

ART AND DESIGN: PHOTOGRAPHY (BA)

Program Description

In the **Art and Design: Photography** major, students are equipped to become skilled visual storytellers and proficient in the technical and creative aspects of photography and video. Our curriculum in Photography has a threefold focus. First, students develop a strong foundation in the technical elements of the medium, including photography, video, post-production, and lighting. Second, students explore the historical context and cultural impact of photography and video, examining how both mediums have shaped visual culture and been shaped by it over time. Third, students engage in project-based learning, refining their ability to produce work that communicates meaning and tells compelling stories through visual imagery. Career pathways for Photography track graduates include jobs in commercial photography, editorial photography, fine art photography, video production, photojournalism, post-production, digital media, lighting design, arts education, and more.

Entering and Completing the Major

In order to earn a degree, you must complete at least one academic major. SPU encourages students to explore various academic paths, so if you change your mind about a major, or want to include an additional program, you are able to do so, as outlined below.

Note that the University encourages you to enter your chosen major(s) as soon as you have determined it and are eligible to join it, especially by the start of your junior year. Students who transfer as juniors and seniors should enter a major within their first two quarters at SPU.

- If this is your first quarter at SPU and you identified a major in this department as your first choice on your application for admission to the University, you have gained entry to the major. To change or add a major, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/1/cp/a3th1keb/>).
- If you are an SPU student with an SPU cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/1/cp/a3th1keb/>) to enter a major in this department.
- The University requires a grade of C- or better in all classes that apply to a major; however, programs may require higher minimum grades in specific courses. You may repeat an SPU course only once for a higher grade.
- To advance in this program, meet with your faculty advisor regularly to discuss your grades, course progression, and other indicators of satisfactory academic progress. If your grades or other factors indicate that you may not be able to successfully complete the major or minor, your faculty advisor can work with you to explore options, which may include choosing a different major.
- You must complete the major requirements that are in effect in the SPU Undergraduate Catalog for the year you enter the major.

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80 Credits Minimum, Including 40 Upper Division (UD)

Code	Title	Credits
Art and Design Core		
ART 1102	Drawing	5

ART 1105	Surface	5
ART 1107	Time	5
ART 2602	Monuments of World Art I	5
ART 2603	Monuments of World Art II	5
Section Credits Required		25
Required		
Sophomore Sequence		
ART 2205	Photography	5
ART 2208	Typography	5
ART 2302	Painting	5
Section Credits Required		15
Junior Sequence		
ART 3101	Photography 2	5
ART 3202	Visual Design	5
ART 3700	Experimental Video Art	5
ART 4205	Brand Design	5
Section Credits Required		20
Senior Sequence		
ART 4966	Art Practice	3
ART 4898	Senior Capstone: Art	3
Section Credits Required		6
Art History Upper Division Elective		
Section Credits Required		5
Upper Division Electives		
ART 3210	UI/UX App Design ^[added]	
ART 3722 & ART 4722	Sculpture 1 and Sculpture 2	
ART 4101	Photography 3	
ART 4209	Experience Design	
ART 4212	Motion/Animation	
Section Credits Required		9
Total Credits		80

Additional Requirements & Information

- All students in this major are required to exhibit in the Senior Show.

Suggested Course Sequence

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Autumn		
ART 1102	Drawing	5
Credits		5
Winter		
ART 1105	Surface	5
Credits		5
Spring		
ART 1107	Time	5
Credits		5
Second Year		
Autumn		
ART 2602	Monuments of World Art I	5
ART 2205	Photography	5
Credits		10

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Winter		
ART 2302	Painting	5
ART 2603	Monuments of World Art II	5
Credits		10
Spring		
Upper Division Art History Elective		5
Credits		5
Third Year		
Winter		
ART 3101	Photography 2	5
Credits		5
Spring		
ART 3700	Experimental Video Art	5
Credits		5
Any Quarter		
Upper Division Art Elective		5
Credits		5
Fourth Year		
Autumn		
ART 2208	Typography	5
Credits		5
Winter		
ART 3202	Visual Design	5
ART 4966	Art Practice	3
Credits		8
Spring		
ART 4205	Brand Design	5
ART 4898	Senior Capstone: Art	3
Credits		8
Any Quarter		
Upper Division Art Elective		5
Credits		5
Total Credits		81