

## Spéos, Dubai Photographic Institute

The international school Spéos was founded in 1985 by the French photographer Pierre-Yves Mahé. Since then it has never ceased to contribute to the evolution of the world of photography, from the origins of photography (it created its own museum, la Maison Nicéphore Niépce) to the present day (it is an Apple and Adobe Expert centre).

Spéos has trained the most important camera manufacturers, as well as the biggest photo agencies and more than 3 600 photographers up to this day.

Spéos Dubai, created in collaboration with Reem Al Faisal, founder of the Empty Quarter Gallery in Dubai, has set itself the same objective as its Paris counterpart: train the best photographers with the best technical and human means available, while respecting all cultures.

So you can be assured that it is a team of great professionals, based in Dubai and working in close collaboration with the Paris team (through video-conferences or workshops), that will take care of your photographic future.



# Programs

## :: 32-WEEK PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM

The 32-week Professional Photography Program is designed for students who wish to pursue a career in photography.

- Courses are taught in English.
- Tuition fees for the 32-week Professional Photography Program are of 73,900 AED

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### › CI - Computer Imaging

- 3 hours per week

This core course helps participants to acquire digital imaging techniques. Students learn how to edit and manipulate digital images with Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop and to understand the parallels between digital and conventional film photography. They also learn how to retouch and transform images, as well as to create their own website.

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### › ST - Studio

- 3 hours per week

This course is dedicated to the acquisition of the techniques essential to studio shooting. Different topics with specific technical constraints will be dealt with, so as to adopt a methodology covering the different market sectors: e.g. shooting glasses, money, watches, bottles, cars...

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## › PO – Portrait

- 3 hours per week

For an individual portrait or for a group portrait, it is important to know how to adapt the lighting, the stage set and the camera use to the subject.

This course aims also at adorning the subject with beauty and fashion accessories, and the student will learn how to work in partnership with designers and models. Courses can be held either in studio or outside.

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## › VI - Visual Identity

- 3 hours per week

This course aims at encouraging students to develop their own ideas and concepts and turn them into “photographic realities”. It provides them with the critical tools to discuss and analyze their own photos as well as those of their fellow students, so as to give constructive criticism using the basic rules of composition and their own sense of aesthetics.

Students also learn basics of digital lab and colorimetry in order to realize quality prints.

At the end of the academic year, students are able to understand how an image is constructed, how to present it in a more efficient way, how to develop a certain photographic coherence and their own “visual signature”.

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## › DP - Documentary Photography

- 3 hours per week

The course is designed to give an overview of documentary photography, focusing on themes such as still life, landscapes, society and art of living. It also gives an overview of image banks and shows the way to select and promote photographers’ images for future buyers.

It is designed for students who have the maturity and skills to work on long-term thematic projects, meeting with the instructor for weekly critiques.

# Programs

## › HI - Highlights

- Lectures: one or two per month (duration: 2 hours each)
- Workshops: one per semester (duration: 12 hours during one week)

Highlights offer the ability to maintain close connection between Spéos Dubai and Spéos Paris. They are composed of lectures (through video-conferences or locally) and workshops (held in Dubai). Lectures aim at giving an overview of the history of photography, of the stop-system and of the constantly evolving photographic processes. Emphasis is also placed on the analysis of famous photographers' masterpieces. Whenever possible, meetings with photographers will be organized in partnership with "The Empty Quarter" Gallery in Dubai.

Workshops are hands-on courses in modern photography and digital techniques.

The "power user" workshop will address all aspects of the operating system: back-up and storage strategy, software maintenance, network connection...

The "photojournalism" workshop will focus on three main areas – place, event and theme.

Other workshops may be set up according to technical basis requirements.

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## › TU - Tutoring

- 15 hours per week

Students' projects (assigned by the instructors or self-defined as personal projects) are part of Spéos' full-time program. Those projects are encouraged by Spéos' staff who offer on all opening days both personal and collective tutoring within Spéos premises (studios and classrooms).

# Programs

## :: EUROPEAN MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

The European Master of Professional Photography is designed for students who hold a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) and wish to pursue a career in photography, with a particular emphasis on the business management of the profession.

The European Master – lasting for 14 months in total – comprises three phases:

- the 32-week Program, in Dubai;
- the Expert Modules, in Paris, which aim at deepening the students' previous knowledge and skills in the areas most demanded by the professional market. Each module lasts four weeks, supervised by professionals within the respective domains of photography;
- the planning and elaboration of the Master project, which needs to be submitted to a jury twice: an oral defense of the pre-project allows the students to validate their professional projects' feasibility and coherence; the final jury's comments assess the projects' future implementation.

Candidates for the Master's degree must register with E.A.B.H.E.S., successfully attend both the 32-week program and 3 out of the 4 Expert Modules at Spéos, and complete their personal master project.

They also need to pass a foreign language test (TEF/Test d'Evaluation du Français or TCF/Test de Connaissance du Français for English native speakers; TOEIC/Test Of English for International Communication for the rest).

Courses are taught in English.

Tuition fees for the European Master of Professional Photography: in addition to the fees of the 32-week program, students will have to pay 39,900 AED for their registration to the Expert Modules, the Master Project and the administrative fees for EABHES.

For more information, please contact us at [speos@speos.fr](mailto:speos@speos.fr)

## Instructors

Courses in Dubai, the regular classes as well as the conferences, will be taught by a local team of great professionals, certified by Spéos and who for some of them have even graduated from Spéos Paris. The lecturers and instructors of Paris will also participate during workshops and video-conferences :

- REEM AL FAISAL
- RICHARD ALLENBY-PRATT
- TARIQ DAJANI
- PIERRE-YVES MAHE
- MAHA NASRA EDDE
- ROGER PAYLING
- SOUHEIL SEMAAN
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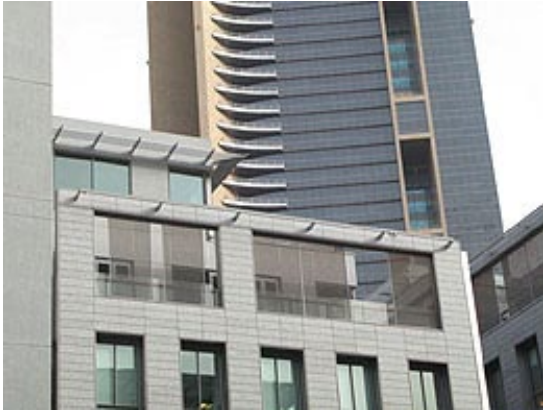


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