

**Course GB-24**            **PHOTOGRAPHY: THEORY, HISTORY AND ART PHOTOGRAPHY** (45 class hours)  
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## **OBJECTIVES**

The course "Photography: theory and technique" has the following objectives:

- Learning how to read photographs and its meaning in the present.
- Develop technical photographic skills.
- Understand the possibilities of photography as a way of expression and information.
- Knowledge of the History of Photography.
- The importance of new technologies applied to photography
- Improve an analytic vision of contemporary images
- Improve social skills and group work

## **METHODOLOGY**

The classes are based in a participative method in which it will be fomented a proactive role of the students, through activities such as debates about the history of photography or about the analysis of images, the work of authors or the practical work of the classmates.

## **COURSE CONTENTS**

### 1. - INTRODUCTION.

THE WORLD IN PICTURES. PHOTOGRAPHY APPLICATIONS AND USES.

- Why we like photographs?
- A world without pictures
- Revisiting the invention of photography
- Information vs. communication vs. knowledge
- Telling histories through photography.
- History of Photography I. From 1839 to the Brownie Cameras.

### 2. - TECHNICAL GROUND FLOOR

- The eye and the camera
- Camera obscura and how the picture is formed
- Understanding the light

### 3. - FORMATS AND OPTICS

- Camera typologies: small, medium and large format
- Lenses and its meaning

### 4. - DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY I

- Intro: differences and similarities with analogical photography
- How does digital photography work?
- Archive typology
- Picture optimization and retouching
- Developing Raw archives
- Workflow
- Size of images
- Digital Black and White

### 5. - HISTORY OF PHOTOGRAPHY (II)

- From 20th. Century to the sixties
- 6. - LANDSCAPE AND ARCHITECTURE PHOTOGRAPHY
- 7. - PORTRAIT
- 8. - DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHY
- 9. - HISTORY OF PHOTOGRAPHY (III)
  - From the sixties to the present
- 10. - PHOTOGRAPHY AND MEDIA
  - Photojournalism
  - Multimedia
- 11. - PHOTOGRAPHY AND SOCIAL NETWORKS
- 12. - PHOTOGRAPHIC ESSAY
  - The editing process
  - Course final project

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[www.7punto7.net](http://www.7punto7.net) - 7 Punto 7 Magazine. Madrid

[www.bjp-online.com](http://www.bjp-online.com) - British Journal Of Photography - London

Camera Internacional

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##### Art

[www.exitmedia.net](http://www.exitmedia.net) (Exit Book y Exit Express)

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CONTACTS Idea by William Klein

ROBERT FRANK FILMOGRAPHY

LIFE THROUGH A LENS Annie Leibovitz

WAR PHOTOGRAPHER James Natchwey

BLOW UP Michelangelo Antonioni

### **ACTIVITIES**

Visits and excursions to exhibitions, museums, photographic centers or cultural heritage places like:

- Camera Oscura (Cádiz) - Torre de los perdigones (Seville)  
Knowing the city. Technical basis. Visiting exhibitions.
- CAAC Andalusian Center for Contemporary Art (Seville)
- Forestier Historical Garden. University of Seville (Seville)
- Guadalquivir River and its surroundings

As the course has mainly a practical character, we will follow a continuous assessment based in different practical works during the course and the realization of one final project.

The tutor will coordinate and co-edit during the course the final project of each student.

For the theoretical contents there will be a final exam.