

# Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography

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## Photography

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The Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Photography at the Tyler School of Art and Architecture offers students access to state-of-the-art facilities and prepares them to find their voices as artists, photojournalists and image-makers in traditional and emerging technologies.

Tyler Photography provides access to a wide range of faculty expertise, generously equipped photography studios and an interdisciplinary spirit, making it possible for all types of undergraduates to develop their skills as problem solvers and find pathways to meaningful expression and success. Whether students are interested in deep exploration of cutting-edge digital techniques, historic darkroom processes or incorporating methods from other artistic disciplines, Tyler's faculty offer personal guidance.

Tyler BFA students can take advantage of the school's location at a large research university in Philadelphia, a vibrant art center with a pioneering photography tradition, to find internships and jobs, explore museums and galleries, launch creative practices, start businesses and earn placements in competitive graduate programs.

## Degree Requirements

The Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Photography may be conferred upon a student by recommendation of the faculty and upon the satisfactory completion of a minimum of 126 semester hours of credit with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00. All Photography majors must complete the BFA curriculum and General Education requirements.

- Students must earn a C- or better in ART 2601 or ART 2603, and ART 2602 to enter the Photography major.
- The nine required Junior/Senior Photography courses must be completed with a C- or better to fulfill major requirements.

The faculty encourages taking Photography courses in excess of the minimum required. These additional courses count towards required studio credits.

## Major Requirements for B.F.A. in Photography

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Sophomore Prerequisite <sup>1</sup></b>		
ART 2601 or ART 2603	Photo I: Digital Photo I: Digital	3
ART 2602	Digital Imaging	3
<b>Junior and Senior Requirements <sup>1</sup></b>		
ART 3601 or ART 3608	Color Photography I Color Photography I	3
ART 3603 or ART 3605	Darkroom Photography Darkroom Photography	3
ART 3604	Photographic Lighting	3
ART 3611	Advanced Photo Workshop	3
ART 3612	Photo Process Workshop	3
ART 3613	Digital Photography	3
ART 4601	Senior Photography	3
ART 4696	Senior Seminar in Photography	3
<b>Specialized Photo Course</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
ART 3085	Field Internship	
ART 3602	View Camera	
ART 3606	Digital Projects	
ART 3607	Contemporary Photography	

ART 3610	Special Topics in Photography
ART 3796	Art Career Workshop

<sup>1</sup> The schedule of courses that are required for the Photography major is posted each semester on the Tyler Photography web site: <https://tyler.temple.edu/programs/photography>.

## Suggested Academic Plan

Please note that this is a **suggested** academic plan. Depending on your situation, your academic plan may look different.

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### Requirements for New Students starting in the 2020-2021 Academic Year

Year 1		Credit Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
FDPR 1511	Foundation Drawing <sup>1</sup>	3
FDPR 1521	2D Foundation Principles	3
FDPR 1531	3D Foundation Principles/W	3
FDPR 1501	Introduction to Art and Design	1
ARTH 1155 or 1955	Arts of the World I: Prehistoric to 1300	3
ENG 0802, 0812, or 0902	Analytical Reading and Writing [GW]	4
Term Credit Hours		17
<b>Spring</b>		
FDPR 1512	Foundation Drawing	3
FDPR 1522	2D Foundation Principles	3
FDPR 1532	3D Foundation Principles/C	3
FDPR 1502	Investigations of Art and Design	1
ARTH 1156 or 1956	Arts of the World II: 1300 to the 21st Century <sup>1</sup>	3
IH 0851 or 0951	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GY]	3
Term Credit Hours		16
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
ART 2601 or 2603	Photo I: Digital	3
ART or GAD 2000-2999	Sophomore Studio Elective	3
ART or GAD 2000-2999	Sophomore Studio Elective	3
IH 0852 or 0952	Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good [GZ]	3
GenEd Quantitative Literacy Course [GQ]		4
Term Credit Hours		16
<b>Spring</b>		
ART 2602	Digital Imaging	3
ART or GAD 2000-2999	Sophomore Studio Elective	3
ART or GAD 2000-2999	Sophomore Studio Elective	3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Term Credit Hours		15
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
ART 3601 or 3608	Color Photography I	3
ART 3603 or 3605	Darkroom Photography	3
ART 3604	Photographic Lighting	3
Art History Elective [WI]		4
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Term Credit Hours		16
<b>Spring</b>		

ART 3611	Advanced Photo Workshop	3
ART 3613	Digital Photography	3
ART or GAD Studio Elective		3
Art History Elective <sup>2</sup>		4
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Term Credit Hours		16
<b>Year 4</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
ART 4696	Senior Seminar in Photography [WI]	3
Specialized Photography Course <sup>3</sup>		3
ART or GAD Studio Elective		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Non-Studio Elective		3
Term Credit Hours		15
<b>Spring</b>		
ART 4601	Senior Photography	3
ART 3612	Photo Process Workshop	3
ART or GAD Studio Elective		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Open Elective <sup>2</sup>		3
Term Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours:		126

<sup>1</sup> These 2 courses constitute the waiver for the GenEd Arts category if the courses are completed with a C- or better.

<sup>2</sup> Students completing a 3 credit Art History 2000+ elective **must** select a 4 credit open elective to reach the minimum 126 credits to earn the BFA degree.

<sup>3</sup> Choose from: ART 3085, ART 3602, ART 3606, ART 3607, ART 3610, ART 3796.

**Please Note:** An approved study abroad program waives the GenEd Global/World Society (GG) requirement; however, these credits must be made up with academic coursework taken outside of Tyler departments to be in compliance with BFA accreditation. Photography majors interested in studying abroad should consult with an academic advisor to determine if a semester (generally spring semester of second year) or a summer program would be the best option to remain on track for graduation.