

Research and Practice

CEAD1033

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

ECTS credits¹	10	Programme	University Certificate in Photography & Digital Imaging
NQF level	7	School	School of Education
Stage	1	Module Co-ordinator	David Monahan
Trimester	1	Module Team	Expert panel
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Responsibility	The NCAD Academic Council and the School of Education Board have responsibility for this module.		

1. Introduction

The aims of this module are:

- Identify a theme for a final project and undertake research for a project.
- Present and display final project material.
- Encourage students to work independently on a self-directed photography project.

2. What will I learn?

On successful completion of this module students will be able to:

1. Describe the research processes undertaken to translate ideas into practice.
2. Select appropriate research methodologies to support a photography project.
3. Present ideas informing studio work to their peers and describe how their work relates to contemporary practice.
4. Consolidate skills and knowledge acquired in previous modules and apply to final project.
5. Present a coherent body of work for display.
6. Evaluate their progress and show increased independence toward the development of a professional practice.

3. How will I learn?

Lectures seminars presentations, demonstration, group discussion and dialogue

Learning method	Hours
Seminars	24
Specified Learning Activities	66
Autonomous Student Learning	110

¹ European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System, where 60 ECTS credits equate to the workload of a full-time academic year

Total Workload	200
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4. What learning supports are provided?

Small group tuition, group discussion and seminars.

Studio based seminars, lectures, library and online research sources will feature.

5. How will I be assessed?

Assessment tool	% of final grade	Timing
Group work throughout module	10%	Throughout the module
Portfolio of module work	60%	End of Trimester
Presentation of work	30%	End of Trimester
Total	100%	

Assessment tool	Learning outcomes assessed
Group work throughout module	All learning outcomes
Portfolio of module work	All learning outcomes
Presentation of work	All learning outcomes

Students will receive a brief and module assessment criteria at the beginning of each module.

Informal feedback will be provided on an on-going basis, formative feedback will be provided at intervals during the trimester and summative feedback will take place at the end of the trimester.

Students can expect written and verbal feedback on assessment outcomes.

6. What happens if I fail?

Resit Opportunities

Where students fail to achieve the learning outcomes for the module, an opportunity to resit will be provided at the end of the trimester.

Failure to successfully complete the module and achieve 30 ECTS of the programme will result in students not attaining the award and progressing to the next level.

Remediation

If you fail this module you may repeat, resit, or substitute where permissible.

7. Am I eligible to take this module?

Module Requisites and Incompatibles

Pre-requisites	None
Co-requisites	None
Incompatibles	None
Prior learning	Where a student can demonstrate that they have achieved at least 80% of the learning outcomes of this module, by academic certified achievement, or

	through quantifiable and documented experience, they can apply to the School for that prior learning to be recognised. Applications must be received prior to the commencement of delivery of the module.
Recommended	None

8. When and where is this module offered?

An appropriate space will be offered through college booking system	Autumn Trimester
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9. How will I have the chance to evaluate the module?

It is important to NCAD that students inform the development of teaching and learning at NCAD. We encourage all students to communicate their concerns and their observations about their study to members of staff so that any changes can be made in a timely manner.

A student forum will be convened to gather students' comments about their study and the delivery of the programme. In addition, at the end of Trimester 2, students have the opportunity to complete an online evaluation of their study and experience at NCAD. These evaluation events are important to current and future students, to ensure we can enhance the delivery of programmes at NCAD.

In addition, you are invited to discuss your experience on the module with your lecturers at any point during the year. You can also relay your comments to the class student representative who will communicate your comments to the staff.

**For further details on the content of your module and teaching arrangements,
consult your Programme or Module Handbook**