

# DEGREES, CERTIFICATES, AND TRANSFER PREPARATION INFORMATION

## PHOTOGRAPHY

The Photography program teaches the dynamics of visual communication to illustrate ideas, record events, articulate stories, express moods, sell products, and interpret a person's character. Courses stress technical knowledge, proficiency in camera control, digital and analog capture methods, artificial light control, and image manipulation. This program prepares students for careers in photography-related genres, including advertising photography, food photography, architectural photography, editorial photography, portrait photography, fashion photography, and photojournalism.

High school students in the 11th and 12th grades may begin this program concurrently with their high school program if approved by the high school principal.

Information regarding the Photography program is available on the Photography Department's website and by calling the Photography Department at 310-434-3547.

### Programs Offered

- Transfer Preparation
- Career Opportunities

### Degrees and Certificates

Associate Degree

- Photography

Certificate of Achievement

- Photography

### Associate Degree Requirements

An Associate degree is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) in degree applicable coursework and a minimum of **60 degree applicable semester units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of one of the following general education patterns: SMC GE, CSU GE, or IGETC;
- Completion of the SMC Global Citizenship graduation requirement.

### Certificate of Achievement Requirements

A Certificate of Achievement is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) and a **designated minimum number of units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College. Department Chairs have the discretion to waive the 50% minimum units required at SMC to meet the major or area of emphasis. All major coursework must be completed with a "C" or better grade.

### Catalog Rights

A student may satisfy the requirements of a degree that were in effect at any time of the student's **continuous** enrollment. Continuous

enrollment means attendance in at least one semester (Fall or Spring) in each academic year.

### Transfer Preparation

Many colleges/universities offer baccalaureate degrees in this field. Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should complete the lower-division major requirements and the general education pattern for the specific transfer institution. SMC has articulation agreements with the many UC and CSU campuses, as well as several private and out-of-state institutions.

Exact major requirements for UC and CSU campuses can be found online at [assist.org](http://assist.org).

A listing of private, nonprofit California colleges and universities can be found online at [aiccu.edu](http://aiccu.edu). For articulation agreements between SMC and some of these institutions see [smc.edu/articulation](http://smc.edu/articulation).

## Photography, Associate Degree or Certificate of Achievement

**Program Learning Outcomes:** Students completing the program in Photography will analyze and assess photographic situations and solve technical problems and creative challenges as they arise in a photographic production. Students will design and construct photographic images that can communicate ideas or narratives effectively for commercial, editorial, or fine art purposes. Graduates will also have the knowledge and skills pertinent to the successful operation of a freelance photography business and sound business practices in the trade.

### Area of Emphasis: (38 units)

#### Required Courses: (32 units)

PHOTO 1, Introduction to Photography (3)  
 PHOTO 2, Basic Black and White Darkroom Techniques (2)  
 PHOTO 5, Digital Asset Management, Modification, and Output (3)  
 PHOTO 30, Techniques of Lighting: Introduction (4)

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PHOTO 31, Lighting for People 1 (4)

**or**

PHOTO 32, Lighting for People 2 (4)

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PHOTO 33, Lighting for Products (4)

PHOTO 39, Beginning Photoshop (3)

PHOTO 43, Portfolio Development (3)

PHOTO 52, History of Photography (*same as AHIS 52*) (3)

PHOTO 60, Business Practices in Photography (3)

### AREA A: Restricted Photography Electives; Select any one of the following courses listed below: (5 units)

*[Please note that no more than 2 units of Independent Study (PHOTO 88A-88C) and no more than 3 units of Internship (PHOTO 90A-90D) may be used to satisfy completion of this area.]*

DESIGN 11, Design Foundations (*formerly GR DES 31*) (3)

JOURN 13, News Photography (*same as PHOTO 21*) (3)

JOURN 14, Photography for Publication (*same as PHOTO 22*) (3)

PHOTO 7, Advanced Portfolio Development (3)

PHOTO 13, News Photography (*same as JOURN 21*) (3)

PHOTO 14, Photography for Publication (*same as JOURN 22*) (3)

PHOTO 21, Alternative Photographic Processes (*same as JOURN 13*) (3)

PHOTO 29, Video Production for Still Photographers (3)

PHOTO 31, Lighting for People 1 (4)

PHOTO 32, Lighting for People 2 (4)

PHOTO 34, Capture to Composite (4)

PHOTO 37, Advanced Black and White Printing Techniques (3)

PHOTO 40, Digital Techniques (3)

PHOTO 42, Advanced Photoshop (3)

PHOTO 50, Basic Color Printing (3)

PHOTO 64, Community Documentary Photography (4)

PHOTO 88A, Independent Studies in Photography (1)

PHOTO 88B, Independent Studies in Photography (2)

PHOTO 88C, Independent Studies in Photography (3)

PHOTO 90A, Photography Internship (1)

PHOTO 90B, Photography Internship (2)

PHOTO 90C, Photography Internship (3)

PHOTO 90D, Photography Internship (4)

**AREA B: Restricted Electives; Select 1 course from the following:**

**(3 units)**

ART 10A, Design I (3)

ART 10C, Digital Media (3)

ART 20A, Drawing I – Introduction to Drawing (3)

BUS 22, Introduction to Advertising (3)

BUS 34A, Introduction to Digital Marketing (3)

BUS 63, Principles of Entrepreneurship (3)