



Photography A.A. Degree - CalGETC

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 vocation will also benefit.

Total Units: 57-61

First Year

Semester 1

15 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
PHOTO 302 Z Beginning Digital Photography	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	
PHOTO 420 Z History of Photography	3		F, S	Cal-GETC Area 3A
CalGETC Area 1A-English Composition Z	3	Recommend meeting with a counselor	F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 1A
CalGETC Area 1B-Critical Thinking & Composition Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 1B
CalGETC Area 6-Ethnic Studies Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 6

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Semester 2

13-15 Units

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):

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
PHOTO 312 Z Intermediate Digital Photography	3	PHOTO 302	Check Class Schedule for offering	
PHOTO 320 Z Color Photography	3	PHOTO 302 or 400	F, S	
RTVF 302 Introduction to Digital Design & Storytelling or RTVF 304 Introduction to Multimedia	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	
1.5 - 3 units from List A	1-3		See List A	
CalGETC Area 2-Math Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning Z	3	Recommend meeting with a counselor	F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 2

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Year 2

Semester 3

14-16 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
PHOTO 400 Digital Imaging	3		F	
COMM C1000 Z Introduction to Public Speaking or	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 1C

27% growth

Median Salary in California (2021):

\$46,630/yr

Source:

[O-Net Online: Photographers](#)

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 or Cal-GETC Area without pre- or co-requisites 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

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
COMM 361 Z The Communication Experience	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	Cal-GETC Area 1C
1.5 or 3 units from List A	1-3		See List A	
CalGETC Area 4-Social & Behavioral Sciences Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 4
CalGETC Area 5A-Biological Sciences Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 5B
CalGETC Area 5C-Lab Z	1		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 5C

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Semester 4

15 Units

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PHOTO 410 Advanced Digital Imaging	3	PHOTO 400	S	
PHOTO 340 Z Careers in Photography	3	PHOTO 320	S	
JOUR 310 ¹ Z Mass Media and Society	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 4
CalGETC Area 5A-Physical Sciences Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 5A
CalGETC Area 3B-Humanities Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 3B

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

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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 Also listed as RTVF 300.

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

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
PHOTO 260 Z The Eastern Sierra Landscape, Yosemite Valley	2		S	
PHOTO 271 Z Color Management and Printing	1.5	PHOTO 302 or 400	Check Class Schedule for offering	
PHOTO 272 Lightroom	1.5	PHOTO 302 or 400	Check Class Schedule for offering	
PHOTO 273 Z Video Capture with DSLRs	1.5	PHOTO 302 or 400	Check Class Schedule for offering	
PHOTO 274 Z Digital Photography Basics	1.5		Check Class Schedule for offering	
PHOTO 275 Z Digital Applications for Alternative Processes	1.5	PHOTO 302 or 400	Check Class Schedule for offering	
PHOTO 277 Z Creating a Digital Portfolio	1.5	PHOTO 302 or 400	Check Class Schedule for offering	
PHOTO 278 Z Flash Photography	1.5	PHOTO 301 or 302	Check Class Schedule for offering	
PHOTO 279 Advanced Lightroom	1.5	PHOTO 272	Check Class Schedule for offering	
PHOTO 350 Z Photojournalism	3	PHOTO 310 or 312	Check Class Schedule for offering	

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