

VISUAL ARTS & COMMUNICATION

PHOTOGRAPHY

Delivery: Daytime and Evening Classes

Start: Fall or Spring Semester, Full- or Part-Time

AWARDS

- Professional Photography A.A.S. Degree 60 cr.
- Photography Diploma. 32 cr.
- + Technical Management A.A.S. Degree. 60 cr.
- + Individualized Studies A.S. Degree. 60 cr.

MAJOR DESCRIPTION

Photography is a creative visual industry that requires highly trained professionals. Students learn all major aspects of photography through hands-on application of image capture, lighting, computer software, portraiture and print production. Courses in design skills, video and color management round out your experience.

DEGREE OPTIONS

The Professional Photography A.A.S. Degree and Diploma programs deliver the skills to capture excellent images in many different environments, then transform those images into professional-quality prints. The A.A.S. degree includes business courses, providing the knowledge to manage or own a successful photography business. Students may earn a Technical Management A.A.S. Degree (for those entering the workforce upon graduation), or an Individualized Studies A.S. Degree (for those wishing to transfer to a four-year college or university).

CAMERA REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to own a DSLR (digital single lens reflex) camera. Speak with an instructor if you own a DSLR to confirm it meets the requirements, or for guidance in purchasing a camera.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Graduates become photographers and digital imaging specialists, with the foundation needed to advance with the industry. Opportunities in new technologies and niche areas continue to grow as clients expect a more sophisticated variety of services.

POTENTIAL JOB TITLES

- Photography Business Owner
- Studio Photographer
- Commercial Photographer / Assistant
- Freelance Photographer
- Digital Production Assistant / Printing Specialist
- Digital Asset Management Technician / Digital Retoucher

SALARY DATA

See latest data at careerwise.minnstate.edu.

- Average Wage: \$28.07/hour
- Top Earners: \$45.26/hour

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

A.A.S. DEGREE

This is a sample course sequence.

Please contact your program advisor regarding your academic plans.

First Year - First Semester 13 cr

ENGL 1150	Composition I.	3
PHOT1050	Camera Skills	2
PHOT1110	Lighting Basics.	2
PHOT1310	Adobe Lightroom	2
PHOT1320	Photoshop for Photographers	2
PHOT1420	Studio Portraits	2

First Year - Second Semester 16 cr

ENTR1170	Introduction to Small Business	2
PHOT1550	DSLR Video.	2
PHOT1610	Advanced Software	2
PHOT1651	Product Photography	2
PHOT1680	Photo Business Preparation.	2
PHOT1830	Location Portraits	2
	General Elective (any MnTC area)	3
	Technical Elective (any PHOT)	1

Second Year - First Semester 16 cr

ENTR1760	Selling and Negotiating for Small Business.	3
PHOT1120	Natural Light Portraits.	1
PHOT1510	Color Management.	2
SPEE1020	Interpersonal Communication.	3
	General Elective (any MnTC area)	3
	Technical Elective (any PHOT)	4

Second Year - Second Semester 15 cr

ENTR1860	Business Plan Development.	3
MKTC1000	Principals of Marketing	3
PHOT2560	Digital Printing	2
PHOT2651	Advanced Photo Projects.	2
PHOT2710	Portfolio Development	2
	General Elective (MnTC Goal 3 or 4).	3

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 60

PHOTOGRAPHY DIPLOMA

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First Year - First Semester 16 cr

ENGL 1150	Composition I or	
SPEE 1020	Interpersonal Communication.....	3
PHOT1050	Camera Skills	2
PHOT1110	Lighting Basics.....	2
PHOT1120	Natural Light Portraits.....	1
PHOT1310	Adobe Lightroom.....	2
PHOT1320	Photoshop for Photographers.....	2
PHOT1420	Studio Portraits.....	2
PHOT1510	Color Management.....	2

First Year - Second Semester 16 cr

PHOT1550	DSLR Video.....	2
PHOT1610	Advanced Software.....	2
PHOT1651	Product Photography.....	2
PHOT1680	Photo Business Preparation.....	2
PHOT1830	Location Portraits.....	2
PHOT2560	Digital Printing.....	2
PHOT2651	Advanced Photo Projects.....	2
PHOT2710	Portfolio Development.....	2

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 32

INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES A.S. DEGREE

*This degree is designed for students wishing to transfer to a four-year institution to obtain an advanced degree.
Because this degree will be custom designed to meet your education and career goals, there is no sample course sequence. Please discuss your academic goals with a program advisor so they can work with you to develop a sequence.*

Required Curriculum 30 cr

INDS1000	Individual Studies Career Exploration or	
INDS1010	Credit for Prior Learning.....	1
	Technical Credits.....	29

General Education 30 cr

ENGL1150	Composition I.....	3
SPEE1020	Interpersonal Communication.....	3
	Mathematics (choose one course numbered over 1000, except 1000 & 1205).....	3-4
	Science (choose one course numbered over 1000, except 1200).....	3-4
	General Electives.....	16-18

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 60

** Students must complete 16-18 elective credits from at least two of the following goal areas: 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10.*

TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT A.A.S. DEGREE

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Required Curriculum 45 cr

BUSN2010	Graduation Project or	
BUSN2970	Internship.....	1
	Technical Electives* or	
	Prior Learning Credits.....	30
	Technical Electives* (any BUSN).....	14

General Education 15 cr

ENGL1150	Composition I.....	3
SPEE1020	Interpersonal Communication.....	3
	General Elective (MNTC Goal 3 or 4).....	3
	General Electives (any MnTC area).....	6

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 60

** Select Technical electives from any technical program, or credit for prior learning.*



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