernity and Deathliness*. Yale University Press

HALL, S. (1997) 'The Spectacle of the "other" in HALL, S. (Ed.) *Representation: Cultural Representations and Signifying Practices*. London: Sage

HEBDIGE, D. (1979) Subculture: The Meaning of Style. Routledge

MEIGH-ANDRES, C. (2013) A history of video art. London: Bloomsbury

MESCH, C. (2013) Art & Politics. London: IB Tauris & Co Ltd

MILLER, D. (2010) The Comfort of Things. Cambridge: Polity Press

MILLER, D. (2011) Tales from Facebook. Cambridge: Polity Press

STURKEN, M. and CARTWRIGHT, L. (2001) *'Commodity Culture and Commodity Fetishism' in Practices of Looking: An Introduction to Visual Culture*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

### Journals

Art Monthly A-N Magazine Art Review Beauty Papers British Art Journal British Journal of Photography Creative Review Design Week Elephant Fashion Theory Journal, Berg Oxford Fashion Practice Journal, Berg Oxford Flash Art Frieze Idea Journal of Material Culture Sage Journal of Design History Oxford University Press The Burlington Magazine The International Journal of Fashion Studies, Intellect Source View

### Links

This unit links to the following related units:

- 1: Professional Development
- 3: Individual Project (Pearson-set)
- 9: Fashion & Textiles Practices
- 11: Photographic Practices
- 14: Graphic Design Practices
- 15: Media Practices
- 16: Material Practices
- 17: Art/Craft Production
- 18: Digital Design Practices
- 34: Advanced Interior Design Studies
- 35: Advanced Product Design Studies
- 36: Advanced Fashion Studies
- 37: Advanced Textiles Studies
- 38: Advanced Photography Studies
- 39: Advanced Graphic Design Studies
- 40: Advanced Art Practice Studies
- 41: Advanced Digital Design Studies

### Unit 3: Individual Project (Pearson-set)

Unit code	Y/615/3514
Unit type	Core
Unit level	4
Credit value	15

### Introduction

Within the broad context of the creative industries there are many separate disciplines/specialisms. The main purpose of this unit is to provide students with the opportunity to discover personal strengths and inform independent practice.

This unit is designed to develop the skills to apply creative practice in response to a theme and topics set by Pearson. Students will carry out and apply the knowledge and skills, developed through other areas of their studies, to complete and present an individual project. Wherever possible the unit will simulate working studio conditions, which will enhance and develop professional industry skills and practice.

The ability to define, plan and undertake a project is a critical set of skills throughout the various roles within the creative industries. Identifying appropriate information and analysing this, to formulate clear solutions, is required to underpin many of the processes that inform creative practice.

Please refer to the accompanying Pearson-set Assignment Guide and the Theme Release document for further support and guidance on the delivery of the Pearson-set unit.

### **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- 1 Examine specialist area of creative practice within historical and contemporary contexts
- 2 Develop art and design solutions, through an iterative development process, in response to a given brief
- 3 Present an art and design solution, including a portfolio of development work, in response to a given brief
- 4 Evaluate work in relation to an identified area of specialism in the creative industries.

### **Essential Content**

### LO1 Examine specialist area of creative practice within historical and contemporary contexts

Primary and secondary research Thematic research (visual and contextual references) Research ethics and working practices Examples of opportunities within creative practice Visual, auditory and performance Interpretation and evaluation of contexts Galleries and exhibitions Competitions Journals Direct selling shows Online and social media

#### LO2 Develop art and design solutions, through an iterative development process, in response to a given brief

Project and time management plans
The elements and principles of art and design
Materials, techniques and processes
2D, 3D and Time-based creative practice
Suitability of selected materials, techniques and processes
Health, safety, and safe working practices
Design reports and project evaluations

# LO3 Present an art and design solution, including a portfolio of development work, in response to a given brief

Examples of presentation formats Understanding audiences Industry standard presentation software Hierarchy of text-based and visual information Presentation timing, structure and delivery Selection and editing of content Presentation skills

# LO4 Evaluate own work in relation to identified area of specialism in the creative industries

Creative, cultural, social, political, economic trends and contexts Industry specific terminology Reflective practice Project diary/journal

### Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO1</b> Examine specialist are historical and contemporar		
<ul> <li>P1 Examine creative practices through research into historical and contemporary contexts.</li> <li>P2 Analyse own area of specialism in relation to historic and contemporary practices.</li> </ul>	<b>M1</b> Evaluate the ways that contemporary practice sits within a tradition of creative practice.	LO1 and LO2 D1 Produce art and design solutions, that show a clear command of key specialist skills, and an awareness of historic and contemporary precedent.
<b>LO2</b> Develop art and design iterative development proc brief		
<ul> <li>P3 Evaluate a brief to identify areas for exploration.</li> <li>P4 Develop alternative solutions, through experimentation and testing.</li> </ul>	M2 Assess alternative solutions in order to develop a final proposition, reflecting an ability to apply the key skills of a specialist area of art and design.	

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO3</b> Present an art and des portfolio of development w brief		
<ul> <li>P5 Present a resolved project outcome to an audience.</li> <li>P6 Use industry standard presentation software.</li> </ul>	<b>M3</b> Justify art and design outcomes through discourse and debate.	<b>LO3 and LO4</b> <b>D2</b> Present art and design solutions, based on a given brief, that shows critical reflection
<b>LO4</b> Evaluate own work in i of specialism in the creative	of the application of skills and process, highlighting areas of good practice and those for	
<b>P7</b> Explore how own work relates to historical and contemporary precedents.	<b>M4</b> Discuss the relationship between own techniques and processes and those of precedents.	improvement.

### **Recommended Resources**

#### Textbooks

ARDEN, P. (2006) Whatever you think think the opposite. London: Penguin.

BALDWIN, J. (2006) *Visual communication: from theory to practice*. Lausanne [Switzerland]: AVA.

BASSOT, B. (2013) The Reflective Journal. Palgrave Macmillan.

BESTLEY, R. and NOBLE, I. (2016) *Visual Research: An Introduction to Research Methods in Graphic Design*. Bloomsbury Publishing.

BAYLEY, S. and MAVITY, R. (2008) *Life's a Pitch: How to Sell Yourself and Your Brilliant Ideas*. Random House.

CLARK, H. and BRODY, D. (2009) *Design Studies: A Reader*. Berg Publishers.

CLARKE, M. (2008) *Verbalising the Visual: Translating Art and Design Into Words* (Advanced Level). AVA Publishing.

FELTON, E. (2012) *Design and ethics: reflections on practice*. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge.

INGLEDEW, J. (2011) *An A-Z of Visual Ideas: How to Solve Any Creative Brief.* Laurence King Publishing.

SWALKER, S. (2014) *Designing Sustainability: Making radical changes in a material world. 1st ed.* Routledge.

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- 15: Media Practices
- 16: Material Practices
- 17: Art/Craft Production
- 18: Digital Design Practices
- 32: Professional Practice
- 33: Applied Practice: Collaborative Project (Pearson-set)
- 34: Advanced Interior Design Studies
- 35: Advanced Product Design Studies
- 36: Advanced Fashion Studies
- 37: Advanced Textiles Studies
- 38: Advanced Photography Studies
- 39: Advanced Graphic Design Studies
- 40: Advanced Art Practice Studies
- 41: Advanced Digital Design Studies

### Unit 4: Techniques & Processes

Unit code	D/615/3515
Unit type	Core
Unit level	4
Credit value	15

### Introduction

Although the creative industries are a very broad sector, including many different forms of art and design practice, there are many techniques and processes that are at the core of these diverse practices. The skills and techniques that underpin art and design practice are the key to developing a strong personal approach to the development of ideas and execution of work.

Through this unit students will explore the critical facets of art and design practice that will enable any project. Through the development of skills associated with brief analysis and writing, research, experimentation an testing, and presentation students will begin the process of establishing the grounding for future development of their own practice and further their study.

One successful completion of this unit students will have an awareness of a standard approach to the development and execution of work in the creative industries. In addition, they will have the basis upon which to develop their own approach to future projects.

### **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- 1 Evaluate a given brief to identify stakeholder requirements and areas for investigation and research
- 2 Explore concepts, materials and processes through experimentation and testing
- 3 Present a body of work that includes evidence of development process, as well as final outcomes
- 4 Assess own process and outcomes, based on reflection and feedback of others.

### **Essential Content**

## LO1 Evaluate a given brief to identify stakeholder requirements and areas for investigation and research

Reading a brief

Stakeholder requirements

Stakeholder needs

Audience needs

Identifying context

Physical

Social

Cultural

Economic

Political

Research

Visual

Contextual

Historical

Material

Active

Drawing/sketching

Making

Conceptual

### LO2 Explore concepts, materials and processes through experimentation and testing

- Concept development
- Experimentation

Sketching

Materials

Processes

Testing

Material testing

Conceptual testing

User testing

# LO3 Present a body of work that includes evidence of development process, as well as final outcomes

Finished work

Protocols

Portfolio/Development work

Design development

Creative cycle

Design iteration

Review

Presentation formats

Mounted/hung work

Display systems

Document presentations

Audio-visual presentation

Performance

# LO4 Assess own process and outcomes, based on reflection and feedback of others

Reflection

Annotation

Critique

Journals and log

Structured reflection

Feedback

Peer feedback

Tutor feedback

Client feedback

User feedback

### Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO1</b> Evaluate a given brief to identify stakeholder requirements and areas for investigation and research		
<b>P1</b> Evaluate a brief to identify stakeholder requirements.	<b>M1</b> Explore the way that the context of an art and design project informs	<b>LO1 and LO2</b> <b>D1</b> Create art and design outcomes that reflect a
<b>P2</b> Discuss the role of context in an art and design brief.	the research that will be undertaken.	creative process of experimentation and testing, and an analysis of
<b>LO2</b> Explore concepts, materials and processes through experimentation and testing		client requirements and context.
<b>P3</b> Develop a conceptual position, based on the context of an art and design brief.	<b>M2</b> Evaluate results of experiments and testing to improve work through an iterative process.	
<b>P4</b> Explore materials and processes through experimentation and testing.		

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO3</b> Present a body of work that includes evidence of development process, as well as final outcomes		
<ul> <li>P5 Present finished work in response to an art and design brief.</li> <li>P6 Prepare a portfolio of development work in support of final proposals.</li> </ul>	<b>M3</b> Justify the use of materials, techniques, processes and presentation format for an art and design project, with reference to the context.	<b>LO3 and LO4</b> <b>D2</b> Present a body of work that shows proficiency in the use of techniques and processes related to a specialist area of art and design.
<b>LO4</b> Assess own process and outcomes, based on reflection and feedback of others.		
<ul> <li>P7 Gather feedback from others to inform evaluation of own work.</li> <li>P8 Reflect on own process and outcomes.</li> </ul>	<b>M4</b> Evaluate own reflection, and the feedback of others, to identify areas for further development.	

### **Recommended Resources**

#### Textbooks

ABRAMS, M. (2014) The Art of City Sketching: A Field Manual. Abingdon: Routledge.

COLLINS, H. (2010) *Creative research: The theory and practice of research for the creative industries (required reading range)*. Lausanne: AVA Publishing.

DAVIES, R. (2013) Introducing the creative industries. Los Angeles: Sage Publications.

KARJALUOTO, E. (2013) *The Design Method: A Philosophy and Process for Functional Visual Communication*. London: Pearson Peachpit/New Riders.

LAUREL, B. (2004) *Design research: Methods and perspectives*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

MBONU, E. (2014) *Fashion design research*. London: Laurence King.

MILTON, A. and RODGERS, P. (2013) *Research methods for product design (portfolio skills)*. London: Laurence King.

THOMPSON, R. (2007) *Manufacturing processes for design professionals*. London: Thames & Hudson.

#### Links

This unit links to the following related units:

- 5: 3D Practices
- 8: Pattern Cutting & Garment Making
- 9: Fashion & Textiles Practices
- 11: Photographic Practices
- 12: Screen-based Practices
- 14: Graphic Design Practices
- 15: Media Practices
- 16: Material Practices
- 17: Art/Craft Production
- 18: Digital Design Practices
- 19: Packaging Design
- 20: Ceramic & Glass

### Unit 10: Lighting for Photography

Unit code	K/615/3520
Unit level	4
Credit value	15

### Introduction

Lighting is a key factor in creating a successful photographic image, and determines the brightness, tone, mood and atmosphere of a picture. Therefore, it is necessary to control and manipulate light correctly in order to get the best texture, vibrancy of colour and luminosity on your subjects. This can be demonstrated and learnt by considering the distribution of the shadows and highlights accurately in a photograph so that you can create stylised professional looking photographs.

Lighting is used and considered for both studio and location shoots, where set techniques and equipment are used to help create shadow and tone. The position of light will develop consideration of the light direction, so that the light can be used or set in a particular direction to enhance a photograph. Light can be shaped and diffused to reduce glare and harsh shadows. There are also artificial light sources which will soften the strength of the light to create more natural looking result.

By the end of this unit students will be able to plan and consider set lighting techniques needed either in the studio or on location for multiple genres. They will show evidence of planning set photography shoots, with proof of both technical and creative factors considered. This plan will also demonstrate their reasons for the choice of lighting, its strength and their selection of accessories. They will work through the process of shooting, by critically selecting and evaluating their outcomes so that they are appropriate for the client needs, their creative intentions and the techniques employed.

### **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- 1 Explore historical and contemporary precedent in lighting for photography
- 2 Illustrate lighting requirements, for a given context, in response to a brief
- 3 Produce photographic images, utilising lighting equipment and techniques
- 4 Demonstrate the use of lighting for photography through the presentation of a collection of photographic images.

### **Essential Content**

#### LO1 Explore historical and contemporary precedent in lighting for photography

Understanding lighting

Language and properties of light

Science of light

Circle of confusion

Lighting for your target audience

Position of Light

Lighting types to harness and improve your photography

Contextual research

Contemporary photographers that specialise in studio or location

Historical photographers that use lighting, exposure and tone.

Professional practice areas to cover that relate to organising either a studio or location shoot

Team communication

Times of the day when on location

Organizational skills when booking subjects

Identifying equipment

Budgets

Shooting list

#### LO2 Illustrate lighting requirements, for a given context, in response to a brief

Writing and responding to client briefs
Develop professional practice in organizational skills
Setting up backdrops, locations and space to use for a photography shoot
Rules and permission of proprietor
Positioning of models and props.
Flash Photography, Speedlight's, strobe lighting and Lighting Gear

Exposure on locationLight ratio meteringLaw of reflectionUnderstanding histogramsNatural light & light modifiersTTL meter on locationColour TemperaturesReception lighting swot analysisUsing unique textures, locations & backgroundsIndoor lightingReflective surfacesShooting against a windowAdding a reference point and ambienceShooting into a mirror and creating separation

#### LO3 Produce photographic images, utilising lighting equipment and techniques

Health and safety for location photography equipment on location weather conditions risk assessments safety procedures model release forms issued. Health and safety for studio photography equipment on location weather conditions risk assessments safety procedures model release forms issued.

**COSHH** regulations environmental practices PAT testing public liability insurance Lighting techniques: One, two, three light and high/low-Key Setup TTL Meter within studio. Edge lighting for fashion, product photography or cinematography Rembrandt, loop and butterfly lighting for fashion photography Silhouette on White Seamless Sideways Clamshell Lighting Bare Bulbs and V-Flats Snoots and Gels Dynamic Range & Dramatic Portrait Lighting Sideways Clamshell Lighting Model direction and positioning dependant on gender, age and styling. Cinematography Backdrops and props in the studio

### LO4 Demonstrate the use of lighting for photography through the presentation of a collection of photographic images

Critical and evaluation strategies client needs creative intentions techniques employed in final images. Portfolio organisational skills Photoshop, sizing and printing.
### Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO1</b> Explore historical and collighting for photography	ontemporary precedent in	
<ul> <li>P1 Explore the process and practice of studio and location photographers.</li> <li>P2 Discuss the development of studio and location photography through precedent research</li> </ul>	<b>M1</b> Evaluate the use of lighting by different photographers, in different contexts.	<b>D1</b> Critically analyse the differences between lighting for studio and location, based on historic and contemporary precedents.
<b>LO2</b> Illustrate lighting requir in response to a brief	ements, for a given context,	
<ul> <li>P3 Evaluate a given brief to identify lighting requirements for a given context.</li> <li>P4 Discuss the health and safety risks associated with lighting for studio and location photography.</li> </ul>	<b>M2</b> Experiment with different lighting arrangements, to develop a strategy for photographic lighting, in relation to a given context.	<b>D2</b> Critically evaluate the potential of different applications of lighting techniques for a given context, to justify an approach for a final shoot.

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO3</b> Produce photographic in equipment and techniques	mages, utilising lighting	
<ul> <li>P5 Setup equipment, in support of a lighting strategy, to enable final photo shoot.</li> <li>P6 Produce photographic images, using lighting and camera equipment.</li> </ul>	<b>M3</b> Refine photographic images, through testing and reshoot, following adjustment to lighting and camera equipment.	LO3 and LO4 D3 Present a collection of finished photographic images that communicate a creative approach to light, shadow, contrast and colour through the
<b>LO4</b> Demonstrate the use of lighting for photography through the presentation of a collection of photographic images.		use of lighting equipment and techniques, in response to a given brief.
<b>P7</b> Present a collection of photographs, from location and studio, in response to a given brief.	<b>M4</b> Compare similar photographs, with different lighting conditions, to justify the selection of a	
<b>P8</b> Communicate the relationship between lighting strategies and the creative intention of photographs	final image.	

#### **Recommended Resources**

#### Textbooks

BAVISTER, S. (2007) Lighting for portrait photography. Mies: Rotovision.

GOCKEL, T. (2014) *Creative Flash Photography: Great Lighting with Small Flashes:* 40 *Flash Workshops: Rocky Nook.* 

GOCKEL, T. (2015) *One flash! great* photography *with just one light.* California: Rocky Nook.

GREY, C. (2010) *Studio lighting: techniques for photography.* Buffalo: Amherst media.

MOWBRAY, M. (2015) The Speedlight Studio. US: Amherst Media.

KELBY, S. (2011) *Light It, Shoot It, Retouch It: Learn Step by Step How to Go from Empty Studio to Finished Image. US: Pearson Education, New Riders Publishing.* 

#### Links

This unit links to the following related units:

- 1: Professional Development
- 3: Individual Project (Pearson-set)
- 4: Techniques & Processes
- 11: Photographic Practices
- 12: Screen-based Practices
- 19: Packaging Design
- 24: Visual Merchandising
- 28: Communication in Art and Design
- 29: Workflows
- 31: Visual Narratives
- 32: Professional Practice
- 33: Applied Practice: Collaborative Project (Pearson-set)
- 38: Advanced Photography Studies
- 42: Styling
- 47: Branding & Identity
- 48: Conceptual Practice
- 49: Art Direction
- 52: Moving Image
- 53: Workflows & Management
- 58: Creative Industries Placement
- 61: Creative Entrepreneurship

### Unit 11: Photographic Practices

Unit code	M/615/3521
Unit level	4
Credit value	15

#### Introduction

The photographic profession is one which has both a long history and is rapidly evolving. The development of new technologies, in digital photography and digital image manipulation has changed the way that we take and process images. However, there remain constants within the practice of photography that underpin all aspects the profession.

This unit introduces students to the use of a range of photographic equipment, techniques and processes to underpin the creation of photographic meaning. Consideration is given to how photographic meaning is constructed and students will develop and awareness of the technical and visual codes, as well as exploring ways in which to challenge these conventions. This exploration will allow students to enhance their visual language and realise their creative potential, and will encourage the development of transferable skills across photographic genres.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- 1 Apply research and planning techniques, to develop a photographic strategy, in response to a given brief
- 2 Evaluate equipment, techniques and processes in order to realise a photographic product
- 3 Analyse the characteristics of photographic images in meeting a brief
- 4 Critically evaluate the selection and presentation of photographic images.

#### **Essential Content**

# LO1 Apply research and planning techniques, to develop a photographic strategy, in response to a given brief

Research techniques (primary, secondary)

Source material

Other photographer

Analysis

Observation

Testing

Inspiration boards

Empathy

Audience awareness

Planning

Organisation

Communication

Contingency

Resources

Time planning

Shot lists

Location scouting

Logistics

Tracking the creative journey

## LO2 Evaluate equipment, techniques and processes in order to realise a photographic product

Range and use of equipment

Cameras

Lenses

Accessories

Props

Equipment checks.

The shoot Managing others Health and Safety. Control Technical codes Problem solving Manipulation of light Light supplementing Flash **Exposure triangle** Post Production Editing software Image correction Manipulation Special effects. Film and digital equipment and processes

#### LO3 Analyse the characteristics of photographic images in meeting a brief

Visual codes:

Use of technical language

- Composition
- Balance
- Movement
- Depth of field
- Focal Point
- Cohesion
- Contrast

Technical Codes: Lighting Camera controls Sequencing, relationship and narrative Post production *Fit for purpose:* Specialisation Genre Client expectations Audience Communication intentions

#### LO4 Critically evaluate the selection and presentation of photographic images

Critical selection Importance of editing Contact sheets Notating contacts Objectivity/subjectivity Value of critique Technical editing First edit Second edit Final edit Presentation techniques

### Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO1</b> Apply research and p develop a photographic st given brief		
<ul> <li>P1 Evaluate a photography brief to identify areas for research and testing.</li> <li>P2 Use research to develop a strategy for the production of photographic work in response to a brief.</li> </ul>	M1 Develop a photographic strategy that recognises the resources, equipment, location information, and documentation to support a photographic shoot.	LO1 and LO2 D1 Produce photographic products, that reflect a creative approach to using combinations of equipment, techniques and processes, in response to a given brief.
<b>LO2</b> Evaluate equipment, processes in order to real product	-	
<ul> <li>P3 Discuss the equipment, techniques and processes of photographic production.</li> <li>P4 Demonstrate the use of photographic equipment, techniques and processes in response to a given brief.</li> </ul>	M2 Produce photographic experiments, utilising different lenses, cameras, lighting and processes, to evaluate their influence on outcome and quality.	

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO3</b> Analyse the characte images in meeting a brief	ristics of photographic	
<ul> <li>P5 Discuss the visual and compositional characteristics of photographic products and how these meet the needs of a given brief.</li> <li>P6 Analyse the techniques and processes used to produce given</li> </ul>	<b>M3</b> Evaluate the relationship between creative intention of photographic products, image characteristics and the requirements of a given brief.	LO3 and LO4 D2 Present a collection of photographic products, selected to meet the needs of a given brief, reflecting an ability to precisely manage equipment, processes, and techniques in different contexts.
photographic products.		
<b>LO4</b> Critically evaluate the presentation of photograp		
<ul> <li>P7 Evaluate</li> <li>photographic products</li> <li>in order to select for</li> <li>presentation, in relation</li> <li>to a given brief.</li> <li>P8 Present a selection of</li> <li>photographic products</li> </ul>	<b>M4</b> Justify the selection of photographic images for presentation, with reference to context, technique and characteristics.	
in response to a given brief.		

#### **Recommended Resources**

#### Textbooks

ANG, T. (2000) Picture editing. 2nd ed. Oxford: Focal Press.

ANGIER, R. (2015) *Train your gaze: a practical and theoretical introduction to portrait photography.* 2nd ed. London: Bloomsbury.

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BALDWIN, G. and JURGEND, M. (2009) *Looking at photographs: a guide to* technical *terms.* 2nd ed. Los Angeles: J Paul Getty Museum.

BAVISTER, S. (2007) *Lighting for portrait photography.* Mies: Rotovision.

EDWARDS, G. (2006) *100 ways to take better landscape photographs.* Cincinnati: David and Charles Ltd.

FANCHER, N. (2015) *Studio anywhere: a photographer's guide to shooting in unconventional locations.* London: Peachpit Press.

FREEMAN, J. (2007) *The photographer's manual: how to get the best picture every time, with any kind of camera.* London: Hermes House.

FROST, L. (2006) *Creative photography handbook.* Newton Abbot: David and Charles Ltd.

GEORGES, G. (2005) *Digital* photography: *top 100 simplified tips and tricks.* 2nd ed. New Jersey: Wiley Publishing. (Visual technology book)

GOCKEL, T. (2015) *One flash! great* photography *with just one light.* California: Rocky Nook.

GREY, C. (2010) *Studio lighting: techniques for photography.* Buffalo: Amherst media.

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HEDGECOE, J. (2009) *The art of digital photography.* London: Dorling Kindersley.

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HUNTER, F. (2007) Light-science and magic: an introduction to photographic lighting. 3rd ed. Oxford: Focal Press.

LAWRENCE, J. (2012) Photographing shadow and light. New York: Amphoto

MALPAS, P. (2007) Capturing colour. Lausanne: AVA Publishing. (Basics photography)

PRAKEL, D. (2009) *Working in black and white.* Lausanne: AVA Publishing. (Basics photography)

VAN NIEKERK, N. (2015) *Lighting and design for portrait* photography: *direction and quality of light.* New York: Amherst Media.

WESTON, C. (2006) Exposure. Lausanne: AVA. (Photography FAQs)

ZUROMSKIS, C. (2013) *Snapshot photography: the lives of images.* London: MIT Press Ltd.

#### Journals

British Journal of Photography PDN (Photo District News)

#### Links

This unit links to the following related units:

- 1: Professional Development
- 2: Contextual Studies
- 3: Individual Project (Pearson-set)
- 4: Techniques & Processes
- 10: Lighting for Photography
- 12: Screen-based Practices
- 24: Visual Merchandising
- 26: Darkroom Techniques
- 28: Communication in Art & Design
- 29: Workflows
- 31: Visual Narratives
- 32: Professional Practice
- 33: Applied Practice: Collaborative Project (Pearson-set)
- 38: Advanced Photography Studies
- 42: Styling
- 47: Branding & Identity
- 48: Conceptual Practice
- 49: Art Direction
- 56: Project Management
- 58: Creative Industries Placement
- 61: Creative Entrepreneurship

## Unit 24: Visual Merchandising

Unit code	K/615/3534
Unit level	4
Credit value	15

#### Introduction

Visual merchandising is critical to the retail sector as it is the primary means by which we inspire shoppers, encouraging them to buy and increase sales. Visual merchandising may play different roles. For the producer of goods, it provides a means by which we may seek to make merchandise desirable, explain new products and highlight the features of products. For a retailer, visual merchandising may promote the image of the store/outlet, show the range on offer, encourage customers into the store or help consumers to locate goods within the store.

Through this unit, students will explore this variety of roles and the techniques used to support visual merchandising. Students will be introduced to historical and contemporary movements and examine the ways in which the time, place and conditions of production influence and shape visual merchandising.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- 1 Discuss visual merchandising through historic and contemporary precedents
- 2 Evaluate an identified brand or product to determine the context for a visual merchandising strategy
- 3 Develop a visual merchandising strategy based on market research
- 4 Present a visual merchandising strategy for a given product/brand.

#### **Essential Content**

#### LO1 Discuss visual merchandising through historic and contemporary precedents

Historical and contemporary brands Visual merchandising campaigns Promotional designs Promotional material and advertising used in either fashion or graphics Environment issues Visual merchandising and ethics Exhibition design

# LO2 Evaluate an identified brand or product to determine the context for a visual merchandising strategy

Critical and evaluation strategies Market research Client feedback Focus groups In-store testing *Client needs* Increased sales Shifting profile New product awareness *Consumer desire/aspiration Strategy* Aims Planning and time management *Concept designs, scale models and prototypes* 

#### LO3 Develop a visual merchandising strategy based on market research

Project Management
Working with feedback
Managing finances
Commissioning creatives
Concept designs, scale models and prototypes
Feedback
Client
Customer

#### LO4 Present a visual merchandising strategy for a given product/brand

Proposal Presentation Written Visual *Window display* Setting up backdrops, locations and space Health and safety

### Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO1</b> Discuss visual merchan contemporary precedents	dising through historic and	
<ul> <li>P1 Explore visual merchandising through a review of promotional material and advertising.</li> <li>P2 Examine the way that visual merchandising may respond to broader environmental and social issues.</li> </ul>	<b>M1</b> Evaluate the relationship between visual merchandising, advertising and promotion.	<b>LO1 and LO2</b> <b>D1</b> Analyse the market position of a given brand/product in relation to its existing visual merchandising strategy.
<b>LO2</b> Evaluate an identified b determine the context for a strategy		
<ul> <li>P3 Carry-out market research for given product/brand.</li> <li>P4 Discuss the key features of a given brand/product that define its position in the market.</li> </ul>	<b>M2</b> Compare a given brand/product, and its position in the market, with that of its competition.	

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO3</b> Develop a visual merch market research	andising strategy based on	
<ul> <li>P5 Develop visual material, in support of a visual merchandising strategy.</li> <li>P6 Present a visual merchandising strategy to a range of users/customers, to gain market feedback.</li> </ul>	<b>M3</b> Iteratively revise and test a visual merchandising strategy based on market feedback.	<b>LO3 and LO4</b> <b>D2</b> Present a visual merchandising strategy that illustrates the integration of feedback and research with creative thinking.
<b>LO4</b> Present a visual mercha product/brand.	andising strategy for a given	
<ul> <li>P7 Prepare finished material for a visual merchandising strategy.</li> <li>P8 Present a visual merchandising strategy to a defined audience.</li> </ul>	<b>M4</b> Evaluate how a visual merchandising strategy relates to product/brand identity.	

#### **Recommended Resources**

#### Textbooks

BIERUT, M. (2015) *How to Use Graphic Design to Sell Things, Explain Things, Make Things Look Better, Make People Laugh, Make People Cry, and (Every Once in a While) Change the World*. Thames & Hudson Ltd.

CROW, D. (2010) *Visible Signs: An Introduction to Semiotics in the Visual Arts*. 2nd ed. Bloomsbury Publishing. AVA Publishing, SA.

FAERM, S. (2011) Design Your Fashion Portfolio. London: A & C Black Publishers Ltd.

GOWEREK, H. and MCGOLDRICK, P.J. (2015) *Retail Marketing Management: Principles and Practice*. Harlow: Pearson Education Limited.

HOLLIS, R. (2001) Graphic Design: A Concise History. 2nd ed. Thames & Hudson.

MAUREEN, M. (2012) Interior Design Visual Presentation A Guide to Graphics, Models and Presentation Techniques. John Wiley & Sons.

MOORE, G. (2012) *Basics Fashion Management 02: Fashion Promotion: Building a Brand Through Marketing and Communication*. Bloomsbury Publishing, AVA Publishing, SA.

MORGAN, T. (2014) Visual Merchandising. 2nd ed. Laurence King Publishing.

MORGAN, T. (2015) *Visual Merchandising: Windows and In-store Displays for Retail*. 3rd ed. Laurence King Publishing.

PRICKEN, P. (2008) *Creative Advertising: Ideas and Techniques from the World's Best Campaigns*. 2nd ed. Thames & Hudson.

#### Links

This unit links to the following related units:

1: Professional Development

2: Contextual Studies

- 3: Individual Project (Pearson-set)
- *4: Techniques & Processes*
- 5: 3D Practices
- 9: Fashion & Textiles Practices
- 11: Photographic Practices
- 12: Screen-based Practices

- 14: Graphic Design Practices
- 15: Media Practices
- 16: Material Practices
- 17: Art/Craft Production
- 18: Digital Design Practices
- 19: Packaging Design
- 20: Ceramic & Glass
- 21: Accessories
- 22: Printmaking
- 23: Fashion Collection
- 28: Communication in Art & Design
- 30: Surface Design
- 31: Visual Narratives
- 32: Professional Practice
- 33: Applied Practice: Collaborative Project (Pearson-set)
- 34: Advanced Interior Design Studies
- 35: Advanced Product Design Studies
- 36: Advanced Fashion Studies
- 37: Advanced Textiles Studies
- 38: Advanced Photography Studies
- 39: Advanced Graphic Design Studies
- 40: Advanced Art Practice Studies
- 41: Advanced Digital Design Studies
- 42: Styling
- 47: Branding & Identity
- 55: Jewellery Design
- 58: Creative Industries Placement
- 61: Creative Entrepreneurship
- 62: Trend Forecasting

## Unit 65: Location Photography

Unit code	K/618/1169
Unit level	4
Credit value	15

#### Introduction

Location photography includes a diverse set of specialist disciplines such as wildlife, landscape, street and war photography. Distinct from studio photography, through its practice in uncontrolled environments, it allows the space and place to contribute to the communication intentions where subjects are considered within the context of their surroundings. Through this unit students will develop an understanding of location photography practices; including the principles, equipment, techniques and processes associated with this specialist area.

The unit encourages students to inform their practice through historical and contemporary research and take an active and experimental approach to the use of locations. Students will develop skills in applying this understanding to their chosen area of specialism, taking into consideration the context and logistics of the work they are producing.

On successful completion of this unit students will have an awareness of approaches to location photography and how the places and spaces can contribute to their communication intentions.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- 1. Investigate the application of location photography precedents in development of photographic ideas
- 2. Explore the use of equipment and practices in the development of a strategy for a location photography shoot
- 3. Plan and execute a location photography shoot based on a given brief
- 4. Present a body of location photography outcomes to an identified audience.

#### **Essential Content**

# LO1 Investigate the application of location photography precedents in development of photographic ideas

#### Principles

Purpose, intentions, audience

Subjects (e.g. landscape, architecture, people, culture, wildlife, objects)

Style and visual language

Relationship between location and subject

Contribution of location to communication intentions

Technological developments (e.g. Daguerreotype, Autochrome/Kodachrome, digital photography)

Areas of practice, e.g.:

Fine art

Media

Journalism and documentary

Editorial

Commercial

Social

Scientific

Location Photography Genres

Environmental/Landscape

**Environmental Portraiture** 

Street Photography

Still Life

Social Documentary

War Photography

**Fashion Location** 

# LO2 Explore the use of equipment and practices in the development of a strategy for a location photography shoot

#### Evaluating a brief

Type of client (e.g. commercial, private, self) Client requirements/expectations Communication needs Audience Platform endpoint

Testing and experimentation with location photography

Visual experimentation

Process experimentation

Testing equipment

Test shooting

Post-production experimentation

Equipment

Cameras

SLR/DSLR

Medium Format

Mobile

Drone

Lenses

Filters

Stabilisation

Portable lighting and power sources

Light modifier (e.g. reflector, diffuser)

Props

#### LO3 Plan and execute a location photography shoot based on a given brief

Planning and logistics Timing (e.g. weather conditions, daylight, access) Scouting locations availability and suitability Cost Transportation Communication Contingency Personal protection and security Equipment Storage Legal and ethical **Risk assessment** Permission, copyright **Environmental impact** Location Setup

Camera position and setup

View, e.g. vantage point, personal positioning, drone use

Perspective, distortion, lens angle, correction

Composition

Mise-en-scène and in shoot cropping unwanted elements

Macro, telephoto, wide-angle

Art direction

Props

Costume

Make-up

Colour

Lighting setup Direction Blocking Substitution Fill Ambient vs Artificial Location safety and management Minimising disruption and environmental impact Shooting Exposure Bracketing Focus (e.g. bokeh, differential, motion blur, tilt shift) Filters (e.g. polarising, neutral density, colour correction)

#### LO4 Present a body of location photography outcomes to an identified audience

Audience Public Private Commercial *Presentation Medium* Digital/Online Gallery Publication Portfolio Audio/Visual Preparing for presentation

Post-processing

Image retouching

Colour correction

For print

For web/online

Image manipulation/modification

Mounting/Exhibiting

Audience Feedback

Verbal/Face-to-face

Questionnaire

Online survey/Comments

### Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO1</b> Investigate the application of location photography precedents in development of photographic ideas		
<b>P1</b> Discuss the development of location photography through historic and contemporary practitioners.	<b>M1</b> Assess the way in which precedents inform location photography ideas related to a chosen area of practice.	<b>D1</b> Refine photographic ideas through evaluation of precedents, client needs, location
<b>P2</b> Develop ideas for location photography based on research.		opportunities and experimentation.
<b>LO2</b> Explore the use of equipmed development of a strategy for a	-	
<b>P3</b> Explore the characteristics of location photography equipment, techniques and processes in the development of a strategy.	<b>M2</b> Develop a location photography strategy informed by targeted experimentation and analysis of location.	
<b>P4</b> Apply iterative review in the development of a location photography strategy to meet a given brief.		
<b>LO3</b> Plan and execute a location a given brief	photography shoot based on	
<b>P5</b> Prepare the logistical and health and safety requirements for a location photography shoot.	<b>M3</b> Assess the way in which logistics and health and safety inform a creative response in location	<b>D2</b> Critically analyse the success of location photography planning, execution and
<b>P6</b> Produce a body of location photography outputs to meet a given brief.	photography.	presentation in meeting the requirements of a given brief.
<b>LO4</b> Present a body of location identified audience.	photography outcomes to an	
<b>P7</b> Present location photography outcomes through a medium appropriate to the given audience.	<b>M4</b> Evaluate the success of location photography outcomes through audience feedback.	
<b>P8</b> Review the way in which location photography outcomes meet client needs.		

#### **Recommended Resources**

#### Textbooks

ALEXANDER, J. A. P. (2015) Perspectives on Place: Theory and Practice in Landscape Photography. Fairchild Books
BERNABE, R. (2018) Wildlife Photography. Ilex Press
COMPANY, D. (2012) Art and Photography. Phaidon
CORNBILL, T. (2019) Urban Photography. Ilex Press
FANCHER, N. (2015) Studio Anywhere. Peachpit Press
SUGDEN, J. (2020) Drone Photography: Art and Techniques. The Crowood Press

#### Websites

https://loadedlandscapes.com/	Loaded Landscapes
	Tutorial and guide resource
https://www.photoephemeris.com/	Ephemeris
tpe-for-desktop	Light prediction for locations
https://www.locationscout.net/	Locationscout
	Location finder
https://layersmagazine.com/	Layers
	Tutorial and guide resource

## Unit 32: Professional Practice

Unit code	J/615/3542
Unit level	5
Credit value	15

#### Introduction

An essential aspect of good professional practice is the in-depth analysis of one's own strengths and weaknesses. This, combined with a clear strategy for presenting one's skills and abilities to potential employers or clients, is critical to future success.

The aim of this unit is to support students in making the transition from study to employment or freelance work. In previous study (*Unit 1: Professional Development*), students explored the broad areas of personal and professional development and preparing for employment. Building upon this, students will now apply their skills and knowledge to the development of a strategy for their future career, whether in employment or self-employment.

Topics included within this unit are career plans, CV writing, interview skills, selfpromotional material, legal frameworks, business planning and social and professional networks.

On successful competition of this unit, students will gain knowledge, understanding and the skill set that will increase their career opportunities.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- 1 Review own skills and abilities in support of future employment or self-employment
- 2 Investigate business structures, legal frameworks and legislation to construct a business plan
- 3 Develop material to support future employment or self-employment
- 4 Present own skills, abilities and work to an employer or client.

#### **Essential Content**

#### LO1 Review own skills and abilities in support of future employment or selfemployment

Personal Development Plan Career aspirations Mapping own skills to specific job roles Career trends Career options Work shadowing or placement

# LO2 Investigate business structures, legal frameworks and legislation to construct a business plan

Small business models Mission statement Market needs Market approach USP Costing of creative work Cash flow forecast Art/Creative Professional bodies Membership Grants Residencies/Internships Tax liabilities Tax/VAT Self-employed/Sole trader Legalities Public liability insurance Professional indemnity insurance Record keeping / contracts Intellectual property (e.g. copyright and licensing laws)

#### LO3 Develop material to support future employment or self-employment

Portfolio Print Digital Still/moving Social Networking Facebook, Instagram, twitter Professional networking Behance, LinkedIn Blogging Marketing material Competitions Contacting employers CV Letters of application Artist/Personal statement

#### LO4 Present own skills, abilities and work to an employer or client

Client interview/presentation Preparing for interview 'Dress for success' Getting interview feedback Reflection and evaluation of own work & development

### Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO1</b> Review own skills and abilities to support future employment or self-employment		
<ul> <li>P1 Evaluate own skills and abilities related to future employment aspirations.</li> <li>P2 Explore career opportunities specific to specialist area of study.</li> </ul>	<b>M1</b> Create a career plan, recognising progression opportunities.	<b>LO1 and LO2</b> <b>D1</b> Evaluate own skills, abilities and development needs for future employment or self- employment.
<b>LO2</b> Investigate business structures, legal frameworks and legislation to construct business plan		
<ul> <li>P3 Explore business structures, legal frameworks and legislation related to the creative industries.</li> <li>P4 Develop a business plan related to own area of specialist study.</li> </ul>	<b>M2</b> Evaluate a business plan in relation to existing and projected market forces.	

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO3</b> Develop material to support future employment or self-employment		
<ul> <li>P5 Create a portfolio of work, highlighting creative and technical skills.</li> <li>P6 Develop a CV/resumé, showing professional experience, education and other skills in support of future employment.</li> </ul>	<b>M3</b> Justify content of portfolio and CV/resumé in relation to planned future employment or self-employment.	<b>LO3 and LO4</b> <b>D2</b> Critically analyse own performance in presentation and/or interview, identifying areas for improvement and future development.
<b>LO4</b> Present own skills, abilities and work to an employer or client.		
<ul> <li>P7 Present portfolio of work to a potential employer or client.</li> <li>P8 Justify suitability for employment or project appointment based on experience, education and skills.</li> </ul>	<b>M4</b> Evaluate own skills and knowledge based on analysis of employer or client feedback.	
## **Recommended Resources**

#### Textbooks

BODIN, F.D. (1993) *The freelance photographer's handbook: A comprehensive fully illustrated guide*. United States: Amherst Media.

BRANAGAN, A. and DYSON, J. (2011) *The essential guide to business for artists and designers: An enterprise manual for visual artists and creative professionals*. London: Bloomsbury USA Academic.

BROOK, T., SHAUGHNESSY, A., BOS, B. and GOGGINS, J. (2009) *Studio culture: The secret life of the graphic design studio*. London: Laurence King.

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TAYLOR, F. (2013) *How to create a portfolio and get hired: A guide for graphic designers and illustrators*. 2nd ed. London: Laurence King Publishing.

THOMAS, G. and IBBOTSON, J. (2003) *Beyond the lens: Rights, ethics and business practice in professional photography*. 3rd ed. London: Association of Photographers.

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www.csd.org.uk	The Chartered Society of Designers (General Reference)
www.thefia.org	The Fashion Industry Association (General Reference)
www.texi.org	The Textile Institute (General Reference)
www.the-aop.org	The Association of Photographers (General Reference)
www.aiga.org	The professional association for design (General Reference)
www.creativeguild.org.uk	The Creative Guild (General Reference)
www.istd.org.uk	The International Society of Typographic Designers (General Reference)
www.theaoi.com	Association of Illustrators (General Reference)
www.artworkersguild.org	The Art Workers' Guild (General Reference)
creativeskillset.org	Creative Skillset (General Reference)

### Links

This unit links to the following related units:

- 1: Professional Development
- 5: 3D Practices
- 9: Fashion & Textiles Practices
- 11: Photographic Practices
- 14: Graphic Design Practices
- 15: Media Practices
- 16: Material Practices
- 17: Art/Craft Production
- 18: Digital Design Practices
- 33: Applied Practice: Collaborative Project (Pearson-set)
- 34: Advanced Interior Design Studies
- 35: Advanced Product Design Studies
- 36: Advanced Fashion Studies
- 37: Advanced Textiles Studies
- 38: Advanced Photography Studies
- 39: Advanced Graphic Design Studies
- 40: Advanced Art Practice Studies
- 41: Advanced Digital Design Studies

# Unit 33: Applied Practice – Collaborative Project (Pearson–set)

Unit code	R/615/3544
Unit level	5
Credit value	30

### Introduction

This unit is designed to develop interdisciplinary collaboration and creative engagement through a project that brings together different skills from across the creative industries. Based on a Pearson-set theme, students will develop (in negotiation with tutors) their own direction for the project.

The unit focuses upon the students' engagement with the wider community and provides a platform to explore collaborative practice through industry, competitions, cultural organisations, community-based groups, non-governmental organisations and charities. Students may work in small groups, with external partners, or collaborate as an entire cohort in order to produce a collaborative outcome, while recognising their own contribution.

The ability to define, plan and undertake a project is a critical set of skills throughout the various roles within the creative industries. Identifying appropriate information and analysing this, to formulate clear solutions, is required to underpin many of the processes that inform applied practice.

Please refer to the accompanying Pearson-set Assignment Guide and the Theme Release document for further support and guidance on the delivery of the Pearson-set unit.

## **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- 1 Evaluate own and group skills, in support of a collaborative team
- 2 Plan and manage a collaborative project, based on a Pearson-set theme
- 3 Present collaborative project outcomes, highlighting own contributions
- 4 Critically evaluate own work, and the work of others in a collaborative project.

#### **Essential Content**

#### LO1 Evaluate own and group skills, in support of a collaborative team

Skills auditing Roles and responsibilities Skills auditing Belbin Team Inventory Myers Briggs Personality Type Indicator

#### LO2 Plan and manage a collaborative project, based on a Pearson-set theme

- Project Types
- Industry Live projects / Consortia bids
- Competitions
- Cultural organisations
- Community art or design projects
- Non-governmental organisations
- Charitable organisations
- Exhibitions
- Public and community art
- Trans-disciplinary projects
- Collaborative networks and relationships
- **Project Managing**
- Project and time management plans
- Records of discussions
- Effective communication in project teams

# Project Issues Target audience Location and scale of project Materials, Techniques and processes Intellectual property Cultural and ethical considerations Community and social engagement Health and safety

#### LO3 Present collaborative project outcomes, highlighting own contributions

- *Presentation Formats* Exhibition Installation
- Performance

Report

- **Digital Presentation**
- Presentation Techniques
- Individual presentation
- Collaborative presentation

# LO4 Critically evaluate own work, and the work of others in a collaborative project

Reflective practice Schön's 'The Reflective Practitioner' Gibbs' 'Reflective Cycle' Reflection vs Description Reflection in practice Project life cycle Post implementation review

# Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO1</b> Evaluate own and group skills, in support of a collaborative team		
<ul> <li>P1 Evaluate own skills and the skills of others through skills auditing and review.</li> <li>P2 Develop identified roles and responsibilities within a team.</li> </ul>	<b>M1</b> Discuss the allocation of roles within a collaborative team to meet overall project needs.	<b>D1</b> Justify the allocation of roles and responsibilities within a team; recognising individual skills and ambitions versus project requirements.

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO2</b> Plan and manage a contract based on a Pearson-set the		
<b>P3</b> Develop a project plan/workflow, highlighting time, human and physical resources required.	<b>M2</b> Report on project progress through the recording of issues and solutions, within the project plan/workflow.	LO2, LO3 and LO4 D2 Produce a body of work that communicates both individual and group contributions in the
<b>P4</b> Communicate ethical approaches to intellectual property for creative content.		development of creative output, reflecting a critical analysis of the project context.
<b>P5</b> Individually document own contributions and the contributions of others to the project.		
<b>LO3</b> Present collaborative highlighting own contribu		
<b>P6</b> Communicate a resolved project, using a presentation technique appropriate to the audience.	<b>M3</b> Justify the selection of presentation technique in relation to an audience.	
<b>P7</b> Illustrate own contributions to a collaborative project.		
<b>LO4</b> Critically evaluate ow others in a collaborative p		
<ul> <li>P8 Evaluate own contribution to collaborative practice.</li> <li>P9 Discuss the interactions between team members and how this has supported project outcomes.</li> </ul>	<b>M4</b> Analyse the effect of team roles and project process on the achievement of successful outcomes.	

### **Recommended Resources**

#### Textbooks

BILLING. J., LIND, M. and NILLSON, L. (eds.) (2007) *Taking the Matter into Common Hands: Contemporary Art and Collaborative Practices*. London: Black Dog.

BRANAGAN, A. (2011) *The essential guide to business for artists and designers: an enterprise manual for visual artists and creative professionals*. A & C Black Publishers Ltd.

CRAWFORD, H. (2008) *Artistic Bedfellows: Histories, Theories and Conversations in Collaborative Art Practices*. London: Hamilton Books.

KAATS, E. and OPHEIJI, W. (2014), *Creating Conditions for Promising Collaborations: Alliances, Networks, Chains and Strategic Partnerships*. Heidelberg: Springer.

KWON, M. (2004) *One Place After Another: Site-Specific Art and Locational Identity*. Cambridge MA: MIT Press.

LAWSON, B. (2006) *How Designers Think: The Design Process Demystified. 3rd ed.* OXFORD: Architectural Press.

LEVEN, P. (2005) *Successful teamwork for undergraduate and taught postgraduates working on group projects*. Maidenhead: Open University Press.

ROSE, G. (2007) *Visual Methodologies: An Introduction to the Interpretation of Visual Materials*. London: SAGE Publications.

RUSTON, A. (2005) Artist's Guide to Selling Your Work. A & C Black Publishers Ltd.

STEEDMAN, M. (ed.) and KESTER, G. (2012) *Gallery as Community: Art, Education, Politics*. Whitechapel Gallery.

THOMPSON, N. (2012) *Living as Form: Socially Engaged Art from 1991–2011*. Cambridge MA: MIT Press.

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- 1: Professional Development
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- 18: Digital Design Practices
- 34: Advanced Interior Design Studies
- 35: Advanced Product Design Studies
- 36: Advanced Fashion Studies
- 37: Advanced Textiles Studies
- 38: Advanced Photography Studies
- 39: Advanced Graphic Design Studies
- 40: Advanced Art Practice Studies
- 41: Advanced Digital Design Studies

# Unit 38: Advanced Photography Studies

Unit code	M/615/3549
Unit level	5
Credit value	30

## Introduction

Our image-saturated digital culture has transformed professional practice, and successful photographers must be able to make their work increasingly stand out. This unit requires students to explore their own approach to photography in order to pursue the formation of a more unique style and to consider how a creative presence is developed and communicated.

In this unit students will explore a wide range of photographic contexts linked to creative production. Students will consider the role of briefing, enquiry and research, pre-shoot, shoot, editing, presentation and critical review. Students are encouraged to draw upon influences external to the discipline, challenge established photographic characteristics and codes, and be open to change. This exploration contributes to the formation of a more personalised photographic style.

By the end of this unit students will have considered the factors that contribute to a more personalised approach to the medium. This will enable students to begin to formulate their photographic voice and implement project management techniques in support of developing a professional and creative approach.

This unit is intended to provide centres with a framework to support students to develop in-depth knowledge and skills associated with the specialist subject. As a 30 credit unit, delivered over an extended period, centres will have the option to provide consideration of broad areas of the subject followed by greater specialisation, based on either local needs or student areas of interest.

### **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- 1 Explore historical and contemporary precedents to support the development of photographic work
- 2 Apply project management processes in order to realise photographic work, in response to a brief
- 3 Present photographic work that illustrates the development of a personal style
- 4 Evaluate the success of photographic work by reviewing response of intended audience.

### **Essential Content**

# LO1 Explore historical and contemporary precedents to support the development of photographic work

Primary Research Gallery/Exhibition visits External technical workshops Accessing industry mentors Practitioner interview Subject related conferences Secondary Research Photographer Monographs Practitioner websites (e)Books DVD's Journals Evaluating source material Understanding photographers' intentions Identifying visual language Genre and professional context Audience and cultural context Determining photographic style Creative Strategy Visual experimentation Process experimentation Conceptual development Intended Audience

# LO2 Apply project management processes in order to realise photographic work, in response to a brief

Project planning Responding to a brief Identifying key project goals Project route map (research, preproduction, production, post production, publication) Project Management Logistical planning Timescales **Recognising interdependencies** Identifying barriers (technical, aesthetic, and logistical concerns) SWOT Evidencing the project planning and management process Notation and commentary Choices Reflection Evaluation

# LO3 Present photographic work that illustrates the development of a personal style

Pre-shoot Understanding photographic voice Developing a personal visual language Personal reflection to inform own style, approach, niche The role of consistency in developing a style Tracking and recording the creative journey Shoot Using equipment, techniques and process to inform personalised style Manipulating light to enhance photographic style Managing a photographic shoot Problem solving, personal skills, communication Post-shoot Editing and archiving/cataloguing software Image correction, improvement, manipulation and effects Creative darkroom processes (where applicable) Consistency of approach to photographic style Modes of presentation/publication Self-publishing (Print/Online; portfolio, book, catalogue, magazine) Web/Mobile Device based (social media, blog, website) Exhibition (Location, venue, site specific, scale, sequence, printing, framing) Time based (Still image presentation, audio, moving image)

# LO4 Evaluate the success of photographic work by reviewing response of intended audience

#### Audience and Context

Defining an audience (client, institution based, public, creative and cultural sector)

Purpose (single image, image and text, images in series, narrative, storytelling)

Accessing and using feedback

Feedback channels (Critiques, surveys, focus groups, evaluation forms, reviews)

Sources of feedback (Staff, peers, client/industry, mentors, portfolio review, online forums)

Observable and measurable outcomes.

Using feedback positively (subjectivity/objectivity, balance, informed opinion, giving criticism, receiving criticism, critical distance, personalisation, ego)

Evolution of photographic style and its influences

Understanding self-branding

Securing a digital presence

Networking, promotion, marketing

# Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO1</b> Explore historical and precedents to support the photographic work		
<ul> <li>P1 Explore the development of creative strategies through precedent studies.</li> <li>P2 Develop a creative strategy, based on research and experimentation.</li> </ul>	<b>M1</b> Evaluate a creative strategy in relation to intended audience.	<b>LO1 and LO2</b> <b>D1</b> Produce photographic work in support of a creative strategy, based on critical analysis of context, precedent and audience.
<b>LO2</b> Apply project manage to realise photographic we	•	
<ul> <li>P3 Establish project priorities in response to a given brief.</li> <li>P4 Use project management techniques and processes to meet the requirements of a given brief.</li> </ul>	<b>M2</b> Analyse project management processes to support the development of photographic work.	
<b>LO3</b> Present photographic development of a persona		
<ul> <li>P5 Prepare photographic work using standard techniques and processes.</li> <li>P6 Present photographic work to communicate a personal style.</li> </ul>	<b>M3</b> Analyse photographic presentation/publication methods in meeting the needs of the intended audience.	<b>D2</b> Present photographic work, which responds to critical analysis of intended audience and communicates a personal style.

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO4</b> Evaluate the success of photographic work by reviewing response of intended audience.		
<b>P7</b> Choose appropriate methods of feedback to appraise outcome of the photographic work.	<b>M4</b> Analyse sources of feedback to identify potential improvements in photographic	<b>D3</b> Critically evaluate the success of photographic work through feedback and reflection.
<b>P8</b> Evaluate the success of photographic work based on feedback.	ss practice.	

## **Recommended Resources**

#### Textbooks

ADLER, L. (2012) *Fashion flair for portrait and wedding photography*. Boston, MA: Course Technology.

ANDREWS, P. (2005) *The new digital photography manual: an introduction to the equipment and creative techniques of digital photography*. London: Sevenoaks.

ANG, T. (2008) Digital photography masterclass. London: Dorling Kindersley.

ANTONINI, M. (2015) *Experimental photography: a handbook of techniques*. London: Thames & Hudson.

ARENA, S. (2011) *Speedliter's handbook: learning to craft light with Canon Speedlites.* Berkeley: Creative Edge.

BUSSELLE, M. (2006) *The better digital photography guide to special effects and photo-art*. London: Argentum.

BUSSELLE, M. and BUSSELLE, J. (2003) *Masterclass in photography*. London: Pavilion Publishing.

DAWBER, M. (2005) Pixel surgeons. London: Mitchell Beazley.

DREW, H. (2005) The fundamentals of photography. Lausanne: AVA.

DURDEN, M. (2013) *Fifty key writers on photography*. Abingdon: Routledge. (Routledge key guides).

FROST, L. (1998) *A-Z of creative photography: over 70 techniques explained in full.* Newton Abbott: David and Charles.

FROST, L. (2005) *Lee Frost's panoramic photography*. Newton Abbott: David and Charles Ltd.

GREY, C. (2010) *Studio lighting: techniques for photography*. Buffalo: Amherst media.

HALL, S. (2011) *Best Photoshop filters*. London: A & C Black Publishers Ltd.

HARNISCHMACHER, C. (2016) *The complete guide to macro and close up photography*. California: Rocky Nook.

KELBY, S. (2012) *Light it, shoot it, retouch it: learn by step by step how to go from empty studio to finished image.* London: New Riders.

LIPKIN, J. (2005) *Photography reborn: image making in the digital era*. New York: Harry N Abrams.

LOURIE, C.K. (2006) Camera raw: studio skills. New Jersey: Wiley Publishing.

McNALLY, J. (2009) *The hot shoe diaries: big light from small flashes*. Berkeley, California: New Riders.

PERES, M. (ed.) (2007) *Focal encyclopaedia of photography: digital imaging, theory and applications, history, and science*. 4th ed. Oxford: Focal Press.

ROJAS, J. (2016) *Photographing men: posing, lighting and shooting techniques for portrait and fashion photography*. Hemel Hempstead: Prentice-Hall International.

RUDMAN, T. (2002) *The master photographers toning book: the definitive guide*. London: Argentum.

SIEGEL, E. (2008) *Fashion photography course: first principles to successful shoot: the essential guide*. London: Thames & Hudson.

SMITH, B. (2001) *Designing a photograph: visual techniques for making your photographs work*. Revised ed. New York: Amphoto.

TARANTINO, C. and TAN, K. (2005) *Digital fashion photography*. Boston: Thomson Course Technology.

### Journals

British Journal of Photography PDN (Photo District News)

### Links

This unit links to the following related units:

- 1: Professional Development
- 2: Contextual Studies
- 3: Individual Project (Pearson-set)
- 4: Techniques & Processes
- 10: Lighting for Photography
- 11: Photographic Practices
- 12: Screen-based Practices
- 18: Digital Design Practices
- 19: Packaging Design
- 22: Printmaking
- 24: Visual Merchandising
- 26: Darkroom Techniques
- 28: Communication in Art & Design
- 29: Workflows
- 31: Visual Narratives
- 32: Professional Practice
- 33: Applied Practice: Collaborative Project (Pearson-set)
- 42: Styling
- 47: Branding & Identity
- 48: Conceptual Practice
- 49: Art Direction
- 53: Workflows & Management
- 58: Creative Industries Placement
- 61: Creative Entrepreneurship

# Unit 47: Branding & Identity

Unit code	Y/615/3559
Unit level	5
Credit value	15

### Introduction

The consumer market is growing at pace, and a company that wants to survive has to stand out with distinction.

The brand image and identity are the fundamentals of all businesses, whether a large corporate organisation, non-profit or start-up. Whatever the business product or service it may be, it must stand up to scrutiny and be distinctive, if it is to establish a loyal customer or client base. Brand image and identity help the consumer to identify and to be identified. When a brand successfully connects to the customer, it becomes irreplaceable and subsequently part of our culture, social history and language.

This unit aims to give opportunities for students to develop their knowledge and application of branding and identity through understanding the relationship between social, cultural and historical contexts. Students will explore why branding is important, how successful companies have established their identity and how this relates to their core values.

The unit is structured to give students a clear understanding of brand and identity, and its impact in a commercial market place. Analysing case studies to understand the contextualisation of brand and identity will enable students to produce industry ready artwork and branding style guidelines for the application of design. Topics included in this unit are: brand identity, brand strategy, positioning, market research, taglines, style guides, brand licensing, patent/trademark process, designing identity, logotype, and working within a client brief.

On successful completion of this unit students will be able to discuss the importance of branding and identity, showing how identity can influence the consumer, how to develop a brand identity, and how to produce style guides to be print ready for industry.

## **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- 1 Discuss the role of branding and identity through analysis of historical and contemporary contextual research
- 2 Evaluate a given brand to determine core values, mission and audience
- 3 Develop a style guide/branding guidelines for a given brand
- 4 Present a range of promotional material, using branding guidelines, in support of a given brand.

#### **Essential Content**

# LO1 Discuss the role of branding and identity through analysis of historical and contemporary contextual research

Definitions of branding and identity in the creative industries The function of branding and identity Brand core values Brand mission Audience Semiotics Subversion of branding Social and cultural contexts Developing a unique brand identity Brand awareness Brand values

Company identity

#### LO2 Evaluate a given brand to determine core values, mission and audience

Company identity Corporate message Philosophy Values Mission statement Products/services Brand Brand range Brand attributes Target market

#### LO3 Develop a style guide/branding guidelines for a given brand

Colour

palette

specifications

Typography

Font

Size

Weight

Graphics

Imagery

Illustrations

Placement

Output

Advertising

Posters

Leaflets

Brochures

Templates/Stationary

Website

# LO4 Present a range of promotional material, using branding guidelines, in support of a given brand

*Promotional material* Website

Social media

Print

Advertising

Leaflets

Business cards

Corporate report/annual report

## Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO1</b> Discuss the role of branding and identity through historical and contemporary contextual research		
<ul> <li>P1 Explore the development of branding through historical and contemporary examples.</li> <li>P2 Analyse how a given organisation has developed their brand identity.</li> </ul>	<b>M1</b> Evaluate the development of branding and identity through the study of a selected business, charity, or commercial enterprise.	<b>LO1 and LO2</b> <b>D1</b> Critically analyse how branding and identity respond to broader commercial and social contexts.
<b>LO2</b> Evaluate a given brand mission and audience	to determine core values,	
<ul> <li>P3 Review printed and visual material to determine core values.</li> <li>P4 Define the key features of a company, charity or business enterprise that inform a branding/identity strategy.</li> </ul>	<b>M2</b> Illustrate the ways that core values and mission are expressed through visual material.	
<b>LO3</b> Develop a style guide/b given brand	branding guidelines for a	
<ul> <li>P5 Define the usage parameters for style and branding, identifying media, context and format.</li> <li>P6 Produce usage guidelines showing consistency of branding and identity, in context.</li> </ul>	<b>M3</b> Justify usage guidelines in relation to clarity of communication and client needs.	<b>D2</b> Create a style guide and branding guidelines that enables creative solutions to communicate brand values and aesthetics of a company, charity or business enterprise.

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO4</b> Present a range of pror branding guidelines, in supp		
<ul> <li>P7 Produce stationery and promotional material that communicate brand identity, based on guidelines.</li> <li>P8 Present stationery and promotional material to an identified audience.</li> </ul>	<b>M4</b> Create visual material that recognises the role of social media in promoting brand identity.	<b>D3</b> Present stationery and promotional material; based on the critical analysis of client needs and audience, illustrating the way that a branding/identity strategy enables creative design solutions.

### **Recommended Resources**

#### Textbooks

HOLT, D. (2004) How Brands Become Icons. Boston: Harvard Business School Press.

HYLAND, A. and KING, E. (2006) *C/ID: Visual Identity and Branding for the Arts.* London: Laurence King Publishing.

MILLMAN, D. (2011) Brand Thinking and Other Noble Pursuits. New York: Allworth Press.

MILLMAN, D. (ed.) (2012) *Brand Bible: The Complete Guide to Building, Designing and Sustaining Brands.* Beverly, MA: Rockport Publishers.

OLINS, W. (1995) *The new guide to identity. How to create and sustain change through managing identity.* Aldershot: Gower Pub.

SANDU CULTURAL MEDIA. (2013) *Branding Typography*. Berkeley, CA: Gingko Press.

VAN DER VLUGT, R. (2012) *Logo Life: Life Histories of 100 Famous Logos.* Amsterdam: BIS Publishers, and Enfield, UK (distributor).

WHEELER, A., (2006) *Designing brand identity. A complete guide to creating, building, and maintaining strong brands.* 2nd ed. New York: Wiley.

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- 1: Professional Development
- 2: Contextual Studies
- 3: Individual Project (Pearson-set)
- 4: Techniques & Processes
- 5: 3D Practices
- 8: Pattern Cutting & Garment Making
- 9: Fashion & Textiles Practices
- 14: Graphic Design Practices
- 18: Digital Design Practices
- 19: Packaging Design

20: Ceramic & Glass

- 21: Accessories
- 23: Fashion Collection
- 24: Visual Merchandising
- 27: Textile Technology
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- 36: Advanced Fashion Studies
- 37: Advanced Textiles Studies
- 38: Advanced Photography Studies
- 39: Advanced Graphic Design Studies
- 41: Advanced Digital Design Studies
- 42: Styling
- 49: Art Direction
- 51: Ceramic Design
- 55: Jewellery Design
- 58: Creative Industries Placement
- 61: Creative Entrepreneurship
- 62: Trend Forecasting

# Unit 68: Commercial Photography

Unit code	H/618/1171
Unit level	5
Credit value	15

### Introduction

Commercial photography covers the production of photographic work within a commercial context. In its broadest sense, commercial photography relates to image production that is sourced, planned and executed for commercial use in business, for sales or for other client-based transactions where the production and supply of images is exchanged for money.

Commercial photography falls into one of two categories; business to business or business to consumer. Examples of business to business photography include; corporate brochures, point of sale, leaflets, menus, product advertising, corporate portraiture. Examples of business to consumer photography include; nursery/school portraiture, wedding photography, family portraiture.

Underpinning the unit is the effective organisation and management of a client facing brief that is essential to establishing key professional practice. On completion of this unit students will be able to negotiate a commercial assignment, devise and carry out photography to meet the needs of a client and realise the brief by applying industry standard administrative and management practices.

## **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- 1. Develop a brief for a commercial photo shoot, based on client requirements
- 2. Apply project management processes for the production of photographic work in response to a client brief
- 3. Produce photographic work that meets the requirements of a commercial client
- 4. Present commercial photographic output that meets the requirements of client brief.

#### **Essential Content**

#### LO1 Develop a brief for a commercial photo shoot, based on client requirements

Defining commercial photography Commercial genres Professional context Market and cultural context

#### Parameters of commercial photography

Defining a client (e.g. individual, start-up, SME, institution based, charity, public sector, creative/cultural sector)

Understanding client's intentions

Genre and usage

educational

promotional

public domain

private

online

print

Client's needs

single image

image and text

images in series

narrative, scale

quality

quantity

Producing a client brief

Costing and charging for photographic services transport travel materials props studio hire models hidden costs time per hour basis half/full day rate basis Invoicing Quoting for client based photographic work formal quote contingencies Contracts dates roles and responsibilities scale stylistic and technical requirements quantity format timescales hand over

Terms and Conditionscopyrightmedia usagepayment termsprivacymodel releaseinsurancesliabilityEthical ConsiderationsClient confidentiality

# LO2 Apply project management processes for the production of photographic work in response to a client brief

**Evaluating Research** 

Photo usage

Concept development

Creative strategy

Expectations of intended audience

Assessing parameters and opportunities to push boundaries

Project planning

Meeting key client goals

Developing/responding to a brief

Project route map (research, preproduction, production, post production, publication to client)

Project Management

Logistical planning

Timescales

Recognising interdependencies

Evidencing the project planning and management process

Phases and checkpoints

Tracking and control

Action planning

Risk assessment Pearson BTEC Levels 4 and 5 Higher Nationals in Art and Design Specification – Issue 8 – October 2021 © Pearson Education Limited 2021 Health and Safety

Commercial awareness Client relationships Decision making Roles and responsibilities Marketing of self or business

# LO3 Produce photographic work that meets the requirements of a commercial client

Pre-shoot

Recce

Test shoots

Identifying barriers (e.g. technical, aesthetic, and logistical concerns)

Shoot logistics

studio/location

facilities

props

backdrops

indoor/outdoor

weather

access

safety

staffing

assistants

contractors

models

styling

hair

make-up

clothing/costume
Client cultures and etiquette hierarchies

Roles

Responsibilities

Technical and stylistic planning

camera format

digital/film

lenses

lighting

flash

continuous

effects

Shoot

Managing the shoot

Leadership

Team working

Interpersonal skills

Cultural awareness

Decision making and communicating decisions

Using equipment

Camera selection

Lens selection

Manipulating light to enhance commercial photography

Pros and cons of tethered shooting in a controlled environment

Identifying issues and problem solving

Technical

Health and Safety

# LO4 Present commercial photographic output that meets the requirements of client brief

#### Post-shoot

Managing photographic output

Editing (e.g. image correction, improvement, manipulation and effects)

Archiving and cataloguing

Copyright and licensing

Image watermarking

key wording (where applicable)

Customer service (e.g. modes of presentation, publication to client)

Self-publishing (e.g. social media, blog, website)

Securing feedback (e.g. peer/tutor critiques, clients, customers, surveys, focus groups, evaluation forms, reviews)

Dealing with feedback

subjectivity/objectivity

balance

informed opinion

giving/receiving criticism

critical distance

personalisation

dealing with ego

Measuring success

Observable and measurable outcomes (e.g. change in sales, brand perception, click traffic)

Response to client brief/meeting client needs

Evolution of photographic style and its influences

Professional Attributes Understanding self-branding Relationship building Problem solving/intellectual skills Flexibility and adaptability Handling verbal and written communication Project Management Communicating decisions Personal effectiveness

Professional networking

## Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

Pass	Merit	Distinction
<b>LO1</b> Develop a brief for a commercial photo shoot, based on client requirements		
<b>P1</b> Explain commercial photography in relation to the professional context; considering, genre, usage and market.	<b>M1</b> Demonstrate the meeting of business, legal and ethical considerations in agreeing a commercial photography brief.	<b>D1</b> Evaluate how client, market and/or cultural context influence a commercial brief.
<b>P2</b> Define a brief based on client requirements.		
<b>LO2</b> Apply project management processes in the production of photographic to meet a client brief		
<b>P3</b> Demonstrate the skills, technologies, and resources required to manage a photography brief.	<b>M2</b> Analyse how effective project management enhances creative planning in support of a commercial	<b>D2</b> Evaluate how commercial awareness and knowledge of client relations impacts on
<b>P4</b> Illustrate how research into stylistic convention shapes the planned response to a commercial photography brief.	photography brief.	project management.
<b>LO3</b> Produce photographic work that meets the requirements of a commercial client		
<b>P5</b> Identify equipment, techniques and processes of commercial photographic production.	<b>M3</b> Organise a commercial photography shoot, utilising appropriate lenses, cameras, lighting and processes.	<b>D3</b> Critically analyse feedback to inform creative, practical and professional strategies for
<b>P6</b> Demonstrate the use of photographic equipment, techniques and processes in support of a client-based brief.		future commercial photography projects.
<b>LO4</b> Present commercial photographic output that meets the requirements of client brief.		
<b>P7</b> Use post-production tools and techniques to prepare commercial photographic output for presentation.	<b>M4</b> Assess feedback to identify areas of good practice and areas for improvement in the future.	
<b>P8</b> Present commercial photographic output for client feedback.		

## **Recommended Resources**

#### Textbooks

ANG, T. (2020) Digital Photographers Handbook. DK.
BENDANDI, L. (2015) Experimental Photography: A Handbook of Techniques. Thames & Hudson.
EARNEST, A. (2019) Lighting for Product Photography. Amherst Media.
JACOBS, L. (2010) Professional Commercial Photography. Amherst Media.
SCOTT, G. (2015) The Essential Student Guide to Professional Photography. Routledge SCOTT, G. (2014) Professional Photography: The New Global Landscape Explained. Routledge.

#### Websites

https://photographylife.com	PhotographyLife
	(General Reference)
https://www.headshotlondon.co.uk/blog/your- guide-to-commercial-photography/	HeadShot London
	(General Reference)
https://www.pixpa.com/blog/commercial-	Ріхра
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## Unit 69: Event Photography

Unit code	K/618/1172
Unit level	5
Credit value	15

## Introduction

Society captures events through photography for a broad range of purposes, whether it is for legitimising, posterity, commercial promotion or personal record, the photographic image of and event is regarded as a central evidence and a powerful artifact. Images are used to capture public events such as political and cultural social moments on a National and regional level for society. Event photography is also one area where individuals in society engage with professional photography practice through the commissioning of images that record rights of passage they feel are important, such as weddings or graduation.

With the critical needs of the subject, client and society, the event photographer is in a position of significant responsibility for the capturing of effective images and the management of the process. Responsible for the experience of the subject and participants, the professional conduct of the photographer is central to the practice of event photography.

Through this unit, students will explore the opportunities for capturing cultural activities and actions within events, the professional responsibilities and techniques pertinent to event photography and methods for communicating work back to the client/audience.

## **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- 1. Develop an opportunity for event photography
- 2. Demonstrate professional conduct while undertaking event photography
- 3. Apply event photography techniques and processes in response to a brief
- 4. Present a collection of event photography works that meet client needs.

## **Essential Content**

#### LO1 Develop an opportunity for event photography

Event type, e.g.

Wedding

Concert

VIP

Sport

Clients

**Client Types** 

Personal

Commercial

Speculative/Image Libraries

Personal promotion to gain clients

**Obtaining clients** 

Communication with client (e.g. defining brief, identifying requirements)

Feasibility

Requirements

Negotiating fees

Obligations

Shot list, e.g. itinerary, key people, things to avoid

Style of image and creative opportunities

Legal and ethical

Own use and rights

Contract/agreement

Data protection

Risk assessment

Insurance and liability

Permission, copyright, privacy, defamation

Health & safety

#### LO2 Demonstrate professional conduct while undertaking event photography

Professional conduct Personal presentation Personal conduct Curtesy Limiting intrusion and obstruction Contingency, e.g. extra resources Risk management Codes of conduct and guidelines from professional bodies (e.g. National Union of Journalists, Master Photographers Association, National Photographic Society). People management Providing instructions, e.g. poses, actions, interaction, expression Encouragement, e.g. drawing out people's character, positive reinforcement Managing behaviour Working with others, e.g. subject, public, support team Managing distractions for participants Health and safety

#### LO3 Apply event photography techniques and processes in response to a brief

- Shot types
- Pre-event
- Candid opportunities

Posed

Natural

#### Techniques and processes

Working in low level light (e.g. external flash, large aperture, high ISO, compensation, reflector)

Capturing movement (e.g. high shutter speed, motion blur, tracking)

Vantage point and framing the action/activity, e.g. perspectives, unobstructed views

Styling, e.g. staging, props

#### Anticipating action

Setting up shots (e.g. anticipating expression or activity, camera positioning) Predetermining camera settings Continuous focus/subject tracking Multi-shot bursts

#### LO4 Present a collection of event photography works that meet client needs

- Processing File management Post-production workflow
- Batch-processing
- Removing blemishes
- Focus adjustment (reducing or increasing blur)
- Colouring and processing for consistency
- Processing for style
- Copyrighting
- Presenting for an audience
- Selecting images
- Engaging the audience/client
- Presenting people well
- Timing and turnaround
- Supporting materials, e.g. video, audio, copy
- Feedback

## Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

Pass	Merit	Distinction
LO1 Develop an opportunity fo		
<ul> <li>P1 Explore opportunities for event photography in relation to feasibility and requirements.</li> <li>P2 Develop an appropriate appropriate for an explore the paragraphic for explore the paragraphic for an exp</li></ul>	<b>M1</b> Analyse an agreement/contract based on client needs, ethical requirements, feasibility and creative opportunities.	<b>D1</b> Evaluate the role and professional responsibilities of an event photographer, in meeting client needs in accordance with an agreement.
agreement/contract for an event photography project.		
<b>LO2</b> Demonstrate professional conduct while undertaking event photography		
<b>P3</b> Demonstrate appropriate professional conduct in order to meet objectives and client needs.	<b>M2</b> Adapt to changing circumstances to ensure the quality of photographic outcomes, while managing self and others.	
<b>P4</b> Use people management skills in undertaking event photography safely and ethically.		
<b>LO3</b> Apply event photography techniques and processes in response to a brief		
<b>P5</b> Use photographic techniques and processes for even photography, informed by evaluation of client needs.	<b>M3</b> Assess photographic images to select those that, with processing, will be suitable to meet client needs.	<b>D2</b> Evaluate event photography outcomes and audience feedback to identify areas of good
<b>P6</b> Produce a collection of images that are technically consistent and fit for processing.		practice and areas for future improvement.
<b>LO4</b> Present a collection of event photographic works that meet client needs.		
<b>P7</b> Use image processing tools and techniques to prepare final images to meet client needs.	<b>M4</b> Analyse the ways in which a collection of event photographs meet client needs; based on audience	
<b>P8</b> Present a collection event photography images to an identified audience and gather feedback.	feedback.	

## **Recommended Resources**

#### Textbooks

ADLER, L. (2017) *The Photographer's Guide to Posing: Techniques to Flatter Everyone,* Rocky Nook

HOMBAUER, M. (2018) *The Beginners Guide to Concert Photography,* Independently Published

O'MAHONY, M. (2018) Photography and Sport (Exposures), Reaktion Books

PRITCHARD, L. (2015) *Running a Successful Photography Business,* Bloomsbury Academic

THURSTON, B. (2014) *For the Love of Weddings: A Photographers Guide to Starting a Wedding Photography Business*, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform

#### Websites

https://sislp.com/	Society of International Sport & Leisure Photographers
	(Professional body)
https://swpp.co.uk/	Society of Wedding and Portrait Photographers
	(Professional body)
https://www.practicalphotography.com/	Practical photography
	(Resource/tutorials)
https://www.nationalgeographic.com/	National Geographic
	(Resource/tutorials)
https://www.dpmag.com/	Digital Photo
	(Resource/tutorials)