



SOUTHERN MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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Title: Studio Lighting
Credit Hours: 3, Contact hours: 45
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Course Description

This course will provide a comprehensive hands-on introduction to, and practical understanding of, studio lighting equipment, lighting techniques, and their applications in commercial photography. Through the use of step-by-step tutorials, individual classroom instruction and selected tasks and critiques, students will be exposed to all facets of studio lighting and its use in advancing their photographic skills. The open lab structure insures that all students will have access to the necessary gear for practice and assignments.
Prerequisite(s): ARTS 170

Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Understand the basic properties of light and how it relates to photography
2. Understand and operate industry-standard gear used to generate light for photography
3. Understand various light modifiers and how each affects the quality of light
4. Understand and draw a lighting diagram
5. Discuss the works of notable photographers and their distinctive lighting styles
6. Comply to professional best practices as mediated by industry standards

Student Evaluation and Grading

Grading Scale (as stated in college handbook)

93-100 Points: A	90-92 Points: A-	
87-89 Points: B+	83-86 Points: B	80-82 Points: B-
77-79 Points: C+	73-76 Points: C	70-72 Points: C-
67-69 Points: D+	60-66 Points: D	0-59 Points: F

Grading Criteria

Each assignment has a corresponding rubric. A sample rubric is displayed on Brightspace. 20% of each assignment accounts for in-class work, 80% to the homework. Midterm and Final grades will be based on a scale of 100 points and account for 25% of the final grade. A passing grade of C or better in all CNMS core classes is required for graduation with a degree from the Communications & New Media Department.

Text, Tools, and/or Supplies

There currently is no textbook for this course.

- A DSLR camera with either hot shoe or PC Sync port is required. If the student does not possess a camera with these capabilities accommodations can be made with Work Study.

Habits of Work Tier III

This is an Advanced 200 level college course and will require a significant amount of time, work, and effort outside of the classroom each week. Classes are designed around 180 hours of committed time.

- 45 hours of classroom/online classroom contact-including but not limited to: lectures, demonstrations, tutorials, critiques, screenings
- 2-3 hours per credit each week on work and study that happens outside of class time-including but not limited to: tutorials, group projects, note taking

TIER III Classes

For this 3 credit class, that equates to 8-10+ hours of additional work outside of class, each week. There is a combination of assigned projects, note taking, quizzes, tutorials, reading, and written requirements. You will have the opportunity to rework your assignments up until the end of the semester as long as progress deadlines are met throughout the semester.

Contact Your Instructor

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Academic Dishonesty

Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses and may be punished by failure on exam, paper or project; failure in course; and or expulsion from the College. Plagiarism is reported as a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. For more information refer to the "Academic Dishonesty" policy in the University Undergraduate Catalog.

Attendance & Missed/Late Work Policy

You are required, as stated in the college handbook, to attend all classes. Your grade is determined by attendance and active participation in *every* class. Excused absences must be documented with doctor's notes or other official form of notification, make-up work is your responsibility (contact your classmates). Three consecutive unexcused absences results in a reporting of your "Last Date of Attendance" which will show up as an AF (automatic failure). Four absences will constitute an AF. Exams and presentations cannot be made up. Missed in class work must be made up outside of the class. Assignments received more than one week late will not receive credit.

Miscellaneous

Cell phones, pagers, MP3 players, headphones and messaging are prohibited during class time. Please "silent" this equipment upon entering the classroom unless directed otherwise. Please do not disturb your fellow classmates during class or during open lab hours. Food and drink in the computer lab is prohibited.

End-of-Course Evaluation

Students complete evaluations for each course attended at SMCC. Evaluations are submitted online and can be accessed through the student portal. Students can access the course evaluations beginning one week before the end of classes. The deadline for submission of evaluations occurs Monday at 5 PM following the last day of the class. You will receive an email to your student email account when course evaluations are available.

ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)

Southern Maine Community College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution and employer. For more information, please call 207-741-5798. If you have a disabling condition and wish to request accommodations in order to have reasonable access to the pro-

grams and services offered by SMCC, you must register with the Disability Services Coordinator, Sandra Lynham, who can be reached at 741-5923. Further information about services for students with disabilities and the accommodation process is available upon request at this number. Course policies about online testing are modified to suit each individual's accommodations.

The Learning Commons

The library, tutoring and writing centers, and reference/research assistance (typically located on the second floor of South Portland's Campus Center and in the Midcoast's LL Bean Learning Commons and Health Science Center) will be fully available online during the fall 2020 semester. Here you can find free academic support through individually scheduled and drop in, online tutoring. You can also find information literacy/research librarians, and professional academic strategy/planning mentoring online. While the physical space of the Learning Commons will not be available at this time, we can also work with you to set up zoom classrooms for small group study. Services are offered by appointment or as drop-in assistance.

To access services:

- Visit My Learning in My Maine Guide or
- Select the "tutoring needed" button if it appears inside your Brightspace course.

Whether On Site or Online, students have consistently reported that the Learning Commons is a friendly, risk-free, and helpful place to seek academic support. It has also been shown that those who make use of the Learning Commons do better in a course than those who do not. We strongly encourage you to take advantage of this valuable and enjoyable resource.

SMCC Pay-for-Print Policy

Each semester students receive a \$20 printing credit. The balance resets at the end of the semester and any remaining credits are removed. The College's pay-for-print system monitors printing on all printers (including those in general access labs, library printers, Tutoring Services, Campus Center Lounge and technology labs). Be sure to log OUT of the system when you've finished your printing, to prevent unauthorized access to your account. Students can check the number of pages they have printed by using the Printing Balance tool available on SMCC computers (located in the lower right corner of the screen, near the clock). Departments with work study students who need to print documents for the department should contact the Help Desk at 741-5696 to have a special account set up. To find ways to reduce your printing charges, please go to the IT Help tab on My SMCC. If you have questions about the pay-for-printing policy or your printing charges, please contact the Help Desk at 741-5696 or send an e-mail to helpdesk@smccme.edu.

Refunds

Print jobs are eligible for a refund in the event of mechanical or electronic error on the part of the printer, print server, or software used to submit the job. Jobs are not eligible for a refund in cases where the job was not set up correctly, was submitted multiple times, or the student is not satisfied with the result. To request a refund, please bring the offending print to the IT Department in the basement of the Ross Technology Center. Refunds will be granted in the form of a credit to the student's account.

Add-Drop Policy

Students who drop a course during the one-week "add/drop" period in the fall and spring semesters and the first three days of summer sessions receive a 100% refund of the tuition and associated fees for that course. Please note any course that meets for less than the traditional semester length, i.e., 15 weeks, has a prorated add/drop period. There is no refund for non-attendance.

Withdrawal Policy

A student may withdraw from a course only during the semester in which s/he is registered for that course. The withdrawal period is the second through twelfth week of the Fall and Spring semesters and the second through ninth week of twelve-week Summer courses. This period is pro-rated for shorter-length courses, usually 75 percent of course meeting times; please check with the Registration Office. To withdraw from a course, a student must complete and submit the appropriate course withdrawal form, available at the Registration Office. This process must be completed either in person or by using SMCC email accounts.

Plagiarism Statement

If an instructor suspects that a student has knowingly committed a violation defined in the Maine Community College System Policy on Student Grade Appeals and Academic Misconduct, the instructor has the authority to review the alleged misconduct and determine the grade that the student should receive for the assignment and the course. The instructor may assign a failing grade for the assignment or course and may require the student to complete additional work for the course. The instructor may consult with the department chair and/or the College's chief academic officer prior to making such decisions. If a student seeks to challenge an instructor's determination, the student should submit a grade appeal. Grade appeal forms are available in the Advising Office on the South Portland Campus or in the administrative offices in the Learning Commons on the Midcoast Campus. An instructor may also refer the matter to the College's disciplinary officer for review under the procedures of the MCCS Student Code of Conduct.