
ACADEMIC FREEDOM STATEMENT

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Programmatic Student Learning Outcomes/Mission

Graduates of the MS in Scientific and Technological Imaging are prepared to meet the challenges of communicating science, technology, and innovation, through visual media. Graduates will leverage skills in project management to assure the effective production, integration, archiving and distribution of media content in support of scientific research, education, museum collections and research documentation, preservation, and communication.

Program Description

The Master of Science in Scientific and Technological Imaging (MSSTI) is a four-semester, 36-credit, low residency master's program. The program provides an advanced course of study that requires students to explore and effectively apply scientific and technical media imaging methods to meet the challenges of communicating scientific knowledge, technological innovation, research findings, museum collections, and related content to a diverse global audience. The program stresses project and production management skills to assure the effective production, integration, archiving and distribution of media content.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of the program, students should be able to:

- Apply critical thinking skills to analyze and create effective visual media to educate, inform, and communicate to a global audience (Visual Literacy, Problem Solver)
- Create media content using diverse scientific and technical imaging methods and tools to communicate, interpret and document subject matter (Adept, Global)
- Effectively manage media assets to assure efficient workflow, distribution, sharing and stable archiving (Adept)
- Identify, articulate and apply ethical principals in relation to visual and verbal media representations, and business/professional practices (Ethics)
- Communicate clearly and effectively, both orally and in writing, in a professional environment (Communication)
- Apply an understanding of project and business management to successfully organize and complete projects as an individual and in collaborative teams (Collaboration)

Course Title	Visual Storytelling and Portraiture
Course Code	MSS626

Credit Hours	3 Semester
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Prerequisites	MSS512 Technical Image Capture
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Course Syllabus

Course Type 100% Online Delivery

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Course Description

People are the lifeblood behind the work that we photograph. In this course, students learn the fundamentals of commercial and editorial narratives. This course works to advance the understanding of portrait lighting and posing, both in studio and location situations. Storytelling via portraiture is explored as students learn to use photographic lighting equipment and existing light to create effective narrative media communications.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Explore and apply effective visual communications methods to create portraits and to visually interpret projects dealing with people and their work
 2. Apply media asset management practices to effectively organize and archive media
 3. Document and analyze production practices and systems testing and use that documentation as a reference for future work
 4. Use studio and location lighting methods to produce images/media that will contribute to developing the student's capabilities portfolio
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Required Textbook(s) and media:

Course Outline

Week 1: Course introduction; Online discussion

Week 2: Online research and/or multimedia presentation; Online discussion; project production

Week 3: Online research and/or multimedia presentation; Online discussion; project production

Week 4: Online research and/or multimedia presentation; Online discussion; project production

Week 5: Online research and/or multimedia presentation; Online discussion; project production

Week 6: Online research and/or multimedia presentation; Online discussion; project production

Week 7: Online research and/or multimedia presentation; Online discussion; project production

Week 8: Online research and/or multimedia presentation; Online discussion; project production

Week 9: Online research and/or multimedia presentation; Online discussion; project production

Week 10: Online research and/or multimedia presentation; Online discussion; project production

Week 11: Online research and/or multimedia presentation; Online discussion; project production

Week 12: Online research and/or multimedia presentation; Online discussion; project production

Week 13: Online research and/or multimedia presentation; Online discussion; project production

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Week 14: Online research and/or multimedia presentation; Online discussion; project production

Week 15: Online research and/or multimedia presentation; Online discussion; project production

GENERAL ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND METHODS OF EVALUATING STUDENTS

Letter grades (A, A-, B+, B, etc.)

The student's overall grade for this class is derived from a combination of online instructional activities, class participation (discussion forum postings), assignments, quizzes and exams, projects, and final project/final exam. Only the instructor can authorize exceptions to class policies, deadlines or grades. Students must confirm (in writing) any exceptions to class policies or deadlines with the instructor. Class work is weighted as follows:

Grade Weighting		Grading Scales		
Course Area	%	Percent	Letter	Numeric
Course Area	%	93–100	A	4.00
Participation	10	90–92	A-	3.70
Production Documentation	15	87–89	B+	3.30
Media Portfolio	75	83–86	B	3.00
		80–82	B-	2.70
		77–79	C+	2.30
		73–76	C	2.00
		70–72	C-	1.70
		67–69	D+	1.30
		60–66	D	1.00
Total	100%	0–59	F	0.00

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DEFINITIONS OF CRITERIA USED IN GRADING

Outstanding = A	Outstanding work, showing insight and demonstrating excellence in skill and craft. Work goes well beyond what is required
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Superior = A-, B+	Superior work, shows clear understanding and thorough demonstration of skill and craft
Good = B, B-	Competent work, clear understanding, often showing creativity and good use of skills
Satisfactory = C+, C, C-	Adequate understanding, inconsistent demonstration of skills, some elements missing or problems with priorities
Unsatisfactory = D, F	Lacks understanding, inadequate amount of time and effort demonstrated, many missing elements, inconsistent participation, skill and craftsmanship not demonstrated

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- **Plagiarism** – Submitting as one’s own work, in whole or in part, words, ideas, art, designs, text, drawings, images, reels, etc. that were produced by another person without attributing that person as the rightful source of the work. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to: using words, word passages, pictures, etc. without acknowledgement; paraphrasing ideas without quotation marks or without citing the source; submitting work that resembles someone else’s beyond what would be considered a tolerable coincidence; ideas, conclusions, information found on a student paper which the student cannot explain, amplify or demonstrate knowledge upon questioning.
- **Accessory to Dishonesty** – Knowingly and willfully supplying material or information to another person for the purpose of using the material or information improperly.
- **Falsification or Alteration of Records and Official Documents** - The following are examples of acts under this category, but the list is not exhaustive: altering academic records, forging a signature or authorization on an academic document, or falsifying information on official documents, grade reports, or any other document designed to attest to compliance with school regulation or to exempt from compliance.
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CREDIT ASCRIPTION ADDENDUM

MSS626 Visual Storytelling and Portraiture - 3 semester credit hours

Type: 100% Online Delivery

Credit Ascription – The amount of hours spent to participate in the course and complete projects, and the assignment alignment with Course Learning Objectives

Course Learning Objectives:

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The following indicates the **minimum** number of hours per assignment:

Week	Assignment Title	Hours	Assignment Objectives
1	• Synchronous online meeting	1.5	1
	• Discussion Forum participation	1.5	1,3
	• Assignment Production	2	1,2,3,4
2	• Online multimedia presentation and/or research	3	1,3,4
	• Discussion Forum participation	1.5	1,3
	• Assignment Production	2	1,2,3,4
3	• Online multimedia presentation and/or research	3	1,3,4
	• Discussion Forum participation	1.5	1,3
	• Assignment Production	2	1,2,3,4
4	• Online multimedia presentation and/or research	3	1,3,4
	• Discussion Forum participation	1.5	1,3
	• Assignment Production	2	1,2,3,4
5	• Online multimedia presentation and/or research	3	1,3,4
	• Discussion Forum participation	1.5	1,3
	• Assignment Production	2	1,2,3,4
6	• Online multimedia presentation and/or research	3	1,3,4
	• Discussion Forum participation	1.5	1,3
	• Assignment Production	2	1,2,3,4

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7	• Online multimedia presentation and/or research	3	1,3,4
	• Discussion Forum participation	1.5	1,3
	• Assignment Production	2	1,2,3,4
8	• Online multimedia presentation and/or research	3	1,3,4
	• Discussion Forum participation	1.5	1,3
	• Assignment Production	2	1,2,3,4
9	• Online multimedia presentation and/or research	3	1,3,4
	• Discussion Forum participation	1.5	1,3
	• Assignment Production	2	1,2,3,4
10	• Online multimedia presentation and/or research	3	1,3,4
	• Discussion Forum participation	1.5	1,3
	• Assignment Production	2	1,2,3,4
11	• Online multimedia presentation and/or research	3	1,3,4
	• Discussion Forum participation	1.5	1,3
	• Assignment Production	2	1,2,3,4
12	• Online multimedia presentation and/or research	3	1,3,4
	• Discussion Forum participation	1.5	1,3
	• Assignment Production	2	1,2,3,4
13	• Online multimedia presentation and/or research	3	1,3,4
	• Discussion Forum participation	1.5	1,3
	• Assignment Production	2	1,2,3,4
14	• Online multimedia presentation and/or research	3	1,3,4
	• Discussion Forum participation	1.5	1,3
	• Assignment Production	2	1,2,3,4
15	• Summative discussion and final review / Looking forward	3	1,2,3,4
Total		92.5	