Photography



Our photography program at NIU prepares you to make meaningful photographic work engaged with the history of the medium and contemporary approaches. Emphasizing mastery of techniques and innovative concepts, you'll develop your individual artistic vision.

Our Program

Our photography program is intended for you to explore the medium as a fine art and to prepare you for success as a working artist. You'll be exposed to a variety of approaches, and importance is attached to contemporary ideas in photography, individual research and mastery of techniques both traditional and digital.

Clubs, Groups, Events

As part of our college, you'll enjoy our relationships with local organizations to share our love of photography through community classes, workshop events and summer camps.

Faculty and Opportunities

Our photography faculty are devoted teachers, artists and researchers with international reputations who are currently practicing and exhibiting their art.

Facilities include:

- Darkrooms with enlargers for black and white printing and UV exposure units for non-silver and historical processes.
- Digital lab features editing workstations with color-calibrated monitors, Imacon and flatbed scanners, and large-format inkjet printers allow printing up to 60-inches wide.
- Shooting studio with professional strobes, hot lights and backdrops gives you experience working in a professional studio.

Faculty

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Degree Requirements

In our introductory and intermediate courses, emphasis is placed on gaining proficiency in traditional and digital image-making techniques and processes, as well as exposure to the medium's history, contemporary practice and its place in contemporary art. Advanced courses stress experimental research with techniques and materials and focus on building a personal artistic vision through several, larger bodies of work.



Basic Requirements (9 credit hours)

ARTH 282 Intro to World Art (3) ART 100 Drawing Foundation I (3) ART 102 2-D Foundation (3) ART 103 3-D Foundation (3)

Art History Requirements (12 credit hours)

ARTH 282* Introduction to World Art (3)
ARTH 292* Art & Design Since 1900 (3)
ARTH Elective 300/400 Level (3)
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*May also be applied toward
Knowledge Domain requirements

Photography Elective Requirements (18 credit hours)

Six studios (three credit hours each) of any 300/400 level studio or design course in the School of Art and Design.

Photography Requirements (39 credit hours)

AARTD 202* Introduction to Typography

ARTD 303 Video Art

ARTD 313 Beginning Photography ARTD 318* Interaction Design

ARTD 413* Intermediate Traditional Photography

ARTD 419** Intermediate Digital Photography

ARTD 460* Experimental and Alternative Photo

ARTD 464** Advanced Photography: Post-Production

ARTD 465* Sequencing and Photobooks

ARTD 469* Adv. Photographic Projects/Research (6)

ARTD 470** Photographic Lighting

ARTD 406**Senior Project

*Fall only class.

**Spring only class.

Portfolio Review

Review of your photography work after taking ARTD 313 and ARTD 413 or 419 is required to continue with future coursework.

Minimum Graduation Requirements for NIU

- Minimum of 120 semester hours earned for degree.
- Forty of the 120 hours must be upper-level (300 and/or 400 level) courses.
- Fulfill university general admission requirements (minimum of 33 semester hours).



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Career Information

Degrees in the arts provide you with a whole host of valuable skills applicable to a wide variety of careers.

Photography is a wonderful major if you're attracted to the arts and want to pursue career in commercial photography, fine art photography, advertising or a wide range of related careers.

Career outcomes obtained from the Department of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook.

