

# MASTER OF DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHY

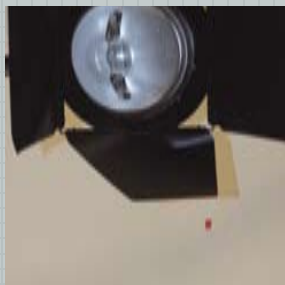
*Life for a photographer cannot be a matter of indifference.*

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The Master of Documentary Photography (MDP) is a professional development program for photographers designed to provide training in the area of documentary still image making. The program develops the conceptual and technical skills required to produce a documentary photography project in both book and exhibition formats.

Students present a proposed area of investigation at the beginning of the course to develop as a Project Major. In the first semester of study students are introduced to the conceptual and technical means required to plan and develop the project. In the following semester, the program consolidates and expands on the conceptual, aesthetic and technical methodologies of documentary photography to equip students to work at an advanced level of practice to complete their project. An academic advisor supervises the student's progress and a panel of academic staff assess the completed project. The Practice Seminars provide students with proficiency in using digital still equipment including medium format cameras, digital file preparation including establishing a Photoshop workflow, film scanning, large format inkjet printing, and the use of electronic flash in the studio and on location.

History of Documentary Image Making considers the work of critics, theorists and selected historical and contemporary practitioners central to the development of documentary photography. The subject includes discussion and analysis of issues relating to contemporary practice and documentary photography's place in contemporary culture. Students deliver

short presentations and write essays on areas related to documentary image making and their practice.

The MDP is offered full time over one year or part time over two years. Students have access to the studio facilities outside class hours. Enrolments are accepted each semester.

## SEMESTER 1 & 2

Documentary Photo Project Major	Documentary Photo Practice Seminar*	History of Documentary Image Making
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*\*students with extensive practical experience, in consultation with the course coordinator, may apply to do an elective in place of the practice seminar.*

## MDP OUTCOMES

MDP graduates develop and produce a self-initiated documentary photography project in both book form and for exhibition. Students gain professional development in the practical and theoretical methodologies appropriate to contemporary practice in documentary still photography.

## THE PHOTOMEDIA STUDIO

Facilities in the Photomedia studio support a wide range of practices utilising digital still cameras, digital image editing laboratory, digital print finishing Prolab and a well-equipped photographic studio.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A relevant undergraduate degree or equivalent professional skills and experience and a demonstrated ability to undertake coursework. All applicants submit a completed course questionnaire, project proposal and portfolio.

## ABOUT SCA

Sydney College of the Arts (SCA) aims to provide the best undergraduate and postgraduate education in the contemporary visual arts. Learning and teaching is through intensive, student centred programs based on independent and research focused learning. Teaching is delivered by academics actively engaged in art practice research. A substantial infrastructure of technical assistance and excellent facilities including specialist digital equipment supports the development of work across all studio areas.

The SCA campus is located in the historic Kirkbride buildings in Callan Park, Rozelle, Sydney. SCA Galleries present an exhibition program of contemporary visual art and design exhibitions open to the public. SCA provides student and visitor parking and is easily accessible by public transport.

## INTERESTED?

For more information, admission requirements and application forms

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