

Creative Photography Evening-Class for Beginners

A comprehensive, solid grounding in Digital Photography; from mastering your camera to creating your own photo-essay. Suitable for beginners of all ages.

Learning outcomes from this course:

Students will learn:

- How to take great photos
- How to master their camera and how it truly works.
- How to light their subjects
- How to shoot for any scenario
- How to edit their photos in Photoshop

Week 1: Understanding exposure. Apertures, Shutter speed, ISO. Know your camera: Camera modes and menus. Lenses: What you need to know.

Week 2: Using focus creatively. Depth of Field. Lighting for portraiture. Soft lighting V's hard lighting. Mastering daylight for portraiture.

Week 3: Composition: *Thinking photographically*. Educating the eye. Creating opportunities. Placement of elements in the frame.

Week 4: Composition cont'd: Rule of thirds. Textures, curves, creative focus.

Week 5: Class trip & learning Project: Create a short photo-essay using the elements of the course. Portraits/Landscape/Still Life.

Week 6: Introduction to Photoshop. File formats. Image adjustments.

Week 7: Edit your own images in Photoshop. Introduction to the toolbar. Fixing skies, foregrounds, and cropping.

Week 8: Photography: The power and impact of the medium in Journalism, Culture & Film-making.

Week 9: Reviewing the photo-essay project. Learning to critique your own photos. Using Flash, & Night-time photography. How to generate your own portfolio.

Presentation of certificate of completion.

Note: *One of the classes will be conducted as a field trip on a weekend.*

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