

# FILM PHOTOGRAPHY (PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE)

## Overview

Award: Professional Certificate  
Program of Study: Film Photography  
Program Code: 1708

The Film Photography Professional Certificate program equips students with the technical skills, creative vision, and professional expertise needed to excel in the field of photography. The curriculum involves hands-on learning of foundational, advanced, and alternative techniques in film photography, lighting, composition, and post-processing. Students will explore various genres, including portrait, landscape, commercial, and documentary photography. Students will emerge with a compelling portfolio and the confidence to navigate the professional photography landscape.

All CMU certificate graduates are expected to demonstrate proficiency in specialized knowledge/applied learning, critical thinking, and personal and social responsibility. In addition to these campus-wide student learning outcomes, graduates of this major will be able to:

1. Construct a summative project, paper or practiced-based performance that draws on current research, scholarship and/or techniques, and specialized knowledge in the discipline of analog film photography (Specialized Knowledge/Applied Learning)
2. Describe reasoned conclusions that articulate the implications and consequences for a particular decision by synthesizing information and methodologies in analog film photography. (Critical Thinking)
3. Reflect on and respond to ethical, social, civic and/or environmental challenges at local, national, and/or global levels in the analog film photography industry. (Personal and Social Responsibility)

## Requirements

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- Consists of 5-59 semester hours.
- Primarily 300-400 level courses.
- At least fifty percent of the credit hours must be taken at CMU.
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all CMU coursework.
- A grade lower than "C" in the program of study will not be counted toward meeting the certificate's requirements.
- A course may only be used to fulfill one requirement for each degree/certificate.
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- Capstone exit assessment/projects (e.g., Major Field Achievement Test) requirements are identified under Program-Specific Certificate Requirements.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and certificate requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements you should follow.

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## Program Specific Certificate Requirements

(9 semester hours, must pass each course with a grade of "C" or higher.)

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
<b>Animation, Film, Photography &amp; Motion Design Courses</b>		
ARTA 222 or ARTS 225	Principles of Digital Photography Introduction to Photography	3
ARTS 325	Intermediate Photography	3
ARTS 435	Wet Alternative Processes <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

<sup>1</sup> This course has a prerequisite of ARTS 335.

## Suggested Course Plan

First Year		Semester Credit Hours
Fall Semester		
ARTA 222 or ARTS 225	Principles of Digital Photography or Introduction to Photography	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
Spring Semester		
ARTA 322	Intermediate Photography	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>3</b>

**Second Year****Fall Semester**

ARTS 435	Wet Alternative Processes	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

## Advising and Graduation

### Advising Process and DegreeWorks

Documentation on the pages related to this program is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a certificate. Some courses are critical to complete in specific semesters while others may be moved around. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and discussing the suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for their intended certificate.

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar's Office to evaluate progress towards a certificate and determine eligibility for graduation. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar's Office.

### Graduation Process

Students must complete the following in the first two months of the semester prior to completing their certificate requirements (for one-semester certificates, complete in the first week of class):

- Review their DegreeWorks audit and create a plan that outlines how unmet requirements will be met in the final semester.
- Meet with their advisor and modify their plan as needed. The advisor must approve the final plan.
- Submit the "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office to officially declare the intended graduation date and commencement ceremony plans.
- Register for all needed courses and complete all requirements for each degree sought.

Submission deadlines and commencement details can be found on the [Graduation](#) web page.

If a student's petition for graduation is denied, it will be their responsibility to apply for graduation in a subsequent semester. A student's "Intent to Graduate" does not automatically move to a later graduation date.