

Michael Carver 2015 Season ICC Off Camera Flash Course - 4 weeks.

Lesson 1 - Basics of Off Camera Flash Photography (Equipment)

Basics – Understanding light – quality of light, direction of light, contrast, intensity, evenness and colour, size of light source, white balance.

Why take your flash off camera?

What equipment is required to fire flash off camera?

Ambient v Flash exposure.

Light modifiers - what is available and what effects do they give. What modifier to choose?

Touch on basics of exposure triangle using flash before lesson 2.

Lesson 2 - Basics of Off Camera Flash Photography (Exposure triangle with flash)

Features on flash units and what are they for - zoom, modes, rear sync etc.

Balancing Flash with Exposure - using a meter v trial and error v LCD and histogram.

Manual v TTL Discuss various images with settings adjusted to see effects and how you can use flash balance creatively.

Effects altering components of the exposure triangle has on shot.

Metering techniques and anticipation of settings – getting right quicker.

Touch on basics of various lighting styles ahead of lesson 3.

Lesson 3 - Lighting styles and Post Production of images taken.

Working with various OCF lighting techniques - understanding ambient light, fill in flash, flash as main light source, using a second flash, hiding your flash, mimicking existing ambient (balancing light), flash with slow shutter speeds, overcast days, bright sunny days,

Lighting styles and building up various flash units to achieve final results.

Post production and adjustment of exposure.

Shoot Off Camera Flash outdoors with shallow depth of field (sync speed, ND filters etc) T

Things to consider when shooting indoors and outdoors.

Final review of everything covered.

Lesson 4 - Review and practical session with lighting.

On camera flash techniques – bounce flash, controlling light fall off etc.

Consolidation of everything learned and bringing it all together in a practical session where members can try techniques. Opportunity for candidates to have a go with OCF and try what they have learned Note - each session supported with AV slides and handouts.