

**PHOTOGRAPHY BA OR BS**[HTTPS://WWW.GVSU.EDU/VMA/PHOTO/](https://www.gvsu.edu/vma/photo/)THIS IS A **GENERAL** CURRICULUM GUIDE AND IS NOT APPLICABLE TO EVERY STUDENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR.

Year One			
<b>COM 101</b> Concepts of Communication	3	<b>PHO 171</b> Darkroom Photography	4
<b>PHO 170</b> Introduction to Photography (ARTS General Educ)	3	<sup>1</sup> <b>WRT 130</b> or <sup>1</sup> <b>WRT 150</b> Strategies in Writing ( <i>self-placement</i> )	3-4
<sup>1</sup> <b>WRT 120</b> or <sup>1</sup> <b>WRT 150</b>	3-4	<b>MTH 110</b> Algebra	4
<b>ART 149</b> Introduction to Visual Composition or <b>ART 150</b> 2D Design and Color	3	General Education (Physical Science <b>OR</b> Life Science w/Lab)	4
<b>PHO 266</b> History of Photography I	3		
Total	15-16	Total	15-16
Year Two			
<b>COM 295</b> Communication Theory <b>or</b> <b>ART 222</b> Survey of Art History (SWS) <i>Prerequisite: WRT 130 or 150</i>	3	<b>FVP 125</b> Media Production I	3
<b>PHO 272</b> Intermediate Photography	3	General Education	3
General Education	3	General Education	3
<sup>2</sup> General Education (SWS)	3	BS (COM 275) or BA (Language 102)	3-4
BS (STA 275) or BA (Language 101)	3-4	PHO elective	3
Total	15-16	Total	15-16
Year Three			
<b>PHO 279</b> Color Photography <i>Prerequisite: PHO 172 or permission of instructor.</i>	3	<b>PHO 366</b> History of Photography II <i>Prerequisite: PHO 266 or permission of instructor</i>	3
<b>PHO 375</b> Studio Photography <i>Prerequisite: PHO 272 or permission of instructor</i>	3	<b>PHO</b> Elective	3
<b>PHO</b> Elective	3	General Education	3
BS (COM 375) or BA (Language 201)	3-4	Issue	3
General Education	3	Elective or minor	3
Total	15-16	Total	15
Year Four			
<b>PHO</b> Elective	3	<b>PHO 495</b> Photography Capstone and Thesis Seminar	3
Elective or minor	3	General Education	3
General Education	3	Elective or minor	3
Elective or minor	3	Elective or minor	3
<sup>2</sup> Issue (SWS)	3	Elective or minor	3
Total	15	Total	15

<sup>1</sup>Students who self-place into WRT 120 should take this course in the fall semester and then take WRT 130 in the winter semester of their first year. WRT 150 can take it in either semester during their first year. Students will not need to take WRT 150 if they have earned credit for the course through AP/Dual Enrollment. A grade of C or better (**NOT A-C-**) is required in WRT 130 or 150 to satisfy the WRT requirement.

<sup>2</sup>SWS = Supplemental Writing Skills. Students must complete 2 courses with a SWS attribute.

\*Students must have a minimum of 120 credits to graduate with 58 of the 120 credits being from a senior level institution like GVSU and the final 30 credits of the 120 credits are specifically to be completed at GVSU. Elective refers to any course that will help meet these requirements.

\*The block tuition rate is for 12-15 credits. You will pay additional tuition for any credits over 15. For more information contact the Office of Financial Aid.

\*A major GPA of 2.0 or higher within the major is required to graduate.

**General Education Overlap****General Education Categories fulfilled by the Photography major:**

Mathematical Sciences: STA 215, if selecting the B.S. degree.  
ARTS: PHO 170

It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisor and an advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center regularly.

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Online at: <http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising>.

Photography major (49 credits)	
Photography Program Core (9 credits)	Photography Capstone (3 credits)
<b>COM 101 Concepts of Communication (3)</b> <b>COM 295 Communication Theory (3)</b> Prerequisite: COM 101 <u>OR</u> <b>ART 222 Survey of Art History II (3)</b> Prerequisite: WRT 130 or 150 <b>FVP 125 Media 1 (3)</b>	<b>PHO 495 Photography Capstone and Thesis Seminar</b> Prerequisite: Senior Standing and PHO 266 with a grade of C or better.
Photography core (25 credits)	
<b>PHO 170 Introduction to Photography I (3)</b> Prerequisite: A digital camera with manual exposure controls is required.	<b>PHO 272 Intermediate Photography (3)</b> Prerequisite: PHO 170 or permission of instructor
<b>PHO 171 Darkroom Photography (4)</b> Prerequisite: A film camera with manual exposure controls is required.	<b>PHO 279 Color Photography (3)</b> Prerequisites: PHO 172 or permission of instructor.
<b>ART 149 Introduction to Visual composition (3) or</b> <b>ART 150 Foundations: 2D Design and Color (3)</b>	<b>PHO 366 History of Photography II (3)</b> Prerequisite: PHO 266 or permission of instructor
<b>PHO 266 History of Photography I (3)</b>	<b>PHO 375 Studio Photography (3)</b> Prerequisite: PHO 272 or permission of instructor.
Photography Elective Courses (minimum 12 credits)	
Choose any ART /FVP not included above, AND three elective courses from the list below	
<b>PHO 273 Large Format Photography (3)</b> <i>Prerequisite:</i> PHO 171 or permission of instructor	<b>PHO 373 Advanced Digital Photography (3)</b>
<b>ART/PHO 368 Alternative Photographic Print Processes (3)</b>	<b>PHO 378 Advanced Problems in Photography (3)</b>
<b>PHO 371 Experimental Photography (3)</b>	<b>PHO 399 Independent Study (1-6)</b>
<b>PHO 377 The Social Eye (4)</b>	<b>PHO 475 Studio Photography 2 (3)</b>
<b>PHO 280/380/480 Special topics (3)</b>	<b>PHO 490 Internship (1-6)</b>

Degree: choose one (B.A. or B.S.)	
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)	Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
Third semester proficiency (201 level) is required for the B.A. degree. This may be fulfilled through language placement ( <a href="http://www.gvsu.edu/ml/language-placement-the-opi-108.htm">http://www.gvsu.edu/ml/language-placement-the-opi-108.htm</a> ) or by completing the courses listed below. — <b>Language 101*</b> (4) — <b>Language 102*</b> (4) (*150 is a hybrid of 101 & 102 and is recommended for students with previous language background; students may move into Language 201 after completing Language 150) — <b>Language 201</b> (4)	— <b>STA 215 Introduction to Statistics (3)</b> Prerequisite: MTH 110 or equivalent — <b>COM 275 Foundations of Communication Research (3)</b> Prerequisites: COM 101 — <b>COM 375 Communication Research (3)</b> Prerequisites: COM 275 and STA 215

### Guide for Declaring the Photography Major

1. Log into myBanner from the GVSU homepage
2. Once logged in select "Student", "Student Records", and then, "Change Major"
3. Click on the "Change Major 1/Program" box.
4. Click on the down arrow in the box next to "New Major 1/Program," from here scroll down and choose "Photography-BA" **OR** "Photography-BS" depending on your degree.
5. Click "Submit" and then "Change to New Program."

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