

PHOTOGRAPHY MAJORS (Suggested Associate in Arts Degree Curriculum)

This worksheet is designed to help students select courses which are likely to apply to a major in **PHOTOGRAPHY, PHOTOJOURNALISM, or PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY**. This suggested curriculum provides basic courses for building technical competency as well as the general education foundation needed to enhance creativity and appreciation for aesthetics. These suggested courses satisfy the Associate in Arts Degree requirements at Prairie State College and provide the basis for transferring to a four-year institution. This program meets the guidelines of the **IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) General Education Core**. Students should obtain a copy of the Prairie State College **Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet** and should visit the IAI website at www.iTransfer.org for additional information.

PORTFOLIO REVIEW: Students are encouraged to begin development of a substantial personal photography portfolio. Students planning to pursue a baccalaureate degree should be aware that **transfer admission to photography-related programs is competitive** and **most schools require a portfolio review** for admission to programs, or for registration in advanced courses in photography, and/or for scholarship consideration.

SUGGESTED CURRICULUM

Each senior institution has its own transfer policies. Therefore we cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information in regard to every individual school. Consult the school of your choice and/or the Prairie State College Counseling and Advising Center to discuss the transferability of courses

TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE (37-38 credits)

Area A: Communications (9 credits)

ENG 101 (3)	[C1 900]*	Composition I (Prereq. ENG 099, C or better, or qualifying score on English Placement Test)
ENG 102 (3)	[C1 901R]*	Composition II (Prereq. ENG 101, C or better)
COMM 101(3)	[C2 900]	Principles of Communication (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

*Must have a C or better in ENG 101 & 102 to receive credit for the degree.

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credits)

Select three courses with at least one course selected from the humanities area and one course from the fine arts area. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area B, for a listing of approved course choices.

Humanities Course (3)	Select any Area B Humanities Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
ART 126 (3) [F2 904]	History of Photography (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Humanities/Fine Arts Course (3)	Select any Area B Course. ART 121 or 122 - History of Western Art I or II recommended (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above).

Area C: Mathematics (3 credits)

MATH 112 (3) [M1 904]	General Education Mathematics (Prereq. MATH 095 & 096, C or better, OR MATH 095 and high school geometry, both with C or better OR qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
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MATH 115 (3) [M1 902]	General Education Statistics (Prereq. MATH 095 & 096, C or better, OR MATH 095 and high school geometry, both with C or better OR qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
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Area D: Physical and Life Sciences (7-8 credits)

Select one life science course and one physical science course. One course must have a lab component. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area D, for a listing of approved course choices.

Life Science Course (3-4)	Select any Area D Life Science Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Physical Science Course (3-4)	Select any Area D Physical Science Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 credits)

Select three courses in at least two different disciplines. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area E, for a listing of approved course choices.

Social/Behavioral Sci Course (3)	Select any Area E Social/Behav Sci Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
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PHOTOGRAPHY MAJOR COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS (24-25 credits)

(Check with the school to which you plan to transfer to verify transferability of courses for this major)

Select 24-25 credits from the “suggested” course recommendations listed below:

Suggested core courses often include:

ART 101 (3)	Two Dimensional Design (Prereq. placement into ENG 099 or above)
ART 102 (3)	Three Dimensional Design (Prereq. ART 101)
PHOTO 171 (3)	Introduction to Black & White Photography (Prereq. placement into ENG 099 or above)
PHOTO 291 (3)	Survey of Contemporary Photography

Other suggested courses often include:

PHOTO 170 (1)	Digital Camera Skills
PHOTO 174 (2)	Digital Darkroom Techniques (Prereq. PHOTO 171 recommended)
PHOTO 175 (2)	Basic Lighting Skills (Prereq. PHOTO 174 or concurrent enrollment)
PHOTO 180 (2)	Photoshop I (Prereq. PHOTO 174)
PHOTO 275 (3)	Photographic Design (Prereq. PHOTO 171 & 174 or concurrent enrollment)
PHOTO 285 (3)	Digital Color Production (Prereq. PHOTO 171 & 180)
PHOTO 286 (3)	Independent Photo Project (Prereq. PHOTO 275)
PHOTO 297 (3)	Professional Portfolio (Prereq. PHOTO 275 & 286 or consent of instructor)

Other suggested courses which satisfy the PSC AA degree requirements may include electives such as:

Any additional general education courses chosen from Areas B, C, D or E

Any entry level majors course in a transferable major area

Any foreign language courses*

Up to four credits of physical education courses

Additional courses recommended as transferable by the school to which you plan to transfer.

***Foreign Language Requirement:** Some universities have a foreign language requirement. Generally, four years of a single foreign language in high school, or four semesters of language in college, will fulfill this requirement. It is recommended that students complete the entire sequence at one institution.

62 CREDITS REQUIRED FOR AN ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

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FOR TRANSFER INFORMATION:

u.select, formerly known as Course Applicability System (CAS): www.transfer.org

Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI): www.iTransfer.org

Links to Articulation Tables for Illinois Colleges: <http://www.itransfer.org/IAI/Other/Articulationlinks.taf>

Visit the web sites of colleges and universities to which you plan to transfer.

FOR CAREER INFORMATION:

Occupational Outlook Handbook, U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>

American Society of Media Photographers: <http://www.asmp.org>

Professional Photographers of America: <http://www.ppa-world.org>