



Overview

Our <u>Creative Media</u> course is a 2-day practical workshop taught by expert industry pilots. The course is designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills required to succeed as a professional drone photographer and film maker.

Students will be introduced to a range of fundamental concepts for drone operations specific to creative media, including best practices for aerial photo and film, standard operating procedures for general and on-set environments, and advanced piloting techniques. Students will also learn about equipment calibration, setup procedures, and post production, building the skills required to deliver professional media content for a range of potential customers.



CREATIVE MEDIA

Course Details

Duration

Two Days (9am to 5pm)

Locations

The course is currently delivered at locations in BC, MB, ON, QC, and PE

Schedule

Please check our website for the latest course schedule and availability in your area

Pre Requisites

Advanced Pilot Certificate (or equivalent)

Pricing

\$1,199 per student, plus applicable taxes.

*Course discounts available with purchase of select drones and/or sensors from the Volatus Store

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THE CAMERA

- Students will review the fundamentals of digital cameras and sensors, including shutter types, focal length, exposure options, white balance, and focusing.
- Emphasis will be placed on understanding the effects of colour profiles, shutter speeds, frame rates, image sharpness, depth of field, lens quality, CODECS, and LUTS to deliver 'cinematic' drone footage.

FILES & STORAGE

- Students will review file storage best practices, covering MicroSD's, SSD's, write speeds, backups, Mac
 & PC formatting, H264, H265, ProRes & DNG, file sizes, proxies, and compression ratios.
- Emphasis will be placed on file organization and storage for internal workflows and client deliverables.

DRONE & GIMBAL SETUP

- Students will learn how to adjust sensitivity, gain, smoothness, and exponential curveadjustments within the flight controller settings.
- Sensor calibration, gimbal balancing, and automatic flight mode options will also be covered.

EXPOSURE

- Students will be introduced to the exposure triangle, histograms, zebras, HDR and lens filters.
- Emphasis will be placed on practical drone skills, expanding on the topics covered in-class to learn about sun angles, shadow effects, lens flares, bokeh, and night shots.



COMPOSITION

• Students will learn the fundamentals of professional shot composition, covering core concepts like the rule of thirds, eye lines, and POV.

CINEMATIC FOOTAGE

- Students will review the foundational requirements for capturing cinematic footage, with emphasis on drone positioning, maneuverability, and camera tracking.
- Topics covered will include the static and dynamic shots, reveals, cut-aways, and compound motion shots.

NARRATIVE

- Students will learn how to apply the technical knowledge learned to develop compelling narratives for their raw content.
- Emphasis will be placed on techniques used to maintain engagement, flow and interest.

EDITING

- Students will learn fundamental content editing techniques for short media productions.
- Focus will emphasize professional use cases (marketing, real estate and social media content).

PILOTING SKILLS

• Students will conclude the course with a final practical flight session, where they will apply all of their acquired knowledge and skills in a simulated 'real world' photo shoot.

