

MEDI C1613: Principles of Light

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Module Title:		Principles of Light	
Language o	of Instruction:	English	
Credits:	5		
NFQ Level:	6		
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Module Del	ivered In	2 programme(s)	
Teaching & Learning Strategies:		A mixture of active learning and prescribed learning will be implemented. Prescribed learning will take the form of lectures where the student will be introduced to core concepts in light and other forms of electromagnetic radiation to allow the student to develop their unistructural and multistructural knowledge in a controlled learning environment. Active learning will take the form of laboratory exercises where students will examine fundamental properties of light such as reflection, refraction, and inverse square path loss behaviour along will be to facilitate the student to be able to relate the prescribed knowledge of the lectures with real-life objects such as lenses and filters. Written assignments will be used to strengthen the understanding of both the prescriptive and active learning aspects of the module.	
Module Aim:		The aim of this module is to allow the student the opportunity to understand difficult but fundamental ideas from Physics with an emphasis on their practical ramifications. It is furthermore envisioned that the knowledge developed here can later be extended as it will compliment later modules, which they will undertake in their degree, that focus on camera-operation, filming & lighting.	
Learning O	utcomes		
On success	ful completion of tl	his module the learner should be able to:	
LO1	Describe the pro	operties of light itself & objects that interact with or manipulate light.	
LO2	Comprehend &	measure light & the parameters of objects that interact with or manipulate light.	
LO3	Relate the properties & measurements of light & associated objects with the principles of the technologies that capt process and transmit light.		
LO4	Demonstrate co brightness.	mpetency in the ability to measure and characterise properties of light such as wavelength, polarization &	
LO5	Judge & appraise important parameters such as focal length, aperture, shutter speed, ISO and polarization with a view applying these practically in photography & filmmaking.		
LO6	Evaluate light-co	olour reproduction standards with a view to assessing image and film quality.	
LO7	Develop problem-solving skills broad enough to be applied in an industry where the use of technology changes rapidly.		
Pre-requisi	te learning		
	commendations learning (or a prac	ctical skill) that is recommended before enrolment in this module.	
No recomme	endations listed		
Incompatib These are n		e learning outcomes that are too similar to the learning outcomes of this module.	
No incompa	tible modules liste	d	
Co-requisit	e Modules		
No Co-requi	isite modules listed		
Requireme This is prior		ctical skill) that is mandatory before enrolment in this module is allowed.	
No requirem	ents listed		



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Module Content & Assessment

Indicative Content

Waves & Units:

Watts, Lux, SI units, review of algebraic manipulations, Scientific/Engineering notation & trigonometry, wave equation, amplitude, frequency, phase, period, constructive interference, destructive interference, relation of colour to frequency/wavelength, relation of brightness to amplitude.

Light

Light reflection, refraction and absorption, diffraction and dispersion, rainbows & prisms, polarization of light, total internal reflection, fibre optic cables, electromagnetic spectrum, visual acuity & tristimulus, rods & cones, colour science, colour perception.

Optics & Cameras

Lens types, lens behaviour, variable focal length lens set-ups, mirror types, mirror behaviour, aperture & f-stop numbers, focal length, shutter speed, ISO, lighting, specular & diffuse reflection, depth-of-field, magnification, 3D cinema, polarisation filters.

Images

Real images, virtual images, inverted images, pixels, digital vs analog image capture, temporal sampling rate, CIE colour charts, TV & colour-reproduction standards, gamut calculations & comparisons, image quality, lens quality and resolution, modulation transfer function, image enhancement techniques.

Assessment Breakdown	%
Continuous Assessment	40.00%
Project	30.00%
Practical	30.00%

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Module Workload

Workload: Full Time		
Workload Type	Frequency	Average Weekly Learner Workload
Lecture	Every Week	1.00
Laboratory	Every Week	2.00
Independent Learning	Every Week	6.00
	Total Hours	9.00

Module Delivered In					
Programme Code	Programme	Semester	Delivery		
CW_EETVM_B	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in TV and Media Production	1	Mandatory		
CW_EETVM_D	Bachelor of Science in TV and Media Production	1	Mandatory		