

UNIT OUTLINE

Year: 12 Accreditation: A Timetable Period: Semester 1, 2021

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Course Title	Digital Photography	Course Code:	8405
Semester Unit	Contemporary Photography	Unit Value/Code:	1.0 / 85745
Term Unit (a)	Contemporary Photography (a)	Unit Value/Code:	0.5 / 85746
Term Unit (b)	Contemporary Photography (b)	Unit Value/Code:	0.5 / 85747

Specific Unit Goals:

- analyse contemporary photographic processes and practices
- analyse key contemporary photographic works and contemporary photographers and explain their significance
- analyse the nature and purpose of contemporary photography in personal, cultural and historical contexts
- communicate ideas coherently using appropriate language and referencing
- create photographic works informed by a comprehensive understanding of photographic skills, processes and theories
- create photographic works informed by an understanding of contemporary photographic aesthetic conventions
- analyse and reflect on the creative process, work safely, collaboratively and independently
- apply WHS standards

Content Summary:

Knowledge and Understanding appropriate for chemical or digital photographic medium

Conceptual and Contextual

- contemporary photography in context 1970s to today
- borrowing from consumer and popular culture
- incorporation of new communication technologies and media
- conceptual nature of contemporary photography and common themes: such as
 - identity (gender, race, sexuality, age, religion and nationality)
 - time (measuring, reordering)
 - truth and memory (emotional, unreliable, fractured)
 - place (public, private, dislocation, fictionalised)
 - the body (idealised, the gaze)
 - spirituality (faith doubt, death, the sacred)

Photographic Technique

- use of image capturing devices other than DSLRs (eg. phones, video)
- use of contemporary practice such as appropriation of well-known images, staging, removal of subjectivity of the camera (as in typologies)
- use of large format printer

Photographic Processes and Work Flow

- development of conceptual work in a contemporary context
- de-emphasis of traditional techniques
- output - large format prints or displays

Cost of Materials:

\$60 – Materials fee. Students are to ensure that they have appropriate materials and resources for the course. The payment of the contribution will provide students with materials aimed at assisting them in achieving the best possible results for this unit where practicable.

Assessment:

TASK	DUE DATE	WEIGHTING
Written Task - Responding	Wednesday 10/3/21 Week 6	20%
Practical 1 – Making	Wednesday 31/3/21 Week 9	30%
Practical 2 – Making	Monday 31/5/21 Week 17	30%
Digital Journal – Making and Responding	Wednesday 2/6/21 Week 17	20%

Specific Entry & Exit Requirements for Term Units

Students must have completed Practical 1, along with either the Written Task or the Digital Journal by the end of term 1 to exit this unit with .5.

Assessment Criteria for Assessment and Reporting of Student Achievement

The following assessment criteria are a focus for assessment and reporting in this unit. Criteria are the essential qualities that teachers look for in student work. These criteria must be used by teachers to assess student's performance, however not all of them need to be used on each task. Assessment criteria are to be used holistically on a given task and in determining the unit grade.

Students Will Be Assessed on The Degree to Which They Demonstrate:

- Making
- Responding

Attendance and Participation

It is expected that students will attend and participate in all scheduled classes/contact time/structured learning activities for the units in which they are enrolled, unless there is due cause and adequate documentary evidence is provided. Any student whose attendance falls below 90% of the scheduled classes/contact time or 90% participation in structured learning activities in a unit, without having due cause with adequate documentary evidence will be deemed to have voided the unit. However, the principal has the right to exercise discretion in special circumstances if satisfactory documentation is supplied.

Completion of Assessment Items

Students are expected to substantially complete and submit all assessment items. Exemption from an item and/or alternative assessment without penalty is available to students providing adequate documentary evidence. In order to meet the minimum assessment requirements of a unit, a student must substantially complete and submit at least 70% of the total assessment. However, the principal has the right to exercise discretion in the award of a grade or score in special circumstances where satisfactory documentation is supplied.

Late Submission of Assessment Tasks (Non-Test Tasks)

Students are encouraged to submit work on time as this is a valuable organisational skill and a key tenet of assessment condition standardisation. Students are also encouraged to complete work, even if it is late, as soon as possible after the due date. The following policy is to ensure equity for all students:

- All assessment tasks are expected to be submitted by the specified due time and date. Unless otherwise stipulated, the due time is 4.00pm for the physical submission of assessment and 11:59pm for the digital submission of assessment, on the due date.
- Unless there are exceptional circumstances, students must apply for an extension to the specified due date in advance, providing due cause and adequate documentary evidence for late submission.
- Where marks are awarded for assessment tasks, a late penalty will apply unless an extension is granted. The penalty for late submission is 5% of possible marks per calendar day late, including weekends and public holidays, until a penalty of 35% or the notional zero is reached.
- If an item is more than 7 days late, it receives the notional zero score. Submission on weekends or public holidays may not be acceptable if a physical submission is required.
- Where marks are not awarded, and a grade only is given for an assessment task, teachers will take into account the extent to which students have demonstrated their ability to complete and submit the task by the due date (taking into account any extensions granted) in awarding the grade.
- It may not be possible to grade or score work submitted late after marked work in a unit has been returned to other students. Work not submitted by the time marked work is returned to other students may be declared as 'Not submitted'.

The principal has the right to exercise discretion in the application of the late penalty in special circumstances where satisfactory documentation has been provided.

Notional Zeros

Where students fail to hand in assessment items for which marks are awarded, they will be awarded a notional zero for that assessment item. The notional zero will be a score, which lies between 0.1 of a standard deviation below the lowest genuine score for that item and zero. Note: if the lowest genuine score is zero, the notional zero is zero.

Cheating and Dishonest Practice

The integrity of the College's assessment system relies upon all involved acting in accordance with the highest standards of honesty and fairness. Plagiarism is the copying, paraphrasing or summarising of work, in any form, without acknowledgement of sources, and presenting this as a student's own work. Examples of plagiarism could include, but are not limited to:

- submitting all or part of another person's work with/without that person's knowledge
- submitting all or part of a paper from a source text without proper acknowledgement
- copying part of another person's work from a source text, supplying proper documentation, but leaving out quotation marks
- submitting materials which paraphrase or summarise another person's work or ideas without appropriate documentation
- submitting a digital image, sound, design, photograph or animation, altered or unaltered, without proper acknowledgement of the source.

Right to Appeal

The ACT system operates a hierarchy of reviews and appeals:

- Student seeks review from teacher regarding assessment task mark/grade, unit score, unit grade, course score
- Student seeks review from head of department, if required following review by teacher
- Student appeals to her/his college principal for a review of college assessment relating to assessment task grade/mark, unit grade, unit score, course score, penalty imposed for breach of discipline in relation to assessment
- Student, who has been through the college appeal process, may appeal to the Board against the college procedures by which the appeal decision was reached.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON RELEVANT BSSS POLICIES CAN BE FOUND HERE:

http://www.bsss.act.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/479803/P_and_P_Manual_2021_v4.pdf