



# Freelance Photography Certificate

PART TIME

This program roadmap 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 roadmap is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Catalog: 2025-26

Total Units: 30.5

Start Term: Fall

## First Year

### Semester 1 (Fall)

9.5 Units

| CAT. | COURSE   | UNIT | PREREQUISITES |
|------|--|------|---------------|
| Req  | ART 101 <sup>1</sup><br>Lightroom and Photoshop Basics | 0.5  |               |
| Req  | ARTPH 300<br>Basic Film and Darkroom Photography       | 3    |               |
| Req  | ARTPH 305<br>Digital Photography                       | 3    |               |
| RE   | ARTH 300 <sup>2</sup><br>Art Appreciation              | 3    |               |

<sup>1</sup> May be waived by petition with proof of prior knowledge of Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom

<sup>2</sup> or ARTH 335/ARTPH 345 (*Survey of Photography*)

### Semester 2 (Spring)

12 Units

| CAT. | COURSE   | UNIT | PREREQUISITES    |
|------|--|------|------------------|
| Req  | ARTPH 310<br>Intermediate Photography                                | 3    | ARTPH 300 or 305 |
| Req  | ARTPH 315<br>Trends in Software and Social Media for Photographers   | 3    | ARTPH 305        |
| RE   | ARTPH 340 <sup>3</sup><br>Alternative Process Photography            | 3    |                  |
| RE   | ARTPH 370 <sup>4</sup><br>Fashion, Wedding, and Portrait Photography | 3    | ARTPH 300 or 305 |

<sup>3</sup> or ART 320 (*Design: Fundamentals*)

<sup>4</sup> or take ARTPH 350 (*Documentary Photography*) in the fall

## Second Year

### Semester 3 (Fall)

9 Units

| CAT. | COURSE                                     | UNIT | PREREQUISITES    |
|------|--|------|------------------|
| Req  | ARTPH 322<br>Color Photography             | 3    | ARTPH 300 or 305 |
| Req  | ARTPH 360<br>Studio Lighting               | 3    | ARTPH 300 or 305 |
| Req  | ARTPH 375<br>Freelance Photography Careers | 2    |                  |

## CAREER PATH

### Career Options:

This certificate prepares students for careers such as a small photography business owner, studio assistant, studio photographer, freelance photographer, editorial photographer, stock photographer, and photo lab manager.

### Advising Notes:

- Students interested in documentary photography are encouraged to take ARTPH 350 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester rather than ARTPH 370 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, which is intended for students interested in family and lifestyle photography.
- This certificate can be started in the spring as well. [See a counselor](#) to adjust the course work.

### Scheduling Notes:

- ARTPH 310, 315, 322, 340, 350, 360, 370, and 375 are offered occasionally. See the class schedule for their availability.

### Other Notes:

- ARTPH 302, 306, and 361 are not required for the certificate, but provide additional lab time for students who need it.
- Students should select restricted elective options based on future goals. Please read course descriptions carefully.
- Internships in fashion photography are available for photographing the Fashion department's collections and show each spring. Other internships are available through the ARC Design Hub and area

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|------|--|------|---------------|
| RE   | ARTPH 376 <sup>5</sup><br>Photography Lab: Portfolio Development | 1    |               |

<sup>5</sup> or 1 unit of ARTPH 498 (*Work Experience in Art Photography*)

businesses. Students interested in an internship should enroll in ARTPH 498 the same semester the internship takes place.

| EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES |                     |  |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Req                       | Required Core       | A course that is required for this program   |
| RE                        | Restricted Elective | A course selected from a list of elective courses specified for this program in the course list in the catalog, which can be replaced with another course from the same list |

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