

Degree: Associate of Applied Science

Major: Photography

Credits completed at MATC: 69

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Major: Photography

Credits at Columbia College Chicago: 51

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
ART 201 Understanding Art (Elective)	3	Humanities course
ENG 201 English 1	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
MATH 123 or any 200-series MATH Course	3	Mathematics course
PHOTO 101 Digital Fundamental Photography	3	PHOT 101 Photographic Practice I
PHOTO 107 Photographic Trends	1	PHOT 251 History of Photography I
PHOTO 141 Photoshop for Photographers 1	3	Collegewide Elective*
Total Semester Credit Hours	16	

2 nd Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course
ECON 195 or any 200-series ECON Course	3	Social Science course
ENG 202 English 2	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
PHOTO 108 Photographic Lighting	3	PHOT 205 Principles of Light
PHOTO 130 Photographic Composition	3	Collegewide Elective*
PHOTO 139 Measurement Techniques	3	Collegewide Elective*
PHOTO 142 Photoshop for Photographers 2	3	Collegewide Elective*
Total Semester Credit Hours	18	

Summer Courses	Credits	Columbia Course
ENG 215 or any 200-level Literature course (elective)	3	Literature course
NATSCI 167 or any 200-series NATSCI course	3	Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	6	

3 rd Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course
PHOTO 103 Digital Photography	3	PHOT 102 Photographic Practice II
PHOTO 106 View Camera Techniques	3	Collegewide Elective*
PHOTO 121 Commercial Photography	3	Collegewide Elective*
PHOTO 124 Portraiture	3	Collegewide Elective*
PSYCH 199 or any 200-series PSYCH course	3	Social Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

4 th Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course
PHOTO 114 Photographic Portfolio	3	Collegewide Elective*
PHOTO 166 Photographic Management	1	Collegewide Elective*
PHOTO 173 Photo Journalism	3	Collegewide Elective*
PHOTO 180 DSLR Video	3	Collegewide Elective*
PHOTO 190 Photography Internship	1	Collegewide Elective*
200-Series HIST course	3	History course
Total Semester Credit Hours	14	

Completion of AAS Degree: 69 credit hours

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5th Semester Courses

PHOT 202 Photographic Practice III	3
PHOT 252 History of Photography II	3
PHOT 336 Photo Social Practice	3
Humanities course with DEI designation	3
Science with Lab	3

Total Semester Credit Hours 15

6th Semester Courses

PHOT 362 Image Strategies	3
Concentration Course	3
Innovation and Impact course (Columbia Experience)	3
Collegewide Elective	3

Total Semester Credit Hours 12

7th Semester Courses

PHOT 401 Photography Seminar or PHOT 406 Professional Practice	3
Concentration Course	3
Concentration Course	3
Collegewide Elective	3

Total Semester Credit Hours 12

8th Semester Courses

PHOT 401 Photography Seminar or PHOT 406 Professional Practice	3
Concentration Course	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3

Total Semester Credit Hours 12

Completion of BA Degree: 120 credit hours

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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

Students who complete the AAS will be waived from the following major requirements: ARTS 105 Foundation Studio.

All degree-seeking Columbia students are required to complete the Columbia Core which contains the Essential Liberal Arts and Sciences coursework in addition to Columbia Experience coursework. Columbia also requires additional mission-specific graduation requirements: Nine credit hours of 200-level (or higher) coursework and at least two courses (6 credit hours) with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation to meet graduation requirements.

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