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For our photography assignment, our group decided to base our photographs on the concept of "A Day in the Life of a Student". We decided not to base the concept of "student life" on the typical day a student spends at college but what the student does when they are not in lectures or seminars as there is more to student life than going to lectures and spending countless hours in the library working on assignments

For this assignment, we decided on our concept for the photos and began to create a plan as to how we would like the photos to turn out and ultimately sent a goal. We created a list of what type of shots we would want for this assignment and quickly ruled out anything that could not be easily achieved. We then decided on the overall look of our photos. We went with a warm colour scheme with a slight vintage vibe to them. We decided that most of our photos would be taken on the DCU campus with some being taken in Dublin City Centre. We all agreed that the university campus and the city is where students spend the majority of their time. We broke student life down into eight parts; accomodation, bus, coffee, college, food, friends, students union and iced tea.

Accomodation: Many students find themselves living on the college campus or within walking distance. We wanted to highlight the importance of student accomodation for those who live too far away to commute.
Bus: Some students are lucky enough to to live close to the college and so spend many hours a week commuting to and from campus, whether it be by bus, car or train.
Coffee: Coffee is essential for a student to function, especially in the mornings and during exam season when there are deadlines to be met and panic begins to kick in.
College: The place in which DCU students spend most of their days.
Food: College students can be on a tight budget sometimes and can't afford the luxury of eating anything more than pot noodles, so doing the grocery shopping is a lavish affair.
Friends: Making new friends is probably the best part of student life. Friends are made that are from all around the country and even the globe. Many fun times can be had n campus and off campus.
Students Union: Many students get involved in the student union, they are devoted to student activities and to help make student life more enjoyable for everyone. Many get involved in the Student Union campaigns and nights out.
Iced Tea: We like to go get ourselves an iced tea when we have particularly long breaks in between classes and also when the weather is unusually hot.

We edit our photos using Adobe Photoshop. For all of the photos we raised the brightness and contrast and used a warming filter. We then adjusted the colour balance to give the photos a more rustic/vintage look. We quickly realised that setting the colour balance to the same levels for each photo was not going to create a set of photos that are cohesive. We then had to adjust the levels for each photo to create our desired effect. We then added vibrance to each photo to intensify the more muted colours. The DCU logo in our college photo was looking dull and very grey so we used the magic wand tool to select each letter

and the brush tool to paint them a brighter shade. We used a low opacity as a higher opacity looked far too heavily edited.

The medium of photography can interfere with storytelling as it depends on the angle the photographer takes the photo from. A photographer chooses what they want to capture and what they don't want to capture and so may angle their shot in a way to avoid capturing anything unwanted e.g. a sunset at the beach but the photographer has moved the camera so that rubbish on the beach is not in frame. With the use of photoshop and other editing softwares, the story can be altered dramatically. Objects and people can be removed from an image easily and objects and people can be added in just as easily. This can interfere with the authenticity of the the photos and the story.