

Degree: Associate of Arts

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Major: Photography

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Credits completed at Elgin Community College: 60

Credits at Columbia College Chicago: 60

We've never lived in a more visual society. Within it, there's a growing need for photographers and image innovators: professionals who conceptualize, create, and drive future advances in visual technology. Columbia's internationally known Photography Department and its renowned faculty and facilities will give you an unparalleled foundation for an enduring career. Learn more at colum.edu/academics.

1 st Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ART 120 Darkroom Photography I	3	Collegewide Elective*
CMS 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3	IAI Speech Communication course
ENG 101 English Composition I	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
IAI Humanities and Fine Art course	3	Humanities and Fine Art course
IAI Mathematics course	3	Mathematics course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

2 nd Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ART 122 Digital Photography	3	PHOT 101 Photographic Practice I
ENG 102 English Composition II	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
IAI Humanities and Fine Art course	3	Humanities and Fine Art course
IAI Life Science course	3	Life Science course
IAI Social & Behavioral Science course	3	Social & Behavioral Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

3 rd Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ART 155 History of Photography	3	PHOT 251 History of Photography I
ART 220 Digital Manipulation	3	PHOT 202 Photographic Practice III
200-Level IAI Humanities and Fine Art course	3	Humanities and Fine Art course
IAI Social & Behavioral Science course	3	Social & Behavioral Science course
IAI Physical Science course with lab	4	Physical Science course with lab
Total Semester Credit Hours	16	

4 th Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ART 109 Design I	3	ARTS 105 Foundation Studio
ART 221 Studio and Location Lighting	3	PHOT 205 Principles of Light
200-Level IAI Social & Behavioral Science course	3	Social & Behavioral Science course
Elective course	3	Collegewide Elective*
Elective course	2	Collegewide Elective*
Total Semester Credit Hours	14	

Completion of AA Degree: 60 credit hours

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5th Semester Courses

	Credits
PHOT 252 History of Photography II	3
PHOT 336 Photo Social Practice	3
PHOT 362 Image Strategies	3
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) course	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

6th Semester Courses

	Credits
PHOT *** Concentration Course	3
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Innovation and Impact course (Columbia Experience)	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

7th Semester Courses

	Credits
PHOT 401 Photography Seminar or PHOT 406 Professional Practice	3
PHOT *** Concentration Course	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

8th Semester Courses

	Credits
PHOT 401 Photography Seminar or PHOT 406 Professional Practice	3
PHOT *** Concentration Course	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

Completion of BA Degree: 120 credit hours

Students who complete the AAS would be waived from the following major requirements: PHOT 102 Photographic Practice II

Columbia College Chicago participates in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). Students who complete the AA degree prior to transferring to Columbia College Chicago will have completed the Essential Liberal Arts & Sciences section of the Columbia Core requirements. Additionally, all Columbia students are required to complete 9 credit hours of 200-level (or higher) coursework, Columbia Experience courses as indicated, as well as at least 6 credit hours of coursework with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation to meet graduation requirements.

Photography Concentrations

Commercial

- PHOT 209 Principles of Light II
- PHOT 330 Commercial Photography
- PHOT 339 Assisting and Digital Tech
- PHOT 363 Advanced Retouching and Compositing

Fashion

- PHOT 209 Principles of Light II
- PHOT 340 Fashion Photography: Location
- PHOT 341 Fashion Photography: Studio
- PHOT 363 Advanced Retouching and Compositing

Fine Art

- PHOT 320 Experimental Photography/Graphic Techn I
- PHOT 325 The Constructed Image
- PHOT 352 Directed Visions
- PHOT 360 Documentary Methods

General – Select four courses:

- PHOT 209 Principles of Light II
- PHOT 260 Introduction to Photojournalism
- PHOT 320 Experimental Photography/Graphic Techn I
- PHOT 325 The Constructed Image
- PHOT 330 Commercial Photography
- PHOT 340 Fashion Photography: Location
- PHOT 360 Documentary Methods
- PHOT 363 Advanced Retouching and Compositing

Consider pursuing a complementary minor in:

- Fine Arts
- Graphic Design
- Arts Management
- Creative Advertising
- Design Management
- Fashion Studies
- Web Development

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