

VISUAL COMMUNICATION & DESIGN WITH A CONCENTRATION IN PHOTOGRAPHY, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED BUSINESS



The Associate of Applied Business in Visual Communication & Design, Photography degree program prepares students for careers as professional photographers working in editorial, advertising, portraiture, commercial retouching and image compositing, and fine-art photography. The Photography curriculum provides a solid foundation in camera operation, studio and location lighting techniques, file management, post-production for output, retouching, custom printing and the technical and aesthetic assessment of photographs. Students engage in hands-on, project-based learning, using industry standard workflows and technologies to develop the knowledge and skills necessary for a successful career as a professional photographer.

Program contact: Learn more

Learn more about how certificate credits apply to the related degree.

Program Learning Outcomes

This program is designed to prepare students to demonstrate the following learning outcomes:

1. **Imaging Aesthetic.** Determine and develop the possibilities of digital and graphic designs to produce compelling images that are believable and convey a message through lighting, color, special techniques and subject knowledge.
2. **Imaging Technical.** Apply knowledge of and skills in Photoshop, Lightroom, color management, color calibration and proofing, color printing, and scanning, to perform digital asset management and use photographs in multi-media applications including websites, power point, programs, FTP sites and print media.
3. **Professionalism.** Demonstrate strong work ethic and standards; apply listening, learning, and communication skills; employ interpersonal skills using a high degree of emotional intelligence and demonstrate familiarity with legal and business issues.
4. **Photo and Imaging Technical.** Apply basic knowledge of camera operation, Mac OSX, and Photoshop to perform onset diligence including verifying exposure histogram, checking lights and being visually alert for malfunctions.

5. **Studio.** Apply basic knowledge of grip, lighting and light modification tools, have a flexible attitude, be adaptable when working in a studio and/or location environment.
6. **Location.** Check, pack and troubleshoot equipment, be visually alert, and watch for mechanical, people and environmental problems.

Suggested Semester Sequence

First Semester		Credit Hours
VC-1000	Visual Communication Foundation	3
VCPH-1150	History of Photography	3
VCPH-1261	Photography I	3
VCPH-1450	Digital Imaging I	3
Select one of the following:		3
ENG-1010	College Composition I	
ENG-101H	Honors College Composition I	
Credit Hours		15
Second Semester		
MATH-1190	Algebraic and Quantitative Reasoning (or Any Approved Ohio Transfer 36 Mathematics course) ¹	3
VCPH-2050	Commercial Studio Techniques I	3
VCPH-2260	Photography II	3
VCPH-2450	Digital Imaging II	3
ART-2030	Art History Survey: Late Renaissance to Present	3
Credit Hours		15
Third Semester		
VC-1201	Typography I	3
VCPH-2160	Digital Video for Photographers ²	3
VCPH-2550	Commercial Studio Techniques II	3
VCPH-2541	Individual Projects in Photography	3
VCPH-2660	Photography III	3
Credit Hours		15
Fourth Semester		
VCPH-2761	Photography for Media Publication	3
VCPH-2770	Commercial Studio Techniques III	3
VCPH-2991	Professional Business Practices and Portfolio Prep for Photographers	4
Select one of the following:		3
COMM-1010	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	
COMM-101H	Honors Speech Communication	
Select one of the following:		3
SOC-1010	Introductory Sociology	
SOC-101H	Honors Introductory Sociology	
Credit Hours		16
Total Credit Hours		61

¹ MATH-1100 Mathematical Explorations or MATH-1240 Contemporary Mathematics taken prior to Fall 2024 will be accepted to meet the mathematics requirement for this program.

² MARS-1180 taken prior to Fall 2017 will be accepted in place of VCPH-2160.

MATH-1140, MATH-1141, MATH-1200, MATH-1270, and MATH-1280 can no longer count towards fulfilling the college-level mathematics requirement. These courses were re-classified as developmental mathematics by the state of Ohio in 2016. Tri-C established a 5-year transitioning window for students who had completed these courses prior to 2016 to apply them towards meeting graduation requirements, which expired in Summer 2021. It is highly recommended to see a counselor to determine the appropriate math required for your current major.