



Art-Photo A.A. Degree

The Photography Art Program is designed to teach students fine art photography, emphasizing black and white film-based processes. Critical analysis, history, and current theories in photography are also requirements.

Total Units: 60-62

First Year

Semester 1

15-16 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS ^A	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
PHOTO 301 ^Z Beginning Photography	3		F, S	CRC Area I
PHOTO 420 ^Z History of Photography	3		F, S	CRC Area I
CRC Area II(a)-Writing Competency ^Z	3	Recommend meeting with a counselor	F, S, Su	CRC Area II(a)
CRC Area II(b)-Math Competency ^Z	3-4	Recommend meeting with a counselor	F, S, Su	CRC Area II(b)
Elective ¹	3		F, S, Su	

^Z At least one section of this course is offered with free textbooks and is labeled as zero textbook costs (ZTC). If it is a GE area class or elective, there may be several ZTC offerings to fulfill the GE requirement. Use the Free Textbook filter to find these courses. Learn more on the [ZTC page of the college website](#).

¹ Suggestion-PHOTO 400 Digital Imaging (3 units); F, S; Required for the Certificate in Fine Art Photography. Units needed to total 60 units for graduation. Refer to [Course Number](#) for the appropriate course level necessary for the degree.

Semester 2

16 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS ^A	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
PHOTO 310 ^{1 Z} Intermediate Photography	3	PHOTO 301	F	
PHOTO 320 ^Z Color Photography	3	PHOTO 302 or 400	F, S	
ART 300 ^Z Drawing and Composition I	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area I
Elective ²	3		F, S, Su	
CRC Area III(a)-Physical Edu Activity ^Z	1		F, S, Su	CRC Area III(a)
CRC Area VI-Ethnic/Multicultural Studies ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area VI

Career

Options/Outlook:

Photographers photograph people, landscapes, merchandise, or other subjects, using digital or film cameras and equipment. May develop negatives or use computer software to produce finished images and prints. Includes scientific photographers, aerial photographers, and photojournalists. **Career opportunities require more than an associate degree.**

A sample of reported job titles:

Advertising Photographer, Commercial Photographer, Newspaper Photographer, Owner/Photographer, Photo Editor, Photographer, Photojournalist, Portrait Photographer, Sports Photographer, Studio Owner

Projected job openings in California (2020-2030):

1,810

Projected growth in California (2020-2030):

27% growth

Median Salary in California (2021):

\$46,630/yr

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¹ Also listed as ARTH 310.

² Suggestion-PHOTO 260 The Eastern Sierra Landscape, Yosemite Valley (2 units), S; Required for the Certificate in Fine Art Photography. Units needed to total 60 units for graduation. Refer to [Course Number](#) for the appropriate course level necessary for the degree.

Year 2

Semester 3

14-15 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS ^A	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
ART 304 Figure Drawing I or	3	ART 300	F, S	CRC Area I
ART 361 Z Printmaking: Survey	3		S	CRC Area I
ARTH 300 Z Art Appreciation	3		F(O), S(O), Su	CRC Area I
PHOTO 365 ¹ Alternative Process Photography	3	PHOTO 301	Check Class Schedule for offering	
Elective ²	2-3		F, S, Su	
CRC Area III(b)-Life Development Skills Z	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area III(b)

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¹ Also listed as ARTH 340.

² Suggestion-PHOTO 272 Lightroom (1.5 units) and PHOTO 277 Creating Digital Portfolio (1.5 units) or PHOTO 273 Video Capture with DSLRs (1.5 units). Units needed to total 60 units for graduation. Refer to [Course Number](#) for the appropriate course level necessary for the degree.

Semester 4

15 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS ^A	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
PHOTO 360 Large Format Photography	3	PHOTO 310 or 312	S	
CRC Area IV-Natural Sciences Z	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area IV
CRC Area V(b)-Soc & Beh Sciences ¹ Z	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area V(b)
CRC Area V(a)-American Institutions Z	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area V(a)

Source:

<https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/27-4021.00>

Transfer notes:

Please meet with a counselor for specific transfer course evaluation or transferring to a specific 4-year institution.

General Education (GE):

Non-specified GE courses identified by CRC Area, CSU Area or IGETC Area without pre- or co-requisite can be taken at any semester.

This program meets the requirement for

the Certificate of Achievement in Fine Art Photography; The certificate requires a minimum of 3 units from PHOTO 260, 272, 273, 275, 277, 278, or 350.

Honors option:

The CRC Honors Program is designed specifically for academically accomplished students and for students with the potential for high achievement. Students who complete 15 units or more in honors-designated courses will earn special recognition as an Honors Scholar, a distinction that may entitle the student to guaranteed transfer and scholarship opportunities at select transfer colleges and universities.

About this map:

This program map represents one possible pathway to complete the program. Please see a counselor to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. This map is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC):

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
Elective ²	3		F, S, Su	

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[^]You must have passed the prerequisite course(s) with a “C” or better; Corequisite must be taken during the same semester; Advisory means it is recommended but not required to enroll in the course.

*(O) = online available (P) = partially online

¹ Suggestion-JOUR 310 Mass Media & Society (3 units).

² Suggestion-PHOTO 275 Digital Applications for Alternative Processes (1.5 units) and PHOTO 278 Flash Photography (1.5 units). Units needed to total 60 units for graduation. Refer to [Course Number](#) for the appropriate course level necessary for the degree.

The Zero Textbook Costs designation and logo are added to any course that provides free access to all required instructional materials. These are typically shared with students through Canvas. Courses that are designated as ZTC may still require students to purchase supplemental materials such as lab coats, a calculator, art supplies, etc. See full definitions and searching tips on the [Zero Textbook Costs page](#) of the college website.