



# Photography A.A. Degree

The Photography Art Program is designed to teach entry-level skills for careers in the photographic industry. Students interested in photography as a visual expression or an adjunct to a vacation will also benefit.

**Total Units: 57-62**

## First Year

### Semester 1

**15-16 Units**

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS <sup>^</sup>	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
<b>PHOTO 302</b> <sup>Z</sup> Beginning Digital Photography	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area I
<b>PHOTO 420</b> <sup>Z</sup> History of Photography	3		F, S	CRC Area I
<b>CRC Area II(a)-Writing Competency</b> <sup>Z</sup>	3	Recommend meeting with a counselor	F, S, Su	CRC Area II(a)
<b>CRC Area II(b)-Math Competency</b> <sup>Z</sup>	3-4	Recommend meeting with a counselor	F, S, Su	CRC Area II(b)
<b>Elective</b> <sup>1</sup>	3		F, S, Su	

<sup>Z</sup> 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](#).

<sup>1</sup> Units needed to total 60 units for graduation. Refer to [Course Number](#) for the appropriate course level necessary for the degree.

### Semester 2

**14-16 Units**

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS <sup>^</sup>	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
<b>PHOTO 312</b> <sup>Z</sup> Intermediate Digital Photography	3	PHOTO 302	Check Class Schedule for offering	
<b>PHOTO 320</b> Color Photography	3	PHOTO 302 or 400	F, S	
<b>RTVF 302</b> Introduction to Digital Design & Storytelling or <b>RTVF 304</b> <sup>Z</sup> Introduction to Multimedia	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area I
	3	Advisory: CISC 302 or JOUR 330	Check Class Schedule for offering	
<b>1.5 - 3 units from List A</b>	1-3		See List A	

## Career

### Options/Outlook:

Photographers use digital or film cameras and equipment to photograph people, landscapes, merchandise, or other subjects. 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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<b>CRC Area III(a)-Physical Edu Activity</b> <b>Z</b>	1		F, S, Su	CRC Area III(a)
<b>CRC Area VI-Ethnic/Multicultural Studies</b> <b>Z</b>	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area VI

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## Year 2

### Semester 3

13-15 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS <sup>^</sup>	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
<b>PHOTO 340</b> Careers in Photography	3	PHOTO 320	Check Class Schedule for offering	
<b>PHOTO 400</b> Digital Imaging	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	
<b>PHOTO 365<sup>1</sup></b> Alternative Process Photography	3	PHOTO 301	Check Class Schedule for offering	
<b>1.5 or 3 units from List A</b>	1-3		See List A	
<b>CRC Area III(b)-Life Development Skills</b> <b>Z</b>	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area III(b)

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<sup>1</sup> Also listed as ARTH 340.

### Semester 4

15 Units

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<b>PHOTO 410</b> Advanced Digital Imaging	3	PHOTO 400	Check Class Schedule for offering	
<b>COMM 301</b> <b>Z</b> Introduction to Public Speaking <b>or</b>	3	Eligibility for ENGWR 300	F, S, Su	CRC Area II(b)
<b>COMM 361</b> The Communication Experience	3	Eligibility for ENGWR 300	Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area II(b)

## 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.

## 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 program map:

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

## Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC):

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,

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<b>CRC Area IV-Natural Sciences</b> <sup>Z</sup>	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area IV
<b>JOUR 310<sup>1</sup></b> <sup>Z</sup> Mass Media and Society	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area V(b)
<b>CRC Area V(a)-American Institutions</b> <sup>Z</sup>	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area V(a)

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<sup>^</sup>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

<sup>1</sup> Also listed as RTVF 300.

## List A-a minimum of 3 units from the following:

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<b>PHOTO 260</b> The Eastern Sierra Landscape, Yosemite Valley	2		S	
<b>PHOTO 271</b> Color Management	1.5	PHOTO 302 or 400	Check Class Schedule for offering	
<b>PHOTO 272</b> Lightroom	1.5	PHOTO 302 or 400	Check Class Schedule for offering	
<b>PHOTO 273</b> Video Capture with DSLRs	1.5	PHOTO 302 or 400	Check Class Schedule for offering	
<b>PHOTO 274</b> Digital Photography Basics	1.5		Check Class Schedule for offering	
<b>PHOTO 275</b> Digital Applications for Alternative Processes	1.5	PHOTO 302 or 400	Check Class Schedule for offering	
<b>PHOTO 277</b> Creating a Digital Portfolio	1.5	PHOTO 302 or 400	Check Class Schedule for offering	
<b>PHOTO 278</b> Flash Photography	1.5	PHOTO 301 or 302	Check Class Schedule for offering	
<b>PHOTO 279</b> Advanced Lightroom	1.5	PHOTO 272	Check Class Schedule for offering	
<b>PHOTO 350</b> Photojournalism	3	PHOTO 310 or 312	Check Class Schedule for offering	

art supplies, etc. See full definitions and searching tips on the [Zero Textbook Costs page](#) of the college website.

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