

Photography AA (Associates GE Track)

+If you have completed coursework at another college and/or are starting in a semester other than a Fall term, please follow up with the Counseling Department to determine if this sequence is appropriate for your academic and career goals.

Program Description: This program offers an associate degree in photography. The primary goal of this degree is to provide the student with a foundation of knowledge and technical abilities in photography. All lower-division courses are sequenced to optimize transferability to an art or photography program at a four-year university. The associate degree in photography provides students with basic photographic competencies.

Program SLO: Demonstrate proficiency in the core academic skills and knowledge required for transfer into a photography program at a four-year college or university.

Important Transfer Information: The sequence listed below, may not meet all your transfer admissions requirements. Connect with a counselor to develop an individual student education plan through the Counseling Department @ <https://www.canyons.edu/counseling> or (661) 362-3288/(661) 362-3811.

Major courses are sequenced and **BOLDED** based on recommendations by the [Photography Department](#).

FA=Fall; WI=Winter; SP=Spring; SU=Summer

First Semester		(2-15 units minimum)	
Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
ART 124A	Drawing I (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major Course and Area C
PHOTO 150	Cameras and Composition (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major Course
Math Competency	Choose one course from the Associate GE Area 3 Math Competency Requirement (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3-5	Area 3 and DII
ENGLISH 101/101H	English Composition (FA, WI, SP, SU)	4	Area DI
PE/Wellness	Take two of any KPEA or Dance activity classes (except Dance 100) or Health Science 100, 149, 150, or 243* (FA, WI, SP, SU)	2-3	Area F
		Term Total:	15-18

Check the Honors website for most recent course offerings. Must be enrolled in the Honors program to take courses, see below.

Second Semester		(16-30 units minimum)	
Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
ART 110	History of Art: Paleolithic to Renaissance (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major Course
ART 140	Beginning Design 2-D Media (FA, SP)	3	Major Course
PHOTO 155 or PHOTO 160	Photography I (FA, SP) or Black & White Photography (FA, SP)	3	Major Course
*Social Science Course	Choose one course from the Associate GE Area B (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area B and *Diversity possibly
Natural Science	Choose one course from the Associate GE Area A (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area A
		Term Total:	15

Consider taking a social science general education course GE Area B with an () indication on the [Associate Degree Requirements Checklist](#). Courses with an (*) will also meet the GE Diversity Requirement. Refer to the Associate Degree Checklist for details

Third Semester		(31-45 units minimum)	
Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
ART 111	History of Art: Renaissance to the Present (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major Course
ART 141	Beginning Design 3-D Media (FA, SP)	3	Major Course

Group 1 Course	Choose one course from Group 1, listed below (FA, SP, SU)	3	Major Elective
American Institutions – Choose Option 1 or 2	Complete first course in chosen option – (note: must take both classes within one option) (FA, WI, SP, SU) <i>see table below</i>	3	American Institutions
Associates Elective	Choose any 3-unit course that is 100-level or above (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Elective
Term Total:		15	

Fourth Semester		(46-60 units minimum)	
Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
PHOTO 140	History of Photography (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major Course
Group 1 Course	Choose one course from Group 1, listed below (FA, SP, SU)	3	Major Elective
American Institutions	Complete second course in chosen option – (note: must take both classes within one option) (FA, WI, SP, SU) <i>see table below</i>	3	American Institutions
Associates Elective	Choose any 3-unit course that is 100-level or above (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Elective (confirm if *Diversity GE is met already)
Associates Elective	Choose any 3-unit course that is 100-level or above (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Elective-if not yet at 60 units
Term Total:		15	

You may not need all elective units if already have finished 60 units and major requirement courses

Total Units: 60+

Group 1 – Select six units from the following

PHOTO 120	Photographic Studio Etiquette (FA)	1
PHOTO 156	Photography II (SP)	3
PHOTO 157	Digital Imaging (FA, SP)	3
PHOTO 177	Video Capture for Still Photographers (SP)	3
PHOTO 191	Photographic Studio Fundamentals I (FA/SP)	3
PHOTO 192	Photographic Studio Fundamentals II (SP)	3
PHOTO 195	Color Photography (FA)	3
PHOTO 201	Independent Projects in Photography (SU)	3
PHOTO 215	Photojournalism and News Photography (FA)	3
PHOTO 220	The Business of Photography (FA, SP)	3
PHOTO 285	Concept Development (SP)	3

Students can complete additional Photography courses to fulfill elective units.

American Institutions Requirement – Select one of the options below and complete a total of 6 units

Option 1	One course from the following: Economics 170/170H, History 111/111H, History 112/112H, History 120*/120H*, or History 130* AND Political Science 150/150H (FA, WI, SP, SU)
Option 2	History 111/111H AND History 112/112H (FA, WI, SP, SU)

Counseling Resources

Photography Department: www.canyons.edu/photography

Associates General Education Guide:

<https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling/degrees/generaled.php>

COC Student Photo Club: cocparallaxphotoclub@gmail.com

Honors Program: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/honors>

Career Resources

Professional Associations: Professional Photographers of America <https://www.ppa.com/>

Photography Career Tree: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/photography/career-tree.php>

California Career Zone: www.cacareerzone.org

O*Net Online: www.onetonline.org

Bureau of Labor and Statistics: www.bls.gov