Program Description

This photography program is intended to prepare students for careers in photography-industrial, commercial, portrait, lab technician-and management of photographic services. Some students choose to continue their studies and have successfully transferred to four-year institutions with resulting portfolio. Emphasis is on the development of technical knowledge and craftsmanship, including use of multiple camera formats, accuracy with image capture when applying mixed lighting sources and diverse skill sets with multimedia technologies where video application can be applied.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, a student will be able to:

- Utilize current digital imaging technology to produce photographic images for use in commercial or fine art applications while also demonstrating an aesthetic understanding of historical film and print photography.
- Employ complex aesthetic strategies in visual problem solving methodologies that utilize a wide variety of lighting applications for use in studio, architectural, fine art, and varied commercial environments.
- Pursue academic research that involves complex evaluations of photographic ideas and applications of commercial and/or fine art photographs for the purpose of designing and implementing a career development strategy appropriate to the student's desired field of expertise in photography.
- Create and implement complex production strategies that require interdisciplinary applications of image production. These interdisciplinary applications with photography may include television production, web design, or graphic design.

Program Advisors

Rockville

For more information, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/photography/photography-aas-degree.html

To view the Advising Worksheet, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/_documents/counseling-and-advising/advising-worksheets/current-catalog/342.pdf
PHOTOGRAPHY AAS

Suggested Course Sequence
A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

First Semester
ENGL 101 - Introduction to College Writing 3 semester hours *(ENGF)
GDES 116 - Digital Tools for the Visual Arts 4 semester hours (ARTD or HUMD) **
COMM 108 - Foundations of Human Communication 3 semester hours (GEEL)
OR
COMM 112 - Business and Professional Speech Communication 3 semester hours (GEEL)
PHOT 161 - Introduction to Digital Photography 3 semester hours

Third Semester
Behavioral and Social Sciences Distribution 3 semester hours (BSSD)
Natural Sciences Distribution with Lab 4 semester hours (NSLD) ‡
PHOT 251 - Portrait and Fashion Photography 3 semester hours
PHOT 265 - Advanced Color/Black and White Imaging 3 semester hours
TVRA 134 - Media Appreciation 3 semester hours

Second Semester
English Foundation 3 semester hours (ENGF)
Mathematics Foundation 3 semester hours (MATF)
PHOT 201 - Photography II 4 semester hours
PHOT 214 - Photoshop for Graphics and Photography 4 semester hours

Fourth Semester
GDES 218 - Graphic Design for the Web 4 semester hours
PHOT 275 - Business Practices and Portfolio Development 3 semester hours
PHOT 277 - Advanced Concepts in Digital Capture 3 semester hours

Total Credit Hours: 60
* ENGL 101/ENGL 101A if needed for ENGL 102/ENGL 103 or elective.
** AAS programs require one 3-credit Arts or Humanities General Education course.
‡ BIOL 105 & BIOL 106 are recommended.
‡‡ PHOT 269 must be taken for a total of 4 credits.
Transfer Opportunities
Montgomery College has partnerships with multiple four-year institutions and the tools to help you transfer. To learn more, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/transfer or http://artsys.usmd.edu.

Get Involved at MC!
Employers and Transfer Institutions are looking for experience outside the classroom.

MC Student Clubs and Organizations: https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-life/

Related Careers
Some require a Bachelor’s degree. Photographer, Film and Video Editor, Photographic Process Worker and Processing Machine Operator.

Career Services
Montgomery College offers a range of services to students and alumni to support the career planning process. To learn more, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/career

Career Coach
A valuable online search tool that will give you the opportunity to explore hundreds of potential careers or job possibilities in Maryland and the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Get started today on your road to a new future and give it a try. For more information, please visit https://montgomerycollege.emsicc.com

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